



Item 3

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Glasgow City Council

Calton Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Calton

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Calton as set out within section 3 of this report
2. Advise as to next steps

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Partnership

- (1) notes this report;
- (2) approves funding for its preferred options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.

Ward No(s): 19

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Glasgow City Council 2022/23 budget allocated £1.5 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces. £80,000 of this has been allocated to Calton. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward.
- 1.2. It should be noted that factoring in procurement and tendering procedures that timescales for development of projects, allocation of spend, and delivery on the ground will vary across the current and next financial year. Whilst project budgets have been proposed based on costs for similar work elsewhere in the city in recent years, with usual contingencies we note current market volatility across a range of products, for example with tarring costs recently reported as increasing by 18%.
- 1.3. It is noted that there are seasonal windows for certain projects involving planting and habitats, namely:
 - 1.3.1. September and April - seasonal windows for delivery of meadow creation
 - 1.3.2. November -February - seasonal window for delivery of woodland creation and/or woodland management works on the ground

2. Local Engagement

- 2.1. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities over the last 18 months to build participation and engagement around the use of open spaces, with this work taking an increased importance and a digital form over the last 2 years. This engagement has taken a number of different strands, and has arrived at some early greenspace actions, as well as exploring longer term ideas. This report seeks to provide a summary of engagement to date, details options for these early actions and sets out a timeline for delivery of these options once a decision is made.
- 2.2. As part of Glasgow's Food Growing Strategy, we have been inviting communities across Glasgow to share with us their ideas for land they consider to be potentially suitable for food growing.
- 2.3. In May 2020, 917 responses were received from Citizens in relation to survey in relation to the Ecological Emergency, with the top 5 ranked priorities for action being:
 - Support planners and developers to step up protection and enhancement of green space and biodiversity
 - Work with other public sector land owners to maximise green corridors and pollinator ways through the city
 - Increase connections across the city between green spaces, for both people and wildlife Allocate more open space for nature in the city
 - Increase planting of native trees and plant species on and around active travel routes

Options for investment, for consideration by the Area Partnership, have been informed by the engagement work set out above set out above, and where selected for action, will form the subject of further engagement.

3. Suggested Projects for Area Partnership to Consider

3.1 Whilst it is recognised that engagement with communities does not follow any external timescale, it is understood that many greenspace investment works are tied to certain seasons of the year. Where capital funding has been allocated, it is noted that projects will involve time being set aside for the preparation of contract documents, procurement activity and lead in times for the delivery of materials.

3.2 At the meeting of the June Area Partnership, the Partnership requested that a further breakdown of details on the 3 options be provided. These have been subsequently listed below.

3.2 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: £80,000				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Dechmont Street Play Area and Greenspace	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment, with potential for funding from developer contributions and Scottish Government funding for Play Area Renewal Fund and local stakeholders also being reviewed. Items costed include: - Swings - Russell Twist 18 - Inclusive Springie - Cherry Twist - Multi Unit - Wheelchair Carousel		£9500 £36,000 £1000 £1500 £16,000 £10,000 £74,000
2	Bluevale Street	Funding for Reidvale Housing Association to replace the		£5180

		planters they maintain- includes an allowance for 8 no. Pollinator-style planters at £432 each. Bring forward options to reduce access for flytipping at this location- includes an allowance for a stopping up order @ £1724 if this is considered to be feasible and of benefit. Site visit to be arranged		
3	Glenisla Street greenspace and Maukinfold Road greenspace	Plant native bulbs and enhance existing planting		£820

4 At the meeting of the June Area Partnership, the Partnership requested a report on progress for the projects funded by the Investment Fund last year. It is noted that a procurement process for Tobago Street Play Area and surrounds has commenced, and that the procurement process for Helenslea Park Play Area and Queen Mary Street Play Area is expected to commence later this calendar year once the design development process has concluded.

5 At the meeting of the June Area Partnership, the Partnership requested further information on plans for the Bridgeton/Dalmarnock Street Park. In relation to capital investment, this service is reviewing what sources of funding may be available to complement Scottish Government funding for play area refurbishment, with a view to engaging with stakeholders next calendar year. In the interim arrangements have been made for the play equipment and MPGC fence to have been painted, graffiti removed from surfaces, damaged safety carpet was repaired and weeds scraped and cleared. The damaged gate has been repaired and a new rocker piece of equipment has been ordered and will be fitted upon delivery.

6 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how capital investment identified as part of the 2022/23 budget process by Glasgow City Council can be allocated within Calton

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out:

Outcome: -

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: It is considered that the early actions set out in paragraph 3 would contribute to the recommendations of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working groups, and to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Social:

Economic:

7. Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

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