



**Item 4**

**21st April 2026**

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.**

**Pollokshields Area Partnership.**

**Report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance**

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**Area Budget 2026/27: Applications for Funding**

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership with details of the area budget allocations for 2026/27, the current budget position and to make recommendations on new applications for funding.

**Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) Note:
  - (a) the area budget allocation for 2026/27;
  - (b) the current budget position;
  - (c) the introduction of a new area budget application form; and
- (2) consider the recommendations on applications received for Area Budget funding in 2026/27, as detailed in appendix 1.

## Introduction.

1. Glasgow City Council set its budget for 2026/27 on [24 February 2026](#). Within the budget, the overall funding for Area Partnerships was increased by £63,000, to be apportioned on the basis of the SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation).
2. On [12th March 2026](#), the Council's City Administration Committee approved allocations to Area Partnerships. The Pollokshields Area Budget for 2026/27 is £63,271

## Pollokshields Area Budget 2026/27.

3. Area Partnerships were able to allocate a portion of their 2026/27 budget, subject to Council Budget approval, in advance for services or activities that were to be delivered in early April 2026, prior to the first meetings of the Partnerships in 2026/27. The Pollokshields Area Partnership committed £1,274 from the 2026/27 Area Budget at its meeting on 10 February 2026.
4. Therefore, a total of £1,274 has been committed to date to various projects serving the Pollokshields Ward, leaving a balance of £61,997 yet to be allocated.

## Area Budget Application Form.

5. From April 2026, a new, online application form will be introduced. The main reasons for this are:
  - a. To provide greater depth and consistency of information available for decision making at Area Partnerships;
  - b. Improve the capture of appropriate information at the application stage to reduce requirements for clarification/additional detail or consideration to be continued to subsequent meetings;
  - c. Speed up the process from application to decision.
6. The new application form seeks to balance the ease of completing the form with ensuring the proper scrutiny of the use of public funds. For this reason, whilst the new form has more questions, they are more direct and in a logical format. This should help to ensure that the necessary information is captured in full at the first stage application, reducing the need to request further information and the delay that causes.
7. The application form has been tested by a number of organisations across the city that had previously submitted area budget applications. They were asked to test the form for clarity and ease of completion. The feedback was very positive and some suggested changes were taken on board by the Communities Team. Below is a summary of the feedback and some quotes from those organisations that tested it:

### **What people liked**

- Easy to use / clear / straightforward
- Save-and-return or autosave features
- Good flow

- Easy document uploading
- Form felt more focused and aligned to the project

*“Very easy to complete – and a logical order as well. The questions about eligibility and convenient link to the guidance was also very useful.”*

*“The form is pretty straightforward and with it being online seems much more simplified than a word document.”*

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#### **Ease of use and accessibility**

- 88% said it was *easy to complete*
- 100% of respondents were happy with the accessibility of the forms.

*“The form was very easy to complete, size was perfect, font clear, a massive difference to what we have done before.”*

*“Yes easy to complete and navigate through”*

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#### **Other comments**

- 78% felt the experience was positive
- 33% felt the new form was a major improvement

*“Good form and better / more user friendly than the previous Word document. Going through the web sections the overall application didn’t feel long or as if I would need to repeat myself in different sections.”*

*“I felt the form was very similar to all other council applications, which is great as it helps ‘uniform’ most things.”*

8. The form will be introduced for the 2026/27 financial year with a transition period when we will accept applications using the current form. It’s acknowledged that there may be organisations who could face difficulties completing an online form. The Communities Team will put in place appropriate support to ensure this is not a barrier to applying for funding. The new form will be widely advertised and reviewed after a 6 month period.

### **Area Budget Applications.**

9. **Appendix 1** provides a summary of applications that have been received and require consideration. Each application has been assessed and a recommendation is offered which may include specific conditions, in addition to the standard Glasgow City Council conditions of grant.

