

North West Locality Committee

6.30pm, Tuesday, 19 June 2018

Community Grants Fund and Neighbourhood Environment Programme

Item number	7.2
Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	1 - Almond, 3 – Drumbrae/Gyle, 4 - Forth, 5 - Inverleith, 6 – Corstorphine/Murrayfield
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Executive Summary

This report seeks approval for the Neighbourhood Partnership recommendations on the award of Community Grants and selection of Neighbourhood Environment Programme projects made by Almond, Forth, Inverleith and Western Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Community Grants Fund and Neighbourhood Environment Programme

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Committee is asked to:
- 1.1.1 Approve the recommendations from Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) on the award of Community Grants and selection of Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) projects as noted in Appendices 1 - 4;
 - 1.1.2 Note the response of each NP to the suggestion that a proportion of Community Grants Fund (CGF) be used for Participatory Budgeting (PB); and
 - 1.1.3 Note that workshops on Participatory Budgeting are being arranged for members.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 25 April 2018 Committee considered the report [Neighbourhood Environment Programme/Community Grants Fund](#) and agreed that that NPs should make recommendations to the Locality Committee on NEP and Community Grants Fund (CGF) spending, and should consider introducing a PB approach to allocating all or part of these budgets.
- 2.2 The appropriate NPs have considered CGF and NEPs at their meetings on 22 May (Inverleith), 30 May (Western), 7 June (Almond), and 12 June (Forth) and their recommendations are noted in Appendices 1 - 4.

3. Main report

- 3.1 In addition to the specific recommendations included in the Appendices, NPs were asked whether they wanted to consider using a proportion of the CGF budget for PB, and if so whether they wished to pool this across the North West locality.
- 3.2 Views for each NP are noted below:

Neighbourhood Partnership	Recommendation
Almond	£5,000 allocation to PB within Almond NP
Forth	no allocation to PB from CGF
Inverleith	no allocation to PB from CGF
Western	£4,000 allocation to PB within Western NP

- 3.3 No NP was in favour of pooling CGF across the North West Locality for PB purposes. Some NPs have noted a willingness to engage in PB processes relating to mainstream Council budgets, but took the view that the CGF is not the best fund to consider for this purpose. Rather, PB should be considered in the context of the Council and Scottish Government's aspirations to allocate 1% of Council budgets through PB by 2020. PB workshops for members are being organised.
- 3.4 Committee should also note that at its meeting on 19 June Culture and Communities Committee will consider a report on the future operating model of CGF. If agreed, the report could increase the flexibility of future award of CGF, by removing the upper limit of £5,000 per award, and removing the requirement to allocate the fund geographically by NP.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The success of awards of CGF will be measured by the extent to which they benefit local communities, support the work of the NPs and further Locality Improvement Plan priorities.
- 4.2 NEP projects allow locally prioritised capital works which would not otherwise be funded to go ahead, and once complete should contribute to increasing the proportion of residents who express satisfaction with their neighbourhood as a place to live, and who feel that they are able to have a say on things happening in their area, as measured by the Edinburgh Peoples Survey.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The financial implications are outlined in appendices 1 – 4.
- 5.2 These costs can be met from within the allocated resources for CGF and NEPs.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There are no significant risk, policy, compliance or governance implications arising from this report.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Locality community planning activity contributes to the delivery of the Equality Act 2010 general duties of advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations, as evidenced through the engagement strategies and plans which involve working with all partners and members of the community.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 NEP projects improve the quality of the local environment.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Each NP encourages applications for CGF from suitability constituted community groups, and for NEP projects from community groups, community councils and elected members. Furthermore localised consultation is carried out with tenants and residents in the immediate vicinity of NEP projects which are prioritised. Discussion on the award of CGF and the relative priorities of NEP projects takes place at NP sub group or public meetings.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 CGF applications
10.2 NEP project papers
10.3 Neighbourhood Partnership minutes

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11. Appendices

1. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership recommendations
2. Forth Neighbourhood Partnership recommendations
3. Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership recommendations
4. Western Neighbourhood Partnership recommendations

