Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Maryhill Area Partnership

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2025/26 AREA BUDGET: EVALUATION REPORT.

Purpose of Report:

To inform the Area Partnership of the details of projects selected to complete an Evaluation Report.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the report in relation to the Maryhill Area Budget in 2025/26.

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th March 2025 allocated £66,444 to the 2025/26 Maryhill Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £66,444 (100%) of the allocation has been awarded for projects that were delivered by 31st March 2026.

Evaluation

3. Projects funded through the Area Budget are required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding which states that organisations must comply in full with evaluation requirements.

4. 10% of projects funded during 2025/26 were identified and asked to complete an Evaluation Report. Details of the projects and of the evaluations are included in Appendix 1.

Recommendation

5. The Area Partnership is asked to note the report in relation to the Maryhill Area Budget 2025/26.

Appendix 1

Maryhill Area Partnership Budget 2025/26

Budget: £66,444	**Allocated: £66,444**	**Unallocated: £0**

Total Number of Awards: 36	**Awards under delegated authority: 19**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 0**

Client/Project	**Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N**	**Summary Findings** (please include how the project contributed to the investment priorities, the impact on the community and the wider area and the number of beneficiaries). Please also include any information relevant to breach of conditions of grant e.g. non/late submission of documentation or amendments.
Summerston Community & Environmental Group Connecting Our Community Programme	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> Throughout 2025/26, SCEG delivered a programme of five diverse culture and leisure-themed activities, providing at least 17 sessions for local residents. These activities took place across Summerston's parks, streets, schools and community spaces, engaging children, families and volunteers of all ages. • **Community Litter Picks (6 sessions):** Delivered monthly across key neighbourhood locations, improving local environmental quality and encouraging community stewardship. *Dates and locations varied to support full area with over 400 bags of rubbish collected.* • **Summerston Loves Christmas Family Fun Day (1 event):** A free, inclusive celebration offering activities for children and families. *[06 Dec 2025, Bellcraig Community Centre over 480 children and adults attending)*

		• **Summerston in Bloom (8 sessions):** Monthly gardening sessions enhancing local green spaces, including collaborative planting with pupils from all three primary schools. *[Multiple dates across all 3 primary schools in Summerston and a variety of sessions by volunteers, totalling over 432 volunteer hours]* • **Local Play Area Improvement Plan (1 project):** A community-driven assessment and design exercise to identify enhancements for a local play area. *[Both St Blanes and Caldercuilt Primary school received enhanced outdoor spaces worked on by pupils (approx. 30) and SCEG volunteers]* • **Summerston 50th Anniversary Community Celebration (1 event):** A large-scale community gathering marking Summerston's 50 years, delivered with volunteers and local partners. *[30 August 2025, John Paul Academy Pitches, 1400 attendees)* <u>Impact of Project</u> Throughout 2025/26, SCEG delivered a programme of five culture and leisure-themed activities, providing at least 17 sessions for residents across Summerston. These activities took place in parks, streets, schools and community facilities, engaging children, families and volunteers of all ages. This programme directly supported the Area Partnership priorities by improving wellbeing, strengthening community participation, enhancing local environments and increasing access to cultural and leisure opportunities. • **Community Litter Picks (6 sessions):** Delivered monthly across varied neighbourhood locations, these sessions improved environmental quality and encouraged community stewardship. Over 400 bags of rubbish were collected, significantly enhancing local open spaces. • **Summerston Loves Christmas Family Fun Day (1 event):** Held on **6 December 2025** at Bellcraig Community Centre, this free event welcomed **over 480 children and adults**, providing inclusive activities that supported family wellbeing and strengthened community connection. • **Summerston in Bloom (8 sessions):** Monthly gardening sessions delivered across all three primary schools and community locations. Volunteers and pupils contributed **over 432 volunteer hours**, creating floral displays that improved local green spaces and promoted environmental awareness among children. • **Local Play Area Improvement Plan (1 project):** A community-driven assessment and enhancement project involving SCEG volunteers and pupils from St Blane's and Caldercuilt Primary