### **Recommendations**

10. The Area Partnership is asked to:

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<b>Appendix 1</b>
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**Budget 2026/2027 - £63,271**  
**Approved 10 Feb £1,274**

**Current Balance - £61,997**  
**21 April amount recommended £30,956**  
**Balance if all requested approved £31,041**

<b>Applicant and Project Title</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Project costs</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<p><b>209/26 Education Services - Active Schools</b>            Bellahouston Cluster – out of school hours provision</p>	<p>Funding is sought to deliver a mix of breakfast, lunch and afterschool activity in each school within the Bellahouston cluster.</p> <p>The activities will run from August 2026 to February 2027 and will include boxing, judo, karate, dancing and rugby. Activities will be delivered in Bellahouston Academy, Pollokshields Primary, and Glendale Gaelic Primary School in the Pollokshields ward, working with an estimated 375 children.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Boxing, judo, karate coaching at £25ph x 276 sessions split across 6 schools £6,900</p> <p><b>Total £6,900</b></p>	<p>£6,900 (£3,508 Physical Education, Activity and School Sports (PEPASS))</p> <p>(£1,255 Govan Area Partnership; £543 Cardonald Area Partnership)</p>	<p>Approve £1,594</p>
<p><b>210/26 Glasgow the Caring City – The Neon Café – Inclusive Community Space and Skills</b></p>	<p>Glasgow the Caring City is a registered charity providing humanitarian support, community development, and inclusive wellbeing programmes across Glasgow. Community249, is their Govan mutli-use hub.</p> <p>The Neon Café will provide an inclusive community space</p>	<p>£11,078 (£3,000 Hugh Fraser Foundation; £2,000 Applicant)</p> <p>£6,078 (£5,022 Govan Area Partnership)</p>	<p>Approve £1,056</p>

<p>Development Hub</p>	<p>within Community249 where marginalised groups can meet, learn, build connections and take part in creative and skills-focussed activities. The café will run on a fortnightly basis between May 2026 and March 2027 and deliver 20 3-hour activity sessions combining refreshments, social connection and artist led creative workshops. During the session there will also be 10 hospitality skills development sessions for young people with additional support needs</p> <p>It is estimated that the café will support an estimated 250 people (200 from Govan Ward, 50 from Pollokshields Ward) across the year.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Commercial bean to cup coffee machine £2,194  Overhead infrared electric heater £750  Hospitality and customer service skills training £975  Artist fees (£30ph x 20 3hr sessions) £1,800  Materials (clay, glazes, ink etc) £415  Additional project costs (venue, utilities, volunteer support, coordination, refreshments) £4,944  <b>Total £11,078</b></p>		
<p><b>141/22 Youth Community Support Agency – alternative fireworks event 2026</b></p>	<p>Funding is sought towards the cost of 2 Fireworks Diversion events on the 5 November 2025 in Glendale Primary School and the Roma Cultural Centre in Govanhill targeting young people aged 11- 16.</p> <p>The events are aimed at young people who may be at risk of engaging in anti-social &amp; risk-taking behaviour and will be delivered around diversionary entertainment activities in partnership with youth projects, Police and other partners</p>	<p>£9,480 (£1,600 Applicant)</p> <p>£7,880 (£3,940 Southside Central Area Partnership)</p>	<p>Approve £3,940</p>

	<p>involved in the consortium.</p> <p>It is estimated that approx. 900 people will attend the events.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Bubble Football £500  Climbing Wall £700  Pitch Parade Sports Activities £300  Materials for the activities £300  Terror Slide £400  Art Activities £300  Balloon Twisting £200  Face Painting £300  Circus Skills Workshop £300  Table Based workshops £200  Print Clan Workshop £200  Transport Coach Hire £200  Art Workshop Facilitations £500  Swap Shop Workshop £200  African Drumming Workshop £200  Sessional Staff to support the 2 events (12 x 6hrs x £15ph)  £1,080  Venue hire £1,000  Refreshments &amp; food £1,000  Management &amp; admin £1,600  <b>Total £9,480</b></p>		
<p><b>185/13</b>  <b>Strathbungo</b>  <b>Society – Bungo in</b>  <b>the Back Lanes</b></p>	<p>Funding is sought towards the costs of the Bungo in the Back lanes annual event which will take place on Saturday 20 June 2026 from 1-5pm.</p>	<p>£3,001.64 (£1,801.64 Applicant)</p>	<p>Approve £1,200</p>

