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Steering Group meeting on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 10am in Govan Home Team, 246 Edmiston Drive, Glasgow, G51 2YY.

Agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Who</i>
9.30-10.00	Teas, coffees	All
10.00-10.05	1. Welcome, introductions	Councillor Bell
10.05-10.15	2. Note of the last meeting (attached) and matters arising	All
10.15-10.30	3. Locality planning in Glasgow (presentation)	Jonny Pickering (Locality Planning Officer)
10.30-10.40	4. Community Connector (verbal update)	Yvonne Reilly
10.40-11.00	5. (i) Theme group responses to issues raised at the World Café on 7 th November (verbal update) 5. (ii) Theme leads session on 19 th December 2019 (note attached)	Theme leads Councillor Bell/Theme leads/Fiona Dickson
11.00-11.15	6. Community Conference update and discussion	Yvonne Reilly/Paul Lafferty/Helen Kyle
11.15-11.25	7. Govan Participatory Budgeting initiative (attached)	Paul Lafferty
11.25-11.45	8. Bringing it all together: the refreshed Locality Plan for Govan: (presentation)	Councillor Bell
11.45-12.00	9. Questions, discussion; Date of next meeting	Fiona Dickson
12.00	Lunch	

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Govan Thriving Place Steering Group meeting held on 7th November 2019 at 10am in Govan Home Team, 246 Edmiston Drive, Glasgow, G51 2YY.

Present: Councillors Richard Bell (Chair), Stephen Dornan and Allan Young Bailie John Kane; Allan Bell (Govan Community Council); Avril Williamson (Ibrox/Cessnock Community Council); Deirdre Gaughan (CGAP); Alice Connelly (Govan East Community Council); Moya Crowley (Plantation Productions); Fiona Dickson and Yvonne Reilly (GCC Community Empowerment Services); Gary Dalziel (Elderpark HA); Irene Campbell (Linthouse HA); Jim Fraser (Elderpark HA); John Casey and Paul Lafferty (HSCP); Traci Kirkland (Govan Community Project); Connal Cochrane (Rangers Charity Foundation); Stevie Scott (GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability); Alan Leslie (Friends of Elderpark); Martin Wright and Gary Maguire (Glasgow Life); Neil McIntosh (NSPCC); Bryony Robinson (CGAP); Gerry Keogh (Unlock Employment); Johnny Hendry and Julie Craig (Aberlour); Helen Kyle Community Resident and STAGE (Scottish Talent Across Generations Events); James Wilson; Sheila Thomson (Community Links Project)

Apologies: Fiona McTaggart (Govan HA); Susan Hanlin (CGAP); Elaine Cooper (SURF); Charli Griffin (Glasgow HA); Dorothy Graham (Gal Gael); Laura Moran and Jim Kane (GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability); Michelle King (Aberlour); Davy Paterson (Riverside Halls)

Item	Title	Summary	Action/ Decision
1.	Welcome, introductions	Councillor Bell welcomed all to the meeting and said that the focus would be on the seven theme action plans and what we will do next to bring all of these plans and our overarching actions into one plan for Govan Thriving Place.	
2.	Note of meeting on 29 th March 2019	Approved subject to the following amendment: Karen McNiven said that the HSCP may have some funding to support participatory budgeting although this would need to link in with our procurement processes and the city council. HSCP is happy for any under spend from NHS funding for Govan community connectors post to support this area of work.	Fiona Dickson to amend minute
3.	Final Draft Terms of Reference	Fiona provided an overview and noted that, as requested at the last meeting, the following have been added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inclusion of East Govan; a map of Govan Thriving Place and; narrative on reporting by the theme groups. <p>A section has also been added to include 'Values and Ethos'. The Steering Group still needs to collectively agree these. The Terms of Reference were approved and the following members agreed to work with Fiona Dickson to develop a draft ethos and values for consideration by the wider Steering Group:</p>	

