



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 7

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Report by Executive Director of Regeneration and the Economy

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CITY PLAN POLICY ENV 2 IMPLEMENTATION

North Toryglen TRA Greenspace

Purpose of Report:

To seek approval from City Administration Committee to utilise ENV 2 funding of £69,154 towards the cost of improving the Greenspace environment at the North Toryglen Transformational Regeneration Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that committee:

- i) note the content of the report; and
- ii) approves the funding sought from City Plan Policy ENV 2 of £69,154 for investment in North Toryglen TRA Greenspace Improvements.

Ward No: 7

Citywide:

Local members advised: Yes

consulted: Yes

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Members are asked to support the allocation of £69,154 of ENV2 receipts towards the cost of providing two elements of the proposed greenspace improvements.
- 1.2 The ENV 2 contribution of £69,154 consists of a capital sum of £55,319 in support of construction works and an associated revenue sum of £13,835 which acts as a contribution towards ongoing maintenance over a 10 year period.
- 1.3 In accordance with established procedures relating to policy ENV2, the officer Project Assessment Group (PAG) approved - in principle - the use of ENV 2 funding on 23rd January 2020. Subsequent consultation with elected members representing Ward 7 has also resulted in no objections to the proposed use of funds.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 North Toryglen is one of Glasgow's eight Transformational Regeneration Areas, being activated in February 2014. Extensive demolition of unpopular housing stocks cleared land for new housing. To date, 100 social rent units for GHA tenants displaced by demolition and 104 units for sale by Crudens have been built. Another 127 for sale are either on site or planned. There is the possibility of a further, fifth, phase for sale. In addition, a 120 bedspace elderly care home and an 8 bedspace children's unit have been provided.
- 2.2 Through the TRA Local Delivery Group, it was agreed to pursue the improvement of the poor quality environment which surrounds the new housing via a Greenspace sub-group. The first Greenspace strategy meeting took place in May 2018.
- 2.3 Three well-attended public consultation events gave a clear indication of what residents wanted to see improved and provided. With Clyde Gateway leading project delivery, and Urban Roots providing a local presence, an ambitious programme of works and funding for same has been drawn up.

3.0 Capital Cost

- 3.1 The Capital Children's Play element of £27,055 will be directed towards funding a new children's play area on GCC land. The Capital Amenity Greenspace element of £28,264 will be directed towards funding a woodland community space on GCC land. Both of these have an estimated cost of c£100,000 each.

4.0 Capital Funding

- 4.1 The overall greenspace strategy covers a wide area stretching from Aitkenhead Road to the boundary with South Lanarkshire. It has a capital budget of £3.347m.
- 4.2 The Greenspace Group has been very successful in attracting match funding

SOURCE	FUND	AMOUNT	STATUS
Scottish Natural Heritage	Green Infrastructure Fund	£1,230,307	Secured with Conditions
Scottish Government	Vacant & Derelict Land Fund	£1,100,000	Secured
SUSTRANS	Places for Everyone 2019/20	£663,481	£50,000 Design Fees Secured
Transforming Communities: Glasgow	Capital Receipts	£250,000	Secured
Glasgow City Council DRS	ENV2 / IPG 12 Capital Contributions	£55,319	Bid for now
Glasgow City Council DRS	Toryglen Attenuation Basin Project	£48,484	Secured

£3,347,591 TOTAL

5.0 ENV2 Funding Sources

- 5.1 It has been agreed with the Project Assessment Group that the ENV 2 contributions be accessed that funds received from Crudens' Housebuilding within North Toryglen.
- 5.2 ENV2 funding for this project is proposed to be sourced from the following developments in the City Plan Sector. These sites are under construction, or have been recently completed, which means therefore that ENV2 funding is available.

ENV2 Ref No	Address	Ward no	Capital Children's Play	Capital Amenity Greenspace	Revenue Children's Play	Revenue Amenity Greenspace	Total ENV2 Funding Capital & Revenue
0644	Toryglen Crossbank Drive	7	£1,939	£0	£485	£0	£2,424
0741	Prospecthill Square	7	£25,116	£23,964	£6,279	£5,996	£61,355
0855	Prospecthill Circus	7	£0	£4,300	£0	£1,075	£5,375
	Total ENV2 available		£27,055	£28,264	£6,764	£7,071	£69,154

6.0 Member Consultation

- 6.1 In accordance with established procedures relating to policy ENV2, the officer Project Assessment Group (PAG) of 23rd January 2020 approved in principle the use of £69,154 ENV2 funding towards this proposal.
- 6.2 All four Langside ward members have been frequent attendees at the North Toryglen TRA Local Delivery Group meetings. They therefore have been party to the drawing up of the Greenspace Strategy and Proposals and are supportive of same. All provided letters of support in January 2019 for the bid from the Green Infrastructure Fund.

7.0 Council Approvals

- 7.1 In accordance with ENV2 policy, the City Administration Committee has responsibility for approving requests for use of ENV2 funds in excess of £50,000.

8.0 Timeframe for Delivery

- 8.1 Planning approval is not required for these works. They are scheduled to be onsite and complete between the summers of 2020 and 2022.

9.0 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This proposal seeks approval for the use of £69,154 of ENV 2 Funds (capital and revenue) to contribute towards two elements of the proposed Greenspace Improvements.

Legal: There will be a legal agreement between Glasgow City Council and Clyde Gateway which will enable the latter to instruct works on GCC land

Personnel: None

Procurement: The works will be tendered and managed by Clyde Gateway

Council Strategic Plan: Theme 11.0 A Sustainable and Low Carbon City:
Outcome: Citizens use active travel, including walking and cycling.
Priority 63. Give all children better access to outdoor play by upgrading school playgrounds and play areas

Priority 65. Build high quality, inclusive active travel infrastructure, investing a minimum of 10% of our transport infrastructure budgets in cycling and walking to make Glasgow an excellent cycling and walking city.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22

The proposals will result in places which are well designed, accessible, safe, healthy and inclusive. They will promote equality as it is intended the improvement works will result in an area of high accessibility with no perceived barriers or restrictions to individuals using the public walking and cycling routes.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

Positive impact

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.

North Toryglen features as one of the more deprived areas within Local Context Analysis Area 13, Newlands. The provision of a 2,500m long, 3m wide, multi-use path network will enable residents to better connect to the South of the City's wider path and road network.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental:

These proposals help to secure continued access to quality recreational greenspace. All works will be undertaken in line with environmental guidelines.

Social, including opportunities under Article 20 of the European Public Procurement Directive

Economic:

Helps support efforts to make Glasgow an attractive place to live, work and play.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

None

10.3 Recommendations

10.1. It is recommended that Committee:

10.1.1 notes the content of the report; and

10.1.2 approves the funding sought from City Plan Policy ENV 2 of £69,154 for investment in North Toryglen TRA Greenspace Improvements