2026	<p>The event will feature a range of stalls run by residents, children, local businesses and volunteer groups representing the rich cultural tapestry of Strathbungo, with a diversity of art, crafts and cuisines showcased, as well as highlighting how residents can become more involved in their community.</p> <p>It is estimated that approx. 2,500 people will attend the event.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Musicians/DJ/Sound hire £700  Table &amp; chair hire £589.20  Barriers &amp; Toilet hire £487.44  First aid £190  Insurance (percentage of annual premium) £580  Design and print £65  Bottle stall and tombola prizes £65  Poster and flyer design and printing £100  Tombola &amp; Bottle Stall Prizes £70  Face Painter £125  Balloons, Streamers, Decorations for Children’s Garden £30  <b>Total £3,001.64</b></p>		
<b>422/22 Inhouse Events Solutions CIC</b> - Queen’s Park Arena Events	<p>Funding is requested towards the annual programme of free community events held at Queens Park Arena during the summer (2nd July – 2nd August 2026) The funding will support Glasgow Games, Big Fun, Open Stage, Cult Classics as well as site build and infrastructure. The community events are free to attend and based on previous years this will allow 45,000 – 50,000 people to attend.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p>	<b>£20,641</b>  (£9,701 Langside Area Partnership; £5,160 Southside Central Area Partnership)	Approve £5,779

	<p>Early Years Activities (Facilitators) for 14 sessions (£100 per session) £1400          Early Years Activities (Facilitator) for 2 sessions (£400 per session) £800          Fitness Class Facilitators for 16 sessions (£50 per session) - £800          Creative Arts Workshops (Facilitators) for 20 sessions (£50 per session) £1000          Film Licences for OpenAir Cinema (33 films) £6058.80          Technical Staff for community events £1924          Cleaning Staff for community events £722.58          PRS Licences for community events £2500          Contribution towards legal fees &amp; site licenses (17.43%) £296          Insurance £500          Contribution toward Electricity (17.63%) £839.45          Contribution towards crew for community events site build (17.63%) £1802.20          Contribution towards Overnight Security for community events(17.63%) £1997.97  <b>Total cost - £20,641</b> (costs for the total programme are over £100k)</p>		
<p><b>159<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Scout Group – Replacement tents</b></p>	<p>159<sup>th</sup> Scout Group based at Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church is open to young people in Pollokshields, Dumbreck and Mosspark.</p> <p>The group has 4 tents that have come to the end of their life. Having replaced 2 via fundraising they are now seeking funding to purchase another 2 tents ahead of the planned week-long summer camp.</p> <p>Current membership is 58 Pollokshields ward; 14 Cardonald</p>	<p>£2,967.40 (£593.40 Cardonald Area Partnership)</p>	<p>Approve £2,374</p>

	<p>ward.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Icelandic Patrol tent x 2 £1,767  Flysheets x 2 £750.50  Ridge Poles x 2 £228  Flysheets spacer packs x 2 £19  Groundsheet x 2 £133  Delivery costs £69.60  <b>Total £2,967.40</b></p>		
<p><b>Plot 26 Community Herb Garden – Summer Sessions</b></p>	<p>Plot 26 is a community teaching allotment based at the New Victoria Gardens Allotment in Pollokshields.</p> <p>The plot was created to address lack of provision for people facing barriers to traditional growing or garden volunteering spaces.</p> <p>Funding is sought to deliver a summer programme of 5 sessions from June – August.</p> <p>3 x 3hr gardening sessions  2 x Saturday open day sessions</p> <p>An estimated 15 people will attend each gardening session and an estimated 30 people will attend each open day session.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Staffing costs (5 sessions x 14 hrs x £20) £1,400  Food and sundries £218.59</p>	<p>£1,800 (in kind support from Urban Roots)</p>	<p>Approve £1,800</p>

