



Item 5

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**Pollokshields Area Partnership
Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability**

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Glasgow Food Growing Strategy

Purpose of Report:

To provide committee with:

1. feedback from the south Glasgow stakeholder engagement event held in relation to development of a Food Growing Strategy for Glasgow and
2. advise of potential next stages.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that committee note this report and considers further opportunities for food growing in Pollokshields.

Ward No(s): 6 and 8

Citywide:

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

1. Introduction

1.1 A report was brought to the Pollokshields Area Partnership 7th November 2017, updating the Partnership on:

- Progress on Glasgow's Allotment Strategy and its links with the statutory duty, under the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 to undertake a Food Growing Strategy (FGS) for the city
- The details of what a FGS for Glasgow should contain
- Previous stakeholder engagement events undertaken in relation to the FGS
- Future FGS stakeholder events, to be held with the support of Greenspace Scotland, in two areas with high demand for growing spaces. As one such area straddled the ward boundaries of Pollokshields and Southside Central wards a consultation event was arranged for the Tramway on Thursday 23rd November.

1.2 It was agreed that a report, providing feedback from the Tramway consultation event, would be brought to a future Pollokshields Area Partnership meeting.

2.0 Tramway Engagement Event

2.1 The Tramway engagement event was facilitated by Greenspace Scotland supported by LES Parks Development. The engagement process involved:

- Outlining the background to the development of a FGS and the various types of growing that could be considered,
- Asking attendees to identify existing growing sites within the area and
- Asking attendees to identify potential growing sites in the area

2.2 Following the event, potential sites were assessed for suitability for growing by following an assessment matrix developed by Greenspace Scotland. This matrix considered issues such as current ownership, environmental designations, other potential uses for the site, ground conditions, shading and plot size, with sites going through from this assessment including:

- Bellahouston Park
- Bennan Sq
- Between Lorne St / Blackburn St
- Kingsley Ave
- Leslie St
- Maxwell Park
- Maxwell Sq Park (E Pollokshields quad)
- Nithsdale Green - Kildostan St triangle
- Nithsdale Rd
- Queens Park
- Queens Park Allotments - expanded
- Queens Park Recreation Grounds

- Shawlands Academy
- Victoria Rd at Pollokshaws Rd

3.0 The Next Steps

- 3.1 Development and Regeneration Services will be advised of the proposed sites and their suitability for food growing will be assessed through the ongoing process of Local Context Analysis (being developed as part of the Open Space Strategy), which will examine opportunities for food growing alongside: the other functions that the City's open space need to provide (e.g. space for sport, recreation, play or nature conservation); and other demands on land (e.g. land for housing).
- 3.2 Further work may be undertaken, throughout the life of the Food Growing Strategy, to support local groups who may wish to bring forward specific proposals for any of the identified sites, subject to local agreement and any statutory approvals.

4.0 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: None at this stage

Legal: Statutory Duty to deliver under the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015: Section 9, once in force.

Personnel: None

Procurement: None at this stage

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.

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out: N/A- a screening will be carried out on the draft Food Growing Strategy once developed

Outcome: -

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: The implementation of the Food Growing Strategy will have a positive effect on the environment.

Social: social benefits around identifying opportunities for communities to work collectively on developing and maintaining community growing spaces

Economic:

Recommendations

It is recommended that committee note this report and considers further opportunities for food growing within Pollokshields.