Item 1

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Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

Report by Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Depute Leader of the Council and City Convener for Housing and Development

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DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS: ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

Purpose of Report:
To seek approval from Committee to allocate Children's Play funding from developer contributions to three locations in the City.

Recommendations:
The Committee is asked to:

i) Note the content of the report; and

ii) Approve the allocation of £106,070 Children's Play IPG12 receipts (£84,856 capital and £21,214 revenue) for the renewal of Holmlea Park Play Area.

iii) Approve the allocation of a £124,578 Children's Play IPG12 receipt (£99,662 capital and £24,916 revenue) for the renewal of Festival Park Play Area.

iv) Approve the allocation of a £204,400 Children's Play IPG12 receipt (£163,520 capital and £40,880 revenue) for the renewal of Houldsworth Street Play Area.

Ward No(s): 5, 7 and 10	Citywide:
Local member(s) advised: Yes X	consulted: Yes X

1. Allocation of funding for children's play

1.1 The City Development Plan and its predecessor City Plan 2 contain policies requiring developer contributions towards the provision of children's play in circumstances where sufficient provision is not provided on site. References below to Policy ENV2 refer to contributions received under City Plan 2, while Policy IPG12 refers to contributions gathered under the current City Development Plan.

1.2 Developer contributions under ENV2 and IPG12 are secured through legal agreements, namely Section 69 or Section 75 agreements. These agreements specify the purpose of each contribution and restrict expenditure to the defined purpose for which the contribution was obtained. The process for allocating these contributions is set out in a briefing note available on the Council's website.

1.3 All projects have been assessed as being in accordance with City Plan and City Development Plan policy for allocation of funds. In accordance with established procedures relating to policy ENV2/IPG12, the proposed use of the targeted receipts was approved in principle by the corporate Projects Assessment Group. Consultation with elected members representing the respective Wards for each of the proposals resulted in no objections or comments during the two-week consultation period (ending on 30th September 2026 for all proposals).

2. Refurbishment of Children's Play Areas

2.1 The cost of refurbishing a play area is dependent on several factors including the condition of existing equipment, whether there is a local requirement to maintain or to upgrade the play value and the durability/longevity of the equipment installed. The average cost to refurbish a play area is currently estimated at £160,000 and is based on the experience of collating actual contractual costs submitted by equipment suppliers and specialist installation contractors.

2.2 Each of the projects will be progressed through a Design & Build contract, whereby detailed proposals will be finalised once budgets have been confirmed to allow GCC Parks to procure a contractor.

3. Holmlea Park Play Area

3.1 Holmlea Park Play Area has been identified as a key site for the continued provision of Children's Play opportunities within the Battlefield neighbourhood of Ward 7 – Langside. It is the closest play area to the Seudan Beaga children's nursery and within walking distance (735m) to St Fillan's Primary School. This play area is one of 160+ citywide sites which have been allocated Scottish Government Play Renewal funding as part of Glasgow City Council's programme of Play Renewal, approved by the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee in August 2023.

3.2 The project is proposed to be funded through a combination of £52,588 from the Scottish Government's Play Renewal Fund and £106,070 (capital and revenue) from two IPG12 Children's Play receipts from Ward 7. For the latter, it is proposed that a capital sum of £84,856 would be allocated along with the revenue sum of £21,214.

4. Festival Park (Rocket) Play Area

4.1 Festival Park (Rocket) Play Area has been identified as a key site for the continued provision of Children's Play opportunities within the Ibrox/Kingston neighbourhood of Ward 5 – Govan. This play area is one of 160+ citywide sites which have been allocated Scottish Government Play Renewal funding as part of Glasgow City Council's programme of Play Renewal, approved by the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee in August 2023.

4.2 The project is proposed to be funded through a combination of existing funding amounting to £119,286 (see table below) and £124,578 (capital and revenue) from a single IPG12 Children's Play receipt from Ward 5. For the latter, it is proposed that a capital sum of £99,662 would be allocated along with the revenue sum of £24,916.

Funding source	Amount
Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund	£65,200
GCC Children's Outdoor Play Fund (2021/2022)	£48,300
Previously approved developer contributions	£5,786
Total existing budget	£119,286
Proposed additional developer contribution (IPG12)	£124,578

5. Houldsworth Street

5.1 Houldsworth Street Play Area has been identified as a key site for the continued provision of Children's Play opportunities within the Anderston neighbourhood of Ward 10.

5.2 The project is proposed to be funded through a combination of £44,300 from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and £204,400 (capital and revenue) from a single IPG12 Children's Play receipt from Ward 10. For the latter, it is proposed that a capital sum of £163,520 would be allocated along with the revenue sum of £40,880.

6. Council Approval Process

6.1 In accordance with ENV2 / IPG12 policy, the City Council's City Administration Committee is responsible for approving requests for use of ENV2/IPG12 open space (children's play) funding more than £100,000.

7. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	This proposal seeks approval for the allocation of a total of £435,048 of Children's Play IPG12 funding (capital and revenue) towards the renewal of Children's Play facilities at Holmlea Park, Festival Park, and Houldsworth Street.
Legal:	There are no known legal implications associated with these proposals. The procurement and delivery methods will be undertaken in line with current policies and guidelines.
Personnel:	None
Procurement:	Procurement will be through the standard approved mechanisms for this type of work, including 'Design & Build' procurement.
Council Strategic Plan:	**Grand Challenge 1: Reduce Poverty and Inequality in our Communities** <u>Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities</u> Work with partners to promote and support people in Glasgow to achieve improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being. **Grand Challenge 2: Increase Opportunity and Prosperity for all our citizens** <u>Mission 3: Raise attainment amongst Glasgow's children and young people</u> This proposal will enable children and young people to develop motor and social skills and develop confidence that will hopefully deliver long-lasting health and fitness benefits. The

	proposal supports play and outdoor education, and links into the wider programme of play area renewal.
Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:	
Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.	Yes. The proposal supports the Council's Equality Outcomes by improving access to inclusive and accessible play opportunities for children and families. The investment will provide high-quality, free-to-use facilities designed to support participation by a diverse range of users, helping to promote inclusion, reduce barriers to access and support health and wellbeing within the local community.
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	Proposals will seek to increase provision of inclusive and accessible play equipment.
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.	The proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage by providing free and inclusive access to outdoor play opportunities for local children and families. High-quality public play spaces are particularly important in ensuring that children can access opportunities for play, physical activity and social interaction regardless of household income or ability to access paid leisure activities.
Climate Impacts:	
Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	<u>Theme 3 – Well Connected and Thriving City</u> The proposal will improve access to high-quality local greenspace and recreational infrastructure, supporting sustainable communities and encouraging greater use of public open space. <u>Theme 4 – Health and Wellbeing:</u> This proposal will support equitable access to good quality open space and associated infrastructure.
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	No adverse impacts are envisaged.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	The proposal is not expected to make a significant direct contribution to Glasgow's net zero carbon target. However, it will support wider Climate Plan outcomes by improving access to high-quality local green space, encouraging outdoor recreation close to home and supporting the use of existing public open space infrastructure.
Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:	No impacts identified.

8. Recommendations

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