



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 4

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**Report by Councillor Kenny McLean, City Convener for
Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use**

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**PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – THE PLACE FUND –
PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of the report is to update Committee on:

- Allocations of grant funding received from Scottish Government for Place Based Investment
- The Council's previous financial years' allocation
- The proposed 2022/23 project funding allocations

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee:

- (1) Notes the contents of this report;
- (2) Agrees to accept the Scottish Government's Place Fund grant offer of £3,217,000 for 2022/23;
- (3) Approves the proposed project funding allocations for 2022/23

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

1 Background

- 1.1 In September 2020, the Scottish Government published its “*Programme for Government*”. This contained a commitment to establish a Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) which is intended to link, and align, place based initiatives and establish a coherent local framework designed to implement the Place Principle. The PBIP is investing £325m nationally to support community-led regeneration over a 5-year programme from 2021/22-25/26.
- 1.2 A key element of the Place Based Investment Programme is “The Place Fund” (TPF). This fund is for local authorities to allocate, working collaboratively with local communities, together with business and the third and public sectors, to support shared local plans and aspirations.
- 1.3 The Scottish Government’s guidance note outlines various themes that the Place Fund is expected to address, including:
 - Development of 20-minute neighbourhoods;
 - Town Centre regeneration;
 - Community led regeneration and community wealth building;
 - Achieving net zero;
 - Promoting well-being and inclusive economic development which tackles inequality and disadvantage.

2 Funding Award and proposed funding streams

- 2.1 To date Glasgow City Council has been allocated £6,916,000 (£3,699,000 for 2021/22 and £3,217,000 for 2022/23). A range of projects have been successful in securing funding through this programme. Some have been directly undertaken by the Council and others through open grants calls, with Committee advised of progress in [December 2021](#) and [February 2022](#).
- 2.2 The Committee approval in February 2022 included projects which would be funded from 2 separate financial year allocations, with the second years’ allocation being contingent on GCC receiving funding from the Scottish Government. The Committee paper also contained a commitment to open a second round of calls for grant funding for the 2022-23 allocation of Scottish Government funding. Table 1 below shows the funding awarded for both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 allocations.

Table 1: Funding allocation 2021 - 23

Project Name	Organisation / Partnership	21-22 Award	22-23 Award	Total
Income				
Place Fund	Scottish Govt	£3,699,000	£3,217,000	£6,916,000
Expenditure				
Laurieston Community Rooms	New Gorbals HA	£266,234	£0	£266,234
The Braes, Castlemilk	Scotsman Group	£2,000,000	£1,350,000	£3,350,000
Parkhead Pantry Garden	Parkhead HA	£68,982	£0	£68,982
Ruchazie Café	Growing 21	£126,392	£43,608	£170,000
Queensland Community Park	Southside HA	£389,135	£0	£389,135
Carbon Free Govanhill	Govanhill Baths Community Trust	£36,939	£0	£36,939
Hamiltonhill Green Infrastructure Project	Queens Cross HA	£304,845	£0	£304,845
Tollcross Winter Gardens	GCC - PCS	£250,000	£0	£250,000
Old Dumbarton Road	K+YCV - GCC	£0	£900,000	£900,000
Treehills Community Supermarket	Feeding Britain	£246,473	£0	£246,473
<i>Legal and Technical fees</i>		£10,000	£5,000	£15,000
Total		£3,699,000	£2,298,608	£5,997,608
Balance/ Unallocated Funds		£0	£918,392	£918,392

2.3 The table above shows that of the £6,916,000 received from the Scottish Government there remains a balance of £918,392 uncommitted to projects.

3 Application and Assessment Process

3.1 In continuation of this programme, a second open grant call was made in September 2022 to allocate the balance of funding available for 2022-23 of £918,892 (noted in 2.3 above).

3.2 The short application form asked applicants to summarise their proposed project; demonstrate alignment with “The Place Fund” aims, that projects would be in a

position to claim funding for 2022/2023; and to outline project costs and funding required.

- 3.3 By the closing date at the end September 2022, 25 applications, requesting a total of £6.1m, were received.
- 3.4 Officers assessed applications for alignment with The Place Fund, site ownership and deliverability within the 2022/2023 financial year. Projects already in receipt of funding from other Scottish Government Regeneration Unit funds e.g. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, Vacant and Derelict Land Fund, Town Centre Fund, Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme and previous rounds of Place Fund, were not prioritised and would be redirected to other sources of funding. Additionally, applications had to be substantively for capital works, and therefore projects seeking only revenue funding were not considered.
- 3.5 A total of 16 applications (totalling £4.5m) were shortlisted for further consideration. They were scored against a set of weighted criteria, including SIMD characteristics, alignment with The Place Fund objectives and Council Plans (e.g. Strategic Development Frameworks, Transformational Regeneration Areas), meeting evidenced community need and demand, tackling food inclusion and also other cost of living issues. This exercise produced a recommended list of projects which the Council could support.
- 3.6 The recommended list of projects and the methodology behind it, was presented to a panel of senior officers on 6th December 2022. Following discussion at the panel and further checks of the relevant applications, a list of projects recommended for funding was compiled.
- 3.7 Projects recommended for funding and their proposed allocations from The Place Fund in 2022/2023 are described in Appendix A.
- 3.8 Committee is asked, firstly, accept the allocation of £3,217,000 from Scottish Government for 2022/23 as noted in 2.1 and to approve the proposed funding awards as contained in Appendix A.
- 3.9 Scottish Government has indicated that further allocation of funding will be made for 2023/24 and a similar report to this one will be brought to a future committee for approval which will focus on alignment of Place Fund with delivery of Liveable Neighbourhoods.

4 Project delivery and future funding rounds

- 4.1 GCC will enter into legal agreements with the successful grant recipients, to ensure timeous and efficient delivery of projects.

NOTE - A small amount of grant is proposed to be set aside for specialist legal and technical support for projects, as noted in Appendix A. Regular project monitoring reports will be undertaken, and reported both internally and to Scottish Government.

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: Glasgow City Council has been allocated £6,916,000 (from two separate allocations) from the Place Fund. This is being administered through GCC as the main partner, working with other partners to deliver on activities as appropriate.

Legal: GCC Legal Services will conduct due diligence on the process to provide partnership grants to organisations to help deliver on the key objectives of this project.

Personnel: Personnel resources required to assist in the delivery of the overall programme will be supported through existing project resources.

Procurement: No specific procurement matters.

Council Strategic Plan: The following Strategic Plan outcomes are supported:
Grand Challenge 1 – Reduce Poverty and inequality in our communities - Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities and Mission 4: Support Glasgow to be a city that is active and culturally vibrant
Grand Challenge 2 – Increase opportunity and prosperity for all our citizens - Mission 2: Support the growth of an innovative, resilient and net zero carbon economy
Grand Challenge 3 – Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow – Mission 2: Become a net zero carbon city by 2030
Grand Challenge 4 – Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities - Mission 1: Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's

Yes – generally supportive.

Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.

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

No significant impact.

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

The Fund is targeted at areas of socio-economic disadvantage. Projects will improve the physical environment, address social issues, and increase economic activity.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

Projects will support the following Climate Plan Themes:
Theme 2: Just and Inclusive Place.
Theme 3: Well Connected and Thriving City
Theme 4: Health and Wellbeing.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Reduced carbon emissions as a result of a focus on 20 Minute neighbourhoods and local living; promotion of active travel; reduced food miles through local growing initiatives and improvements to energy efficiency of premises.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Yes – all projects have been assessed against how they contribute to meeting net zero.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

None.

6 Recommendations

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