	Gardening equipment £181 <b>Total £1,800</b>		
<b>45<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Boys Brigade (Shawlands) – Residential</b>	<p>Funding is sought towards the cost of a canvas camp to Boat of Garten near Aviemore between 23 July and 30 July 2026 for 13 young people.</p> <p>The trip will provide an opportunity to explore the area and include a range of activities to help develop the young people's leadership and teamwork skills.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Accommodation £850  Transport £1,350  Landmark Centre Tickets £533  Go Karting £512  Jungle Float £225  Footgolf £192  Paddle Boarding £738  Crazy Golf £100  Food £850  Fuel £650  <b>Total £6,000</b></p>	£6,000 (£3,600 Parent Contribution; £150 COOP; £750 Applicant)	£1,500 (maximum award for residential trips)
<b>262/25 Bowling Green Together – Pollokshields Festival of Hope</b>	<p>Funding is sought to deliver a community street celebration on Saturday 16 May 2026 centred on Kenmure Street and extending into the Bowling Green and surrounding spaces.</p> <p>A series of cultural and family friendly workshops will take place during the last week of April and into May, building up to the main day of celebration.</p> <p>The event will include a programme of family friendly</p>	£6,964 (£1,000 Applicant)	Approve £5,954

	<p>activities, cultural workshops and performances that reflect the diversity of the area.</p> <p>Anticipate 1500 local residents to attend.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Planning, coordination and delivery £2,160  PA system hire £800  Accessible toilet hire £400  Event day performers (3 x £150) £450  4 4hr Creative workshops £704  Marketing &amp; printing £400  Event day photographer £250  Refreshments £400  Workshop &amp; event materials £400  Contingency (applicant) £1,000  <b>Total £6,964</b></p>		
<p><b>244/26 St Alberts Primary School Parent Council – Summer Trip</b></p>	<p>Funding is sought to deliver a fully funded whole school trip to Blairdrummond Safari Park on 6 June 2026 for approximately 400 people (pupils and their families). The trip is a response to identified financial, social and confidence barriers that prevent many of the families from accessing cultural and leisure opportunities outwith their area.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Child admission x 280 £2,772  Adult admission x 80 £1,036.80  (56 adult tickets free with child ticket)  Bus hire £3,600  <b>Total £7,408.80</b></p>	<p>£7,408.80 (£3,099.80 Applicant and Pupil Equity Fund)</p>	<p>Approve £4,309 (including a £500 maximum award for bus hire)</p>

<p><b>274/26 South Western District Gang Show - website upgrade</b></p>	<p>The South Western District Gang Show is a family variety show delivered in November each year at Hutchesons' Grammar to an audience of approx. 800 people.</p> <p>The show is delivered by a cast of 50-60 young people drawn from the Scout groups across the Pollokshields ward.</p> <p>Funding is sought to deliver a comprehensive upgrade to their website to provide enhanced capabilities and ticket booking/purchase options that meet user expectations and GDPR compliance requirements.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>Website upgrade £1,450 Annual running cost £276 <b>Total £1,726</b></p>	<p>£1,726 (£276 Applicant)</p>	<p>Approve £1,450 pending second quote for website upgrade</p>
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**Approved Funding 2026/27.**

PRN	Date awarded	Organisation	Event, Activity or Equipment	Amount Awarded
428/23	10 February 2026	Education Services – Active Schools	Activities in Shawlands cluster	£1,010

309/25	10 February 2026	Wild Green Space CIC t/a We Are Wonder	Playscheme in Bellahouston Park	£264
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