		Schools. Approximately **30 pupils** participated in improving outdoor spaces, increasing safety, accessibility and play value. • **Summerston 50th Anniversary Community Celebration (1 event):** Held on **30 August 2025** at John Paul Academy pitches, this large-scale celebration attracted **1,400 attendees**, bringing together residents, families and partners to mark Summerston's milestone year. Across all activities, the project strengthened community cohesion, expanded volunteering, improved local environments, and increased access to cultural and leisure experiences. The programme directly addressed Area Partnership priorities by reducing barriers to participation, enhancing wellbeing, and creating inclusive opportunities for residents of all ages. <u>Spend</u> **Award of £5,125 spent in full.**
The Children's Wood Water for the Wood		<u>Summary of Project</u> This has been a very long process to get to this stage. We could not instruct the work until we had full funding. Business Stream/Scottish Water have very long lead times for responding and supplying quotes and so getting to this point has taken a lot of time and effort as we had no knowledge of how to get mains water installed. We now have all final drawings required. We now have final quotes (all quotes had to be redone as they had expired while we were still seeking funding). Waterwise have been out to visit the site and have been engaged to carry out the work, as they were a lot cheaper than Business Stream, but are still WIRS accredited. Waterwise have been paid 50% of the job, which was required for them to start work on planning and applying to the council for paperwork. There was a delay with permissions from the council and so work was moved from June. We cannot accommodate July as The Children's Wood has no sessions over the school summer holidays

		and therefore staff are on holiday so cannot be on site. The work has now begun on **9th September 2026**. <u>Impact of Project</u> As mentioned in my application, mains water in The Children's Wood will greatly benefit our community who come to our free events. It will also benefit those who attend our gardening sessions and will allow them to be able to water the vegetables and fruit without having to resort to carrying water from elsewhere. It will mean that the children who attend our sessions will be able to wash their hands and clean items where required. Mains water will also allow us to continue to look after the whole greenspace (which becomes a big issue in times of drought) to support and develop biodiversity. Mains water will address the Maryhill Priorities (i) Vulnerable People (ii) Youth Services and Employment Skills (iv) Culture & Leisure (v) Safer Neighbourhoods (i) - Our gardening groups attract a number of vulnerable people. Being outside and active in nature can help improve their physical and mental health and the group encourages people to make connections and support each other. (ii) - the gardening group has access to learning opportunities. They learn how to grow food from seed to harvest. They learn how to care for the land, the principles of composting and biodiversity. They develop new skills for employment. (iv) We provide a greatly needed resource for locals. Not only does it give children a safe and wild place to play, climb trees and explore nature but it also gives local people an outdoor community hub where they can relax and feel in touch with nature. We also run seasonal community events. (v) - we foster a sense of community thus making a safer Neighbourhood.

		Spend **Award of £5,318 spent in full.**
Achievemore Scotland Maryhill/Summerston Adult learning		Summary of Project In partnership with Glasgow Life's Family Learning Team and the local school learning community, the project supported families in Maryhill and Summerston (Ward 15), enabling parents and carers to access community-based adult learning opportunities, particularly English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes. The project was delivered throughout the funding period in local schools and community learning venues across Maryhill and Summerston. Working closely with EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers and Family Learning staff, we identified parents who were unable to participate in learning because of childcare and family commitments at the end of the school day. To address this, we provided supervised support for children and young people at the end of the school day, allowing parents and carers to remain on site and attend adult learning sessions without worrying about collecting or caring for their children during class times. This practical support removed a significant barrier to participation and enabled families to engage consistently in learning opportunities. A total of 12 regular attendees participated in the programme, attending weekly ESOL and adult learning sessions while their children and young people were supported in a safe, familiar school environment. This approach increased attendance and engagement, enabling participants to improve their English language skills, build confidence, and develop practical skills for everyday life. The project also strengthened family engagement in education by helping parents communicate more effectively with their children's schools and better support learning at home. Improved language skills have increased participants' confidence in accessing local services, healthcare and community activities, reducing social isolation and promoting inclusion.