		<p>Allan Bell; Avril Williamson; Deirdre Gaughan, Alice Connelly; Irene Campbell</p>	<p>Fiona to set up meeting/email trail</p>
<p>4. Community Connector update</p>		<p>Yvonne Reilly advised that she took up the Community Connector Post on a temporary 6 month secondment on 1st October 2019.</p> <p>The key role of the post is to co-ordinate and facilitate delivery of the Building Connections Thematic Group Action Plan. The plan will put in place ways which the community can find out what is happening in Thriving Places, how they can be involved and how Thriving Places is making a difference to their lives.</p> <p>Central to the work of the Building Connections Group is 'social connectedness' recognising that it is through connections, that people can begin their journey to build confidence, skills and self-belief and ultimately having more control over their lives.</p> <p>The Building Connections Action Plan therefore focusses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connecting people to each other, community groups, community organisations and services - Ensure that information is easy to access, is out there in engaging formats and reflects the diverse community that Govan is - Make Thriving Places known to people – what it is trying to do and how they can get involved and; - Exploring ways in which Thriving Places can have a physical presence in the community eg shop front premises, information stalls and/or TP newsletter - <p>Quick wins to date include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a Thriving Places pop up stall with scheduled times in Govan Cross Shopping Centre. This is proving to be a useful tool for engaging with local people on Thriving Places themes, ideas about the upcoming TP Community Event in March 2020 and publicising local projects, groups and organisations. The stall will be taken to Ibrox Library and Elderspark Library in 2020. - Negotiation with Lisa McAlinden Manager of Govan Shopping Centre has led to the re-installment of the Community Information Noticeboard within the centre - Thriving Places Pop Up Banners have been funded through the TP Budget; - Meetings and visits connecting with local community groups, organisations, services, community councils, churches to talk about the Community Connector role and share information about Thriving Places and what it is trying to achieve. - Agreement that the Govan Networking Breakfasts will have a Thriving Places theme going forward; 	

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		<p>- Early discussion on the TP Community Event scheduled for March 2020. Yvonne is keen to pull together a working group to progress this.</p>	
5.	<p>World Café</p> <p>3 x Half Hour discussions</p>	<p>Sessions were facilitated as follows:</p> <p><i>Arts and Heritage</i> – Alan Leslie <i>Building Connections</i> – Yvonne Reilly <i>Learning for Life and Work</i> – Martin Wright, Connal Cochrane (Theme leads) Bryony Robinson and Gerry Keogh (leads for Jobs Match sub group) <i>Govan Positive Communities</i> – Bailie Kane <i>Food for Good</i> – John Casey <i>Children and Families</i> - Neil McIntosh <i>Young People</i> – Gary Maguire</p> <p>Councillor Bell thanked everyone for their contributions at the world café discussions and noted that the discussions had better reflected all the good work on the ground. The theme leads will factor in feedback from today into their action plans/approach and provide updates at the next meeting of the Steering Group.</p>	<p>All theme leads</p>
6.	<p>Govan Thriving Place Plan</p>	<p>Councillor Bell gave a presentation (attached) and outlined the timeline to March 2020:</p> <p><i>December 2019</i> - support the theme leads with refining and finalising the theme plans (e.g. in terms of consistency of format); including identifying actions that cut across themes and agreeing named leads that will work across the themes to avoid duplication.</p> <p><i>December 2019 and January 2020</i>: Communications, reporting and information proposals will be complementary to and dovetail with the work of the Building Connections Group; how we will measure progress; how we will sustain and grow community and voluntary sector engagement; how we will maximise resources for Govan Thriving Place; between the Steering Group and Theme Groups; between the Theme Groups and with the Govan community</p> <p><i>January 2020</i>: Draft Govan Thriving Place Plan to the Steering Group</p> <p><i>21st March 2020</i>: Community Conference</p>	<p>Cllr Bell/Fiona to arrange a joint meeting with the theme leads in December 2019</p> <p>Cllr Bell/Fiona/Theme leads</p> <p>Cllr Bell/Fiona</p> <p>Building Connections Group/Theme Leads/Yvonne Reilly</p>
7.	<p>Community Event update</p>	<p>Sheila Thomson, Yvonne Reilly, Paul Lafferty and Allan Leslie provided an update on behalf of the Building Connections Group</p> <p>The purpose of the event is to celebrate what is good in Govan and what the thriving place approach brings to this.</p> <p>Discussions so far are that the event:</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - should provide opportunities for discussion between residents and theme leads/groups/service providers; - should provide user friendly/understandable information for the wider Govan community on Govan thriving place; - there is an opportunity for the theme leads/groups to represent their work in a fun/accessible way at the event. e.g. 5 images and a caption for each theme and a 2-3 minute summary for example in a film; - important to reflect the wider geography and perhaps take a roadshow out post event. <p>Group discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it is important to manage expectations and not over promise to residents - only promise what we can actually deliver; - a steer for the theme leads/groups on what is expected would be helpful. 	
8. Resourcing	Group discussion – resourcing and context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand where the gaps are and where we need additional resources during 2020/21 and beyond; - Investigate how the Steering Group can become constituted and apply for funding directly as well as maximising funding that is available through organisations – including grants that they provide. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establish a funding sub group of the Steering group. To include organisations that have grants to allocate such as Glasgow Housing Association and other housing associations; and Glasgow City Council. - at a future meeting, clarify the links to participatory budgeting; the Sector/Area Partnership Review and the Locality Planning Review. What is or could be the role of Govan Thriving Place Steering group in this context? - at a future meeting, consider options on the future status of Govan Thriving Place Steering Group – e.g. becoming a constituted body. 	Cllr Bell/Fiona
9. Next steps, close	Councillor Bell outlined the next steps and timetable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>January 2020</i> – Govan Thriving Place Plan submitted to the Steering Group; - <i>February-March 2020</i> – final preparations for the Community Conference 	
10 DONM	Update: now Thursday 30th January at 10am in Govan Home Team premises		

