



Item 8

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.
Dennistoun Area Partnership.**

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Update on the place based approach within the Glasgow Community Plan:

Ward 22 Dennistoun

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Place Based Approach within the Glasgow Community Plan with particular reference to Ward 22 Dennistoun.

Recommendation:

The Area Partnership is asked to note this report and that updates will be provided as the work progresses.

Introduction.

1. This report provides the Area Partnership with an update on the Place Based Approach within the Glasgow Community Plan with particular reference to Ward 22 Dennistoun.

Background.

2. The Area Partnership considered a report on [29th April 2025](#) that provided details on the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (Glasgow's Community Plan). In particular, the Plan included proposals to update the place-based approach to tackling poverty at a more local level. These proposals took account of a review of the *Thriving Places* programme, which formed part of the previous Community Plan.
3. Eight areas in Glasgow were invited to be part of this updated place-based approach based on the rate of poverty, including an area within the Dennistoun Ward. £1.5m was allocated over three years to support this work with £45,000 per year allocated to the area within the Dennistoun Ward.
4. The typical delivery structure for the former Thriving Places and for the current place-based work is for a local *anchor* organisation to take a leadership role in developing an action plan and employing a community connector post, with delivery support from other partners.
5. The areas identified for support were based on Intermediary Data Zones (IDZs) which are geographical units used by the Scottish Government for the collection and analysis of data. The IDZs identified within the Dennistoun Ward is Roystonhill, Blochairn, and Provanmill. Members should note that the titles given by the Scottish Government to the IDZs do not always accurately reflect the local geography and a map of the Roystonhill, Blochairn, and Provanmill IDZ is provided below:



Dennistoun Ward
Roystonhill, Blochairn, and Provanmill IDZ

Progress within Ward 22 Dennistoun.

6. At the Area Partnership meeting on 29th April 2025, members suggested that the Royston Strategy Group should be approached to discuss the Group taking on the role of a local steering group to oversee this work. This was suggested on the basis that it already covered a large part of the IDZ and it comprised key local organisations, residents and elected members.
7. Those discussions took place at a meeting of the Royston Strategy Group on 1st July 2025 and it was agreed that a recruitment process would be undertaken for the local anchor organisation and members of the Strategy Group would assess applications and select the most appropriate organisation.
8. Local organisations were contacted and invited to express an interest in this role. Four organisations responded. They were Rosemount Development Trust, Rosemount Lifelong Learning, the Halliday Foundation and Bluevale Community Club.

The assessment process.

9. The four organisations were provided with background information and guidance on how to complete an expression of interest form. The form asked them a number of questions which are detailed in **Appendix 1**.
10. The assessment panel drawn from the Royston Strategy Group was made up of Cllr Allan Casey, Paul Sweeney MSP, Jane McShane (Royston Primary School), Laia Ferdell (St Roch's Childcare Services) as well as John Campbell (GCC Centre for Civic Innovation) and Patricia Boyce (GCC Communities Team).
11. Each form was assessed and scored against five criteria, as follows:
 - 1) **Organisational Reach** = Does the organisation engage and collaborate with a wide demographic? Are outcomes meaningful and sustainable for the community?
 - 2) **Plan Development** = Does the plan align with local strategic objectives and have clear goals? Will it be informed by data and citizen engagement?
 - 3) **Community Connector Role** = Is the role clearly outlined with outcomes and integrated into what exists locally? Will the role strengthen accessibility and community ties?
 - 4) **Child Poverty Links** = Does the work directly address drivers of child poverty and take a preventative focus? Are there clear indicators of how children and families are supported?
 - 5) **Budget** = Are costs clearly broken down and demonstrate value for money? Is the plan sustainable with contingencies in place for unexpected challenges?

12. The assessment panel scored each application individually against the criteria, from 1-5, and then met to discuss the scores and select the anchor organisation, which was **Rosemount Development Trust**.

Next steps.

13. Rosemount Development Trust is currently finalising its budget proposals for consideration by the Royston Strategy Group on 24th February 2026 and beginning the process of developing an action plan for the area based on both the Community Planning priority of addressing child poverty and the views of local people. The Dennistoun Area Partnership will be kept updated as this work progresses.

Recommendation.

14. The Area Partnership is asked to note this report and appendix and that updates will be provided as the work progresses.

Expression of interest form.

Organisation & Contact Details.

- Q1. Which area are you applying to be the anchor organisation for?
- Q2 Name of organisation.
- Q3 Address of organisation.
- Q4. Key contact.
- Q5. Please provide background information on your organisation that describes the services that you provide within the area.
- Q6. Please describe examples of activities or initiatives you run or have delivered in partnership and any successes attributable to these.

Development of Plan.

- Q7. Please provide information on how your organisation would support the development and delivery of a local plan? Please include information on how you will engage and support local residents, groups, and stakeholders in shaping the plan?
- Q8. How will the progress / outputs of the plan be monitored and supported by your organisation?

Community Connector Role.

- Q12. Please outline any experience your organisation has in managing staff who are responsible for delivering a workplan in partnership with other organisations, particularly when the work falls outside your organisation's own core plans.
- Q13. What systems or arrangements will you put in place to manage and monitor the performance and outputs of staff employed to deliver the workplan?

Funding Plans.

- Q14. Please provide information on how the yearly funding for this project will be allocated, including any in kind support from your organisation? Please provide estimates for salary, employment costs, equipment and development expenses.
- Q15. What additional skills, experience and/or other contributions can your organisation bring to this role?
- Q16. Please use this section to provide any other information that you consider to be relevant.