		The work has directly contributed to the priorities for Ward 15 – Vulnerable People, Ward 15 – Youth Services and Employment (including Education and Learning), and Ward 15 – Safer Neighbourhoods by: • Providing practical support for children and young people at the end of the school day, enabling vulnerable adults to attend ESOL and other adult learning opportunities. • Helping parents and carers develop language, confidence and skills that will improve access to volunteering, further education and employment opportunities. • Reducing social isolation, strengthening family engagement with schools, promoting community inclusion and helping to build safer, more connected neighbourhoods. The partnership between Glasgow Life Family Learning, local schools and our organisation has ensured that families who would otherwise have been unable to participate in adult learning have been supported to access opportunities that benefit both parents and their children, creating positive outcomes for the whole family. <u>Impact of Project</u> The project has had a significant positive impact on the parent carers who participated in the programme by removing one of the biggest barriers preventing them from accessing adult learning, having suitable support for their children at the end of the school day. By providing supervised activities for children and young people within the school, parents and carers were able to remain on site and attend weekly ESOL and family learning sessions in a safe and supportive environment. As a result, participants have improved their English language skills, increased their confidence, and developed practical knowledge that helps them communicate more effectively in everyday life. Parents reported feeling more confident speaking with teachers, accessing health services, understanding official correspondence, and engaging with local organisations. Improved language skills have also enabled families to become more independent and better connected within their local community. The project has strengthened family engagement with education by enabling parents to play a more active role in their children's learning. Increased confidence in communicating with school staff has

		helped parents better support homework, attended school events, and build stronger relationships with teachers, contributing to improved outcomes for their children. The project has also reduced social isolation by bringing together parents from a range of cultural backgrounds in a welcoming learning environment. Participants have developed new friendships, increased their awareness of local support services, and become more involved in community activities, helping to build stronger, more inclusive neighbourhoods across Maryhill and Summerston. The project directly addressed the priorities of the Ward 15 Area Partnership by: • **Supporting Vulnerable People** through the removal of childcare barriers, enabling vulnerable adults to access education, improve their independence, and develop the confidence to engage with local services. • **Supporting Youth Services, Employment, Education and Learning** by helping parents develop language and life skills that improve their future opportunities for volunteering, further education and employment, while also strengthening their ability to support their children's education. • **Contributing to Safer Neighbourhoods** by reducing isolation, promoting social inclusion, strengthening relationships between families and schools, and encouraging greater participation in community life. Increased community engagement has helped build trust, resilience and stronger connections between families from diverse backgrounds. <u>Spend</u> **Award of £5,580 spent in full.**
Maryhill Active Directory Production of New Directory		<u>Summary of Project</u> The Area Partnership funding was critical in enabling us to produce 15,000 copies of the Maryhill and Beyond Activity Directory. This is a comprehensive booklet which lists hundreds of activities going on in Maryhill and the surrounding communities. It is organised by area and category (e.g. Children & Young People, Learning & IT, The Arts) to help people find what's going on near them and what interests them more easily. The booklet is distributed throughout the community in central locations over a two year

		period – all copies are available for free to make the information as accessible as possible. It is also available as a web app online for those who prefer to work digitally. <u>Impact of Project</u> The Directory is a vital resource for the community as it helps people of all ages and stages get out the house, meet new people and connect with their community. We have already begun the process of distributing the booklet throughout the community and getting the website up-to-date with the latest information so that people can make the most of this resource straightaway. We will continue to distribute the booklets for the next two years and keep the website as up-to-date as possible. This project meets the ward's investment priorities numbers (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). This is because it provides information on activities and support services for children, young people, people with disabilities, vulnerable people such as new Scots and seniors, as well as information for those in the addiction and recovery community. There is also information on activities which are designed to help support people (back) into work. All of this is pulled into one place, making it easy for members of the community to find what they need and access services and activities, such as sports and children's clubs. <u>Spend</u> **Award of £4,000 spent in full.**