



Item 4

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Govan Area Partnership
Report by Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council**

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Community Budgeting

Purpose of Report:

To update members on the 2nd phase of Community Budgeting events held across the city and provide specific information on the South Sector.

Recommendations

Area Partnership members are asked to:

1. Note this progress report;
2. Consider hosting further Community Budgeting events; and
3. Consider establishing a Community Budgeting Sub Group.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities:

Specify which priorities this report is in relation to and which underlying principles support the development activity.

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SOA <i>Vulnerable People; Preventing Homelessness</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA Principle <i>Equality</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report outlines progress with implementing Community Budgeting (CB) in Glasgow with regard to the Area Partnerships (AP). The report will provide an update on the 2nd phase of CB events held across the city and provide specific information on the South Sector.

2. Background

- 2.1 The background to CB in Glasgow was previously provided to the South Area Partnerships.
- 2.2 In February/March 2016, all 21 AP across the city agreed to adopt a CB approach into their process for allocating a proportion of their Area Budgets. The 1st phase of CB events ran in April 2016 and evaluated positively.
- 2.3 A 2nd phase of CB events were run in January 2017 across 8 AP, with four of these being in the South; Govan; Langside; Newlands / Auldhouse; and Southside Central. The following table provides an overview of CB progress over phases 1 and 2:

2016/17	Phase 1	Phase 2	Total
Value of applications received	£476,615	£216,473	£693,088
Amount of funding allocated	£209,572	£111,228	£320,800
Number of funding applications received	217	90	307
Number of successful applications	119	73	192
Number of events	21	8	29
Number of people attending	1,011	726	1,737
Number of people voting	589	439	1,028

3. 2nd Phase Event – Govan

- 3.1 The 2nd phase CB event was held in Clyde Hall, Whitefield Road and took place on Wednesday 25th January 2017, between 6:00pm and 9:00pm.
- 3.2 The event was well attended with 77 residents registered to vote, although actual attendance approached 150. A number of AP members supported the event by volunteering to take on roles including meeting, greeting, and announcing the successful projects.
- 3.3 There were nineteen project bids amounting to £28,813 and there was £25,000 available funding, so there was a competitive element for the project bidders. The £25,000 available funding was made up from Govan Area Partnership - £8,000; Rangers Charity Foundation - £5,000; and Poverty Leadership Panel (PLP) - £12,000. The latter two amounts of match funding (secured via dialogue and working links between partners) ensured the CB event could make a bigger impact and acknowledgement is duly given to Rangers Charity Foundation and Glasgow Homelessness Network (acting on behalf of the PLP).
- 3.4 It had been discussed with projects beforehand that the format of the event would lead to each project outlining their bid for a duration of 3 minutes with aid of a microphone only.

3.5 The following table provides the outcome from the public voting:

Rank	Project	Bid £	Award £
1	Govan School Pipes & Drum Assoc.	1,554	1,554
2	Ibroy Primary	1,000	1,000
3	Govan Youth Information Project	2,000	2,000
4	Share Scotland	1,521	1,521
5	Lorne Street Primary	600	600
6	The Govan Heritage Trust	722	722
7	The Gilded Lily	1,755	1,755
8	C-Change Scotland (Dates 'n' Mates)	2,100	2,100
9	Craigton Residents Action Group	1,749	1,749
10	Park Villa Football Development	1,190	1,190
11	Glasgow Action for Pensioners	2,000	2,000
12	Govan Workspace Limited	950	950
13	Family Addiction Support Service	2,500	2,500
14	The Preshal Trust	1,896	1,896
15	Govan High School (School Lockers)	1,640	1,640
16	Govan High School (Homework Diaries)	400	400
17	Bellahouston Plotters Association	2,500	475
18	Clyde Community Hall	1,216	474
19	Impact Arts (Projects) Limited	1,520	474
TOTAL		28,813	25,000

3.5 The outcome led to all project bids receiving funding, and sixteen bids receiving the full amount that they requested. This meant that although successful, the project bids ranked in the last three received a share of the amounts they bid for. It should be noted that although not all projects were fully successful on this occasion, they all actively participated in the event itself.

4. Evaluation

4.1 Evaluation and Equalities Monitoring Forms (appendices 1 and 2 to this report) were circulated as part of the CB event. The evaluation results from the 2nd phase improved significantly from those from the 1st phase with 96% of respondents indicating that their overall experience of the event was either good or very good.

4.2 It may also be of note that the Evaluation Form circulated at the Newlands / Auldburn CB was piloted as part of a wider approach to enable the CB event to link directly with the ongoing development of 'Glasgow's Participatory Budgeting Evaluation Toolkit' (currently in a draft form).

4.3 The 'Toolkit' is intended to support any individual or group in Glasgow that is organising a Participatory [Community] Budgeting activity with how to evaluate the process and collate evidence and information. It seeks to offer a 'pick and mix' approach so that organisers can select what should be evaluated depending on the size and scale of the planned event. The 'Toolkit' is being developed in partnership between Glasgow City Council; Glasgow Life; and What Works Scotland.

5. Community Budgeting Sub Group

- 5.1 Based upon experience from the two phases of CB events so far, which has shown that to deliver a CB event involves a significant amount of planning, it is recommended that AP members consider establishing a Community Budgeting Sub Group (CBSG).
- 5.2 It is proposed that a CBSG would comprise of current AP members, and that community resident participation should be clearly evidenced. An AP may wish to determine the number of members on a CBSG, however, the [CBSG] members themselves may wish to determine involvement from other individuals and organisations should there be a requirement for additional skills, experience or knowledge.
- 5.3 It is suggested that key features of CBSG members would be that their involvement in the group would be voluntary, and/or supported by community planning partners; and be based upon clear understanding that actions, associated with the planning and delivery of CB events, would be shared equitably.
- 5.4 An AP may wish to determine the number of members on a CBSG, however, the [CBSG] members themselves may be given autonomy by the AP to determine involvement from other individuals and organisations from time to time were there is a requirement for additional knowledge, experience or skills. It may also be considered an autonomous matter for the CBSG to appoint a chair to ensure that actions and responsibilities are being fulfilled; and to agree an appropriate meeting cycle for the CBSG.
- 5.5 The CBSG should be fully accountable to the AP, and should provide progress reports to the scheduled AP meetings as a rolling agenda item; it would be a matter for the AP to discuss whether any progress reports be written or verbal.
- 5.6 The CBSG could be viewed as a pro-active group which is responding directly to decisions by the AP to hold future CB events. As such, the CBSG need meet only when such CB events are agreed by the AP to be undertaken. It may be at these times that the membership of the CBSG is determined i.e. this would enable the AP to identify and/or appoint the most appropriate CBSG members (in turn 'refreshing' the [CBSG] membership).
- 5.7 Another consideration for 'refreshing' the membership is that the AP may wish to run future CB events along thematic lines e.g. health, community safety; employment; young people etc. Certain partners would therefore have areas of expertise, and may then be well placed to participate and/or lead on the planning and delivery of CB events.
- 5.8 The above proposal would be in addition to the support role that the South Partnership and Development Team has provided to previous CB events, but it would enhance the independence and authenticity of local CB events, as well as sharing the actions, associated with the planning and delivery of CB events, more equitably.

6. Recommendations

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