Govan Thriving Place Theme Leads meeting on 19th December 2019

Present: Councillor Bell (Chair); Bailie John Kane and Laura Moran (Govan Positive Communities group) ; Fiona Dickson (GCC); Martin Wright and Connal Cochrane (Learning for Life and Work Group); Alan Leslie (Arts and Heritage Group); Neil McIntosh (Children and Families Group) John Casey (Food for Good Group); Gary Maguire (Young People's Group);and Paul Lafferty (Building Connections Group)

Apologies: Yvonne Reilly (Govan Community Connector/Building Connections Group)

1.0 Welcome and purpose of session.

Councillor Bell welcomed all to the meeting; thanked everyone for all of the hard work to date by the theme groups; and explained that the purpose of today's meeting was to discuss the wider strategy and priorities for Govan Thriving Place.

It was agreed that quarterly meetings between Cllr Bell, Fiona and the theme leads would be helpful. *Action: Fiona to schedule*

2.0 Bringing it all together

2.1 Govan Thriving Place Plan

Councillor Bell outlined the broad content which would include the legislative and strategic context; community engagement process and report; purpose, values and ethos; priorities and outcomes (summary of the theme priorities and the cross cutting priorities and a set of measurable outcomes).

It will also include the processes that we will put in place to deliver the priorities:

- Governance – roles, responsibilities, reporting timetable and standard template;
- How each theme measures progress and how we measure progress across the whole of Govan thriving place;
- Resourcing;
- Communications, information sharing, branding, marketing - a Govan TP Web site or Portal;
- Annual progress reporting via the Community Conference – first one 21st March 2020.

2.2 Group discussion, feedback and suggestions

Govan Thriving Place Plan to be next version of the Govan Locality Plan. *Action: Councillor Bell/Fiona/Jonny Pickering*

A meetings schedule throughout 2020 for the Steering Group and Theme Groups to be agreed that is made available on a Govan TP web site or portal. *Action: Cllr Bell/Fiona/Yvonne Reilly/Theme Leads*

Communications, Marketing, Branding:

- ❖ Strengthen the identity and visibility of the Govan TP brand and related activities – this should be within the community but also t in the various agencies and services

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that are working and contributing to Govan TP as this will help justify ongoing involvement and commitment. This should include what results are being achieved.

- ❖ Link the branding of TP with other emerging initiatives such as the relaunch of Clean Glasgow an associated local campaigns
- ❖ Secure expertise to assist with developing a communications/marketing plan and a toolkit to ensure that we have a planned rather than ad hoc approach; secure resources to deliver this plan (possibly using some of the balance from the Community Connector post funding). Agreed that where possible local people and organisations should be commissioned to deliver pieces of work. Build on/complement Yvonne's work as Community Connector and the work of the Building Connections Group
- ❖ Use existing avenues – e.g. Housing Associations could promote consistent messages via their PR avenues. This could be discussed and agreed at the Steering Group.
- ❖ The Building Connections group is developing a Marketing/Branding skills training plan for all involved in Govan Thriving Place

3. Theme Groups and Action Plans – the stories so far, successes and challenges

Govan Positive Communities – Bailie John Kane and Laura Moran

The group is using a different excel format for the action plan to better record and measure progress on mostly operational actions but these still relate back to the agreed strategic priorities and are in response to issues identified by local people. Includes a Red Amber Green (RAG) status for ease of checking. This is an internal mechanism to make it easier to record progress and highlight responsibilities for actions.