Appendix 1

Almond NP recommendations

Community Grants Fund

Project	Award
Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association	£250
Queensferry Music Society	£1,335
Friends of River Almond Walkway	£2,550 (in principle)
Queensferry High School Parent Council	£1,110
Muirhouse Youth Development Group	£1,750
Ferry Amateur Swimming Club	£3,600
South Queensferry & Roseberry Hall CE Association	£3,465
Youth Decides	£5,000
Balance	£8,526

Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Housing Revenue Account)

Project	Estimated Cost
Inchmickery Court demolish garages & create bin areas	£6,000
Walker Drive, South Queensferry demolish garages and landscape/create parking area	£44,800
Birnies Court architect's fees	£7,800
Fidra Court Court renew hard landscaping	£47,300
Gateside, Kirkliston repair walls & upgrade footpaths	£25,500
Hillwood Rise, Ratho Station upgrade footpaths and steps	£24,900

Balance	nil
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Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Roads & Footpaths)

Project	Estimated Cost
Gateside, Kirkliston parking & speed reduction measures	£15,000
Barnton Grove improve crossing	£15,000
Bo'ness Road pedestrian crossing	£20,000 (in principle)
Balance	nil

Forth NP recommendations

Community Grants Fund

Project	Award
Edinburgh Diwali	£1,500
Ama-zing Harmonies	£3,000
Muirhouse Youth Development Group	£1,750
Royston Wardieburn Community Centre – North Edinburgh Connections	£788
Royston Wardieburn Community Centre – Spring Chickens	£3,000
Granton Hub	£3,000
Balance	£12,074

Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Housing Revenue Account)

Project	Estimated Cost
various addresses Ferry Road Drive/W Pilton Street – fencing and bin stores	£16,400
project prioritisation meeting to be arranged	
Balance	£283,088

Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Roads & Footpaths)

Project	Estimated Cost
Darnell Road (north side) –footway resurfacing	£7,000 (+ other funds to complete north side if required)
West Pilton Park - fencing	£43,000

Balance	Nil
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Inverleith NP recommendations

Community Grants Fund

Project	Award
Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Centre	£1,104
Blackhall St Columba's Church of Scotland	£1,074
Blackhall Lawn Tennis Club	£2,381 (subject to further info)
Blackhall Children's Sports Committee	£500
Stockbridge Inverleith Community Council	£1,800
Balance	£18,131

Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Housing Revenue Account)

Project	Estimated Cost
Maidencraig Court Car Park	£40,000
other projects to be identified	to be confirmed
Balance	£60,912

Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Roads & Footpaths)

Project	Estimated Cost
Buckingham Terrace Junction Closure	£5,000
Dylaw Pathway CCTV enabled lampposts	£5,000
Telford Road/House O'Hill Road/Drylaw Crescent junction improvements	£25,000
Warriston Path resurfacing and lighting	£40,000 (check contribution from Active Travel)
Easter Drylaw Drive footpath resurfacing	£45,000

Wester Drylaw Place footpath resurfacing	£15,000
Easter Drylaw Park off road parking	£8,000 (check if on HRA land)
Easter Drylaw Gardens new lighting column	£4,500
Hillpark Way footpath	to be confirmed
Orchard Drive footpath build out	to be confirmed
The Snakey	to be confirmed
Queens Road/Maidencraig Crescent steps	to be confirmed (check Active Travel contribution)
Balance	£18,500

Western NP Recommendations

Community Grants Fund

Project	Award
Corstorphine Fair Committee	£5,000
Friends of Gyle Park	£3,597
Edinburgh Diwali	£2,000
Youth Decides	£4,000
Balance	£22,968

Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Housing Revenue Account)

Project	Estimated Cost
South Gyle Gardens bin stores	£15,000
Clermiston Back Greens Phase 2	£85,636
Balance	nil

Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Roads & Footpaths)

Project	Estimated Cost
Drum Brae Crescent replace steps	£8,000
Drum Brae Drive widen road and create parking bays	£15,000
Old Colt Bridge public realm improvements	£10,000 (contribution to Active Travel project)
Clermiston pavement and road patch repairs (various locations)	£15,000
Drum Brae Drive road junction safety works	£50,000 (contribution to Road Safety project)

Gylemuir Park path improvements	to be confirmed
Clermiston Park path improvements	to be confirmed
Balance	nil