



Item 3

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

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**OPTIONS FOR USE OF THE LOCAL PARKS & OPEN SPACE
IMPROVEMENT FUND WITHIN THE CALTON WARD**

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; and
- (2) advise as to next steps.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Partnership

- (1) notes this report;
- (2) notes the allocations to each Area Partnership, as detailed in the appendix; and
- (3) 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): 9

Citywide:

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

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Glasgow City Council 2021/22 budget allocated £1.5 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces. The Council's City Administration Committee approved the allocation to each Area Partnership on 5th August 2021. £80,044 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 is challenging with March 2022 the completion timeframe.

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 12 months. 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 and were 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, where possible, that the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund is spent and projects delivered within the financial year 2021-2022 and 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 The following are a suite of projects which have been costed for the Area Partnership to consider. It should be noted that projects should be delivered by March 2022. Chosen projects should total: **£80,044:**

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Tobago Street Play Area and surrounds	Engage with Calton Child Poverty Action Group in relation to potential enhancements	n/a	£40,000
2	Eastern Necropolis	support sustainable Urban Drainage, paths, entrances and active travel	item	£80,000
a	New tree planting in parks	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives and NRS	Rate per 'heavy standard tree' planted	£300
b	New wildflower meadow/bulb planting	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives and NRS	Rate per hectare	£1.20 per square metre
c	Widen and enhance surface/signage/visibility of active travel routes and entrances/decision points	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives and NRS	Rate per 100 linear metres	£50 per square metre
d	New woodland creation	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives	Rate per hectare	£10,000 per hectare

		and NRS		
e	New Street Tree (retrofit)	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives and NRS	Per tree	£8,000
f	New Outdoor Learning Spaces to support Early Years, Out of School Care and Forest Schools, supporting 1140 hours and Curriculum for Excellence	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives, Education providers and NRS	Unit	Up to £20,000 subject to requirements agreed

4. Developer Contributions

- 4.1 It is understood that there are Developer Contributions currently sitting with Glasgow City Council arising from developments in this ward which are available for investment in Amenity, Children's Play and Allotments. Officers would intend to review the extent to which these could be applied for to build on the project budgets outlined in this paper.

5. External Funding

- 5.1 Woodland Creation and Tiny Forests - Early discussions have been held with stakeholders in relation to the potential for funding via the Forestry Grant Scheme, Earthwatch and NatureScot within the ward.

6. Additional Projects and Spend

- 6.1 **Children's Play** – Funds of £48,100 have been allocated as part of funds committed with the Glasgow City Council budget for 2021/22 for Childrens Outdoor Play for investment at Dale Street Play Area and MPGC.
- 6.2 **Food Growing** - Officers will bring forward recommendations for investment of ENV2 sums of £4,511 to supplement Support for Food Growing funding of £12,577 allocated as part of Glasgow City Councils Budget for 2021/22 to examine options for New Growing Space at Bridgeton Community Learning Campus.

7. Next Steps and Timescales

- August 2021: agree early options to progress 2021/22 from this shortlist.
- September 2021: seasonal window for delivery of meadow creation
- September 2021 onwards: preparation of contract documents, procurement activity and lead in times for the delivery of materials

- November 2021: update provided to stakeholders
- November 2021 - March 2022: seasonal window for delivery of woodland creation and/or woodland management works on the ground
- November 2021 - March 2022: window for delivery of any works where funding is tied to the financial year.
- April 2022: feedback invited from stakeholders

8. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how capital investment identified as part of the 2021/22 budget process by Glasgow City Council can be allocated within Linn

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

Council Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan sets out a vision for Glasgow becoming the most sustainable city in Europe, and a resilient city. The implementation of a Food Growing Strategy will contribute to this and to the following specific objectives:

Objective 63 - Give all children better access to outdoor play by upgrading school playgrounds and play areas.

Objective 71 - Promote and enhance our city's natural resources including nature reserves and public parks.

Objective 72 - Support the development of Glasgow as a Sustainable Food City.

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: It is considered that the participatory and placemaking processes detailed in paragraph 1 support the aims of People Make Glasgow Communities

Economic:

9. Recommendations

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