Successes:

Community Safety: formation of Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership Group to actively engage with young people through joint street work and activities. Partners involved: GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (N&S), Govan Youth Information Project, Police Scotland, Glasgow and Elderpark Housing Associations, Aberlour and Glasgow Life.

Environmental:

- introduction of Environmental Volunteers for local people to participate in local projects - will be taken forward by Charli Griffin, Glasgow Housing Association;
- program of schools and business clean ups. Provided by GCC N&S;
- Reinvigorating the Neighbourhood Improvement Volunteer scheme in Govan.
- Community Payback has undertaken various environmental clean ups within Govan.
- Distribution of "See something, Say something" cards to encourage reporting of issues.

Challenges: how we demonstrate that this theme and others are adding value to what individual service providers are established to do. Address this in the narrative for the Govan Thriving Place plan and in the theme plans and provide examples (e.g. services focussing resources and staffing in Govan; added dimensions to existing roles such as linking to community development). Meanwhile, for this theme, Bailie Kane and Laura will meet early in 2020 to discuss this issue further.

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Learning for life and Work – Martin Wright and Connal Cochrane

Two outcomes and four priorities have been agreed. The priorities are – Volunteering; Learning; Employment/Employability and Processes with a dedicated action plan for each. Specific target groups are included such as young people, families and those who have been in the criminal justice system.

Successes:

- A major success is the number of partners that are involved with a regular attendance of up to 25 organisations at meetings that have been held six weekly. All have actively contributed to the content of the action plans.
- An early success is Govan Jobs Match initiative which was established and resourced under Govan Thriving Place in March 2019. This initiative has helped many people in Govan into jobs who may not otherwise have had the opportunity.
- Added value is brought through improved coordination and joint working across all three priorities and the allocation of additional resources where required (as in the case of Jobs Match). The audit of learning provision will evolve into a Govan directory of learning provision which will be accessible to learning providers (to improve joint working and minimise duplication) and learners who can more easily find out what is on and where.
- A recent success is a new partnership agreement between Glasgow Life and Govan High School which it is hoped can be extended to Bellahouston Academy. The partnership is open to all organisations and meets again on Wednesday 29th January, 9.30am at Govan High School. The aim of the partnership is to forward plan with Govan High to enhance the learning offer and aim to close the attainment gap. Digital access is a sub priority under learning. This dovetails with Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council digital strategies. A Govan Digital Forum is being created to map out and join up the use of digital resources (equipment and premises) - improving access to and usage by organisations and residents in Govan.

Challenges:

- Reporting Framework for all thematic groups to the Steering Group – format, frequency, measures of success against our action plans. We need clear guidance, timescales and methods of reporting.
- Having baseline information is important for measuring success, but having reliable baseline information for certain areas of activity may take some time or be unrealistic in some cases.
- The scale of our theme is significant, which represents both an opportunity and a challenge. We need to be realistic and to focus upon where our work will bring added value.
- Communications – both between members of the Thematic Group and across Thriving Places generally, as well as the outward facing communications with the residents of Govan on existing opportunities and progress generally. A communications strategy may be beneficial for Govan Thriving Place in order to develop brand consistency, boost visibility across the area and in turn, engagement.

Children and Families: Neil McIntosh, NSPCC

Janet McCulloch, HSCP Head of Children's Services, is the new chair of the Together for Childhood Partnership which has extended its remit to coordinate the 'Supporting Children and Families' priority of the Govan Thriving Places Action Plan. The group has expanded its

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membership to reflect Govan thriving place priorities and it now includes Home Start Glasgow South; Govan Help; Aberlour; and Govan Community Project

Successes:

- The Circle of Security parenting intervention pilot project was run in 5 cohorts and was so successful (with all participants from Glasgow City Mission engaging until the end of the programme and providing direct positive feedback) that it will now be offered universally to all parents in Govan.
- A partnership approach to people's rights – are organising events for parents. 'Know Your Rights for Wee Govanights' focussed on income maximisation for families. Further themed events are planned.
- Scottish Mental Health First Aid; Young People is being delivered to Glasgow Life employees. It can be offered more widely if required
- Currently recruiting parents for a Parents Advisory group
- 'Picture this; a Govan Childhood' exhibition now being turned into a book – launched in Feb 2020. The book will have a foreword from Sir Alex Ferguson and First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon

Challenges: a big challenge is the impact that universal credit is having on families and the predicted increase in child poverty. Trying to make sense of and dovetail with all the related children and families plans across Glasgow is also challenging.

