



Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Baillieston Area Partnership.

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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 Baillieston Area Budget for 2026/27 is £65,348.

Baillieston 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 Baillieston Area Partnership committed £3,780 from the 2026/27 Area Budget at its meeting on 10th February 2026 and £1,491 has been committed under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.
4. Therefore, a total of £5,271 has been committed to date to various projects serving the Baillieston Ward, leaving a balance of £60,077 yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under Delegated Functions.

5. 3 applications (one from last financial year and two from current financial year) have been dealt with since the last meeting of the Area Partnership under Delegated Functions. Details of the applications are provided below:

Applicant	Project Description	Decision
2025/26		
Community of helping hands	Funding to purchase a number of household items such as washing powder, toothpaste, toilet rolls etc	£646 awarded
2026/27		
Baillieston St Andrew's Church	Bus hire and afternoon tea costs for a trip to Cardwell Garden Centre on 23 rd April 2026 for 40 people.	£750 awarded
Garrowhill Primary School	Purchase 14 sets of sports kits for athletics, basketball and netball	£741 awarded

Funds returned to the budget.

6. Since the previous meeting, £646 has been returned to the area budget for 2025/26 and this has been re-allocated as above.

Area Budget Application Form.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.”

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”

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.”

10. 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.

11. **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

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Budget 2026/2027 - £65,348
Committed Amount - £5,271
Balance - £60,077

Applicant and Project Title	Project description	Project costs	Recommendation
<p>Baillieston Community Garden</p> <p>Equipment</p> <p>PRN 316/25</p>	<p><u>Proposal:</u> Funding is requested to purchase a portable generator to provide electricity for the various community events held in the garden and also a chipper to break down branches that can then be used as bark for the garden.</p> <p><u>When:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Where:</u> Baillieston Community Garden</p> <p><u>Who will benefit:</u> Wider community who use the garden</p> <p><u>Cost Breakdown</u> Generator £699.99 Chipper £799.99</p>	<p>Total costs £1,449.98</p> <p>Other funding - None</p> <p>Area budget request £1,449.98</p>	<p>Award £1,449</p>
<p>Caledonia Primary Parent Council</p> <p>Residential</p> <p>PRN 046/11</p>	<p><u>Proposal:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>When:</u> 14th to 18th September 2026</p>	<p>Total costs £7,400</p> <p>Other funding – Applicant £500 confirmed</p>	<p>Award £1,500</p>

	<p><u>Where:</u> Artertinny Outdoor Activity Centre</p> <p><u>Who will benefit:</u> 28 primary 7 pupils</p> <p><u>Cost Breakdown</u> Overall cost for project given</p>	<p>Parent/carers - balance (confirmed)</p> <p>Area budget request £1,500</p>	
<p>Education Services – St Bridget’s Primary School</p> <p>Cycling Programme</p> <p>PRN 240/23</p>	<p><u>Proposal</u> Funding is requested to deliver a programme for all P1-P3s to learn to cycle/improve their cycle skills. This will be delivered by the Glenburn Centre, following which an after school club will be established.</p> <p><u>When:</u> April – June 2026</p> <p><u>Where:</u> St Bridget’s Primary School, Camp Road</p> <p><u>Who will benefit:</u> All P1-P3 pupils in the school</p> <p><u>Cost Breakdown</u> 10 weeks infant cycling 9- 3pm x 2 days/ 2 staff x 6 hours @£12.50p/h April - Jun 2026 £3,600 Van hire over the 10 weeks to drop & collect the bikes £1,320</p>	<p>Total costs £4,920</p> <p>Other funding - None</p> <p>Area budget request £4,920</p>	<p>Award £4,920</p>

<p>Education Services – St Francis of Assisi Primary School</p> <p>Residential</p> <p>PRN 502/13</p>	<p><u>Proposal:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>When:</u> 5th to 8th May 2026</p> <p><u>Where:</u> Blairvadach Outdoor Activity Centre</p> <p><u>Who will benefit:</u> 39 primary 7 pupils</p> <p><u>Cost Breakdown</u> Overall cost for project given</p>	<p>Total costs £7,400</p> <p>Other funding – parent council, parish priest, co-op fund and lord provost fund £2,000 – pending</p> <p>Parent/carers - balance (confirmed)</p> <p>Area budget request £1,500</p>	<p>Award £1,500</p>
<p>Glasgow East Arts Company</p> <p>Event</p> <p>PRN 049/17</p>	<p><u>Proposal:</u> Funding is requested to hold The Bridge Family Fun Day. The day will include roller disco, DJs, live music & dance, theatre, face painters, caricaturists, sport taster sessions and various stalls. The event is delivered via a number of partners working together with volunteer support on the day.</p> <p><u>When:</u> 18th July 2026</p> <p><u>Where:</u> The Bridge</p> <p><u>Who will benefit:</u> Approximately 1332 local residents of which 306 will be from the Baillieston ward</p>	<p>Total costs £12,240</p> <p>Other funding – £5,775 requested from North East Area Partnership (tbc) £3,240 fundraising (tbc)</p> <p>Area budget request £9,000 (maximum award for an event is £7,500)</p>	<p>Award £1,725</p>

	<u>Cost Breakdown</u> Infrastructure £5,645 Events Programme £4,995 Marketing & Promotion £1,600		
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Approved Funding 2026/27.

PRN	Date awarded	Organisation	Event, Activity or Equipment	Amount Awarded
	10/2/26	Glasgow Women's Aid	Playscheme costs for Spring, Summer and October 2026	£2,068
	10/2/26	137 th Glasgow Company Boys Brigade	Residential	£500
	10/2/26	Garrowhill Primary School	Residential	£1,212
	Delegated Authority - March	137 th Glasgow Company Boys Brigade	Bus hire and afternoon tea	£750
	Delegated Authority – April	Garrowhill Primary School	Athletics kits	£741