Young People – Gary Maguire

The group meets monthly and has a core group of 16 partners. The plan has 25 specific actions over 8 outcomes and a tracker to measure impact – this is circulated to partners in advance of meetings to give them time to prepare an update. Co-production of services is the key ethos and the group has a brand.

Successes:

One of the successes is the upskilling of youth projects and organisations via training on:

- Street work
- Intro to youth work (delivered by Youth Scotland)
- Self-evaluation training – following the HMiE inspection feedback
- Mental Health First Aid training

This was the first theme plan that was produced and agreed by the Steering Group - in May 2019 - so the group will start to think about an annual progress report

Challenges: our main challenge moving forward is funding as projects don't know what position they will be in come April 2020

Building Connections and Community Connector update – Yvonne Reilly provided this update post meeting

The Building Connections Group Action Plan has 2 objectives:

- to connect with the communities of Govan to ensure they are aware of Govan Thriving Places and how they can get involved: and
- to connect with organisations operating in or relevant to Govan, to ensure they are aware of Govan Thriving Place and how they can get involved.

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The Community Connector and partners have begun the process of delivering on both the above objectives and an update is provided below:

- A pop up Thriving Places Stall is set up in the Govan Cross Shopping Centre once every 4 weeks with the purpose of engaging local residents on what Thriving Place is and what it aims to deliver, to feedback on the TP community consultations and to encourage involvement in the planned TP Community Event planned March 2020. Dates are also arranged for Ibrox and Elderpark Library in 2020
- Three Thriving Places Banners have been purchased; 1 has been placed in the main foyer of the Pearce Institute, 1 will be placed in Elderpark and Ibrox Libraries; and 1 will be used as a pop up
- The Govan Shopping Centre Manager has agreed to re-install the Community Information Notice Board in early 2020
- The Community Connector attended all Community Councils meetings in November/December 2019 to introduce the new Community Connector post and to welcome members to share ideas and suggestions
- Met with 33 organisations/partners including the Govan Reminiscence Group & Linthouse Monday Group, to share information on Govan TP and develop links
- A Govan TP Community Event – details later
- Initial scoping for establishing shop front premises in Govan, includes visits to East Renfrewshire Market Place shop fronts Barrhead & Newton Mearns Shopping Centre
- Early discussions to look at and application to Community Job Scotland with the purpose of employing a local resident to manage/design a TP Website Page, Jobs Match Website and Govan's Volunteer Bank Website.

Arts, Heritage & Wellbeing Theme Group

The Arts, Heritage & Wellbeing theme group was initially established to help co-ordinate, support and promote existing and new community events across the Govan Thriving Place area. The group is facilitated by Plantation Productions, building on their lead role in undertaking Govan Thriving Place community engagement (Govan Thriving Place Community Engagement Report, October 2017). In early 2019 the participating organisations agreed to rename the group the Arts, Heritage & Wellbeing Group, and become one of the seven themes identified under the Govan Thriving Place programme. To date, representatives of circa 30 organisations have attended meetings of the group

The group will:

- map organisations delivering arts and heritage activities in Govan to facilitate joint working;
- establish a calendar of community events, based on established annual events (e.g. The Govan Fair, Govan HA's Fun Day, CommuniT-in-the-Park and Govan Loves Christmas), supporting these and establishing new complementary events and activities, including the proposed new Govan Thriving Place Community Conference. Helping to secure resources for events on the calendar would become part of the role of the group and, in addition to the benefits of such a calendar of events for Govan, this should increase the opportunities to promote the wider Govan Thriving Place initiative and publicise and celebrate its successes.

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Successes

- A new activity supported by Govan Thriving Place seedcorn funding, driven by Make Do & Grow is 'Govan Window Wanderland', a fun community event, centred on the creation of displays for street-facing windows throughout Central Govan, which will take place on Saturday 22nd February 2020.
- Another new activity is Mrs Elder's Glorious Gift project, sponsored through CGAP, and managed by Glasgow Buildings Preservation Trust, which comprises a range of creative activities to be rolled out in 2020 in association with the refurbishment of Elder Park's main gates and the K13 monument.

Challenges:

- key to the success of the Arts Heritage and Wellbeing Theme Group's plan is sustaining the established cornerstone organisations within Govan creative and heritage community. Applying for external funding to support these and other organisations under the Govan Thriving Place banner should be a strategic priority.
- future activity will need to involve a significant degree of cooperation on cross-cutting issues and activities, including communications, marketing and community engagement.

Food for Good – John Casey

The group meets regularly and new voluntary sector organisations and community members have recently joined, so membership is expanding. 4 new venues have been identified as those running these venues are keen to become involved with this theme:

- Ibrox Parish Church
- Go Vegan Govan
- Gilded Lilly
- Clyde Community Hall

Successes:

- Training has been provided on Food Hygiene
- Planters have been installed that will be maintained by Moogety Gardens.
- Early discussions are underway on the 'Pantry' model and Alan Davidson (GCC DRS) will be invited to a meeting to take the group through the model. It is important that this develops bottom up rather than being imposed top down so it will take time to scope out and discuss the viability and relevance of this in Govan.
- Currently in discussions with Queen Elizabeth University Hospital about using their surplus food for community meals.
- Will explore links with Glasgow University re: Water Row
- A bid has been submitted to Glasgow Communities Fund to continue the work of the group. Await the decision on this application.
- The group is looking to deliver courses using existing and new venues across the Thriving Place, where local people can sign up to them in a venue as opposed to the courses being put on after people sign up. This is a new approach and will be evaluated to iron out any problems that may arise. If the Community Fund application is successful, this would be the way forward

- There will be a number of Rehis Elementary Food Hygiene courses delivered before the end of March 2020

Areas of work for 2020: Glasgow City Food Policy Partnership will be meeting in early 2020 to form a 'Food Policy' for the city. John Casey is part of the city wide Community Food Thematic Group and will link up the Food for Good Action Plan with the city wide thematic groups and the Food Policy which is due to be launched in September 2020

4.0 Community Conference update – Alan Leslie and Paul Lafferty (and from Yvonne Reilly post meeting)

Date: Saturday 21st March 2020

Venue: Riverside Hall provisional

Sub group of the Building Connections group has been established to plan the event

Purpose/principles: to create connections, be family and community engaging and focussed; encourage active participation in activities, conversations, workshops; showcase what is working & what is good in Govan now; provide an opportunity for the Steering Group and Thematic Groups to feedback to the community on progress and plans for 2020; and be accessible - provide transport and a crèche; ensure event is accessible for all.

Funding: a proposal is being drawn up to use some of the available thriving place funding

Group Discussion: agreed that national and local funders should be invited; and that theme leads/groups should consider creative/different ways of communicating about and engaging on their theme at the event (using artists, film, etc.) – a designated space for each theme will be allocated. Feedback from the Building Connections Group as to what is required of the theme groups would be helpful. *Action:* Yvonne/Alan/Paul

5.0 Govan Participatory Budgeting initiative – Paul Lafferty

Paul updated on a PB initiative in Govan using funding from the HSCP. Planning will begin in January 2020. It was agreed that this should be added to the agenda of the Steering Group on 30th January so that Paul can provide them with an update.

Action: Paul/Councillor Bell/Fiona

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Govan Thriving Place Steering Group: 30th January 2020 Item 7.

Govan Thriving Place Participatory Budgeting Exercise 2020

Background

Community Budgeting (CB) is a generic term which covers a range of initiatives and approaches, and one of the most common approaches to CB is known as 'Participatory Budgeting'. Participatory budgeting is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget and is described in the following terms:

"Participatory budgeting directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending priorities for a defined public budget. This means engaging residents and community groups representative of all parts of the community to discuss spending priorities, making specific proposals and vote on them, as well as giving local people a role in the scrutiny and monitoring process."

Govan has had 2 Community Budgeting processes in the recent past. Both of which were based on Area Partnership priorities and facilitated by the Partnership and Development Team.

The voting events in the Pearce Institute and Clyde Hall were well attended and were rated a success by all who attended.

Govan Participatory Budgeting 2020

The HSCP Health Improvement Team has made £20,000 available for a Participatory Budgeting exercise for 2020 as part of its commitment to Thriving Places.

Rangers Charity Foundation have kindly agreed to hold and distribute the funding.

Community Groups and Third Sector Organisations operating in the Govan Thriving Place area will be invite to apply for up to £2000.

To be eligible, the application will need to address one, or more, of the Thriving Place Themes.

While the details have still to be firmed up, the basic idea is that the PB exercise will be part of the Community Event on 21st March.

Groups that make an eligible application will be asked to produce a poster of their proposal for the event.

At the event, participants will view the posters and they will vote for their chosen proposals using tokens. The successful projects will be those who receive the highest number of tokens.

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