

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee			
<b>Service Area</b>	Community Safety Commissioning Budget	<b>Lead Officer</b>	Cameron Mitchell Jonathan Read
<b>Stage 1 : Pre Consultation</b>			
<p><b>What are we asking the public for their approval on?</b>  As part of the 2021/2022 Council budget agreed in February, an allocation of £101,120 was provided to the South Lanarkshire Community Safety Partnership. The final Community Safety Partnership Budget for 2021/2022 was approved at the Safer South Lanarkshire Board in March and included a proportion dedicated towards a commissioning approach. This allows partners and services from across the partnership to develop projects and initiatives that tackle the partnerships five strategic priorities and respond to issues or problems raised by the public throughout the year.</p> <p>One project currently proposed by partners is to commission monies to contribute to the improvement of the skatepark located to the rear of the Dollan Aqua Centre. These improvements have been determined by users of the facilities and include new seating areas for families and lighting to improve safety and security.</p> <p><b>How much funding are we asking about?</b>  Within the total 2021/2022 Community Safety Partnership Budget of £101,120, the Safer South Lanarkshire Board approved the allocation of £61,687 to the commissioning aspect of the budget. The skatepark project has requested a total of £10,500 from this.</p> <p><b>Who are we asking?</b>  As the partnership is formed by a wide range of partners it is anticipated that a range of customer groups will be offered the opportunity to direct funds. This includes customers of the various Council, Police, Fire or third sector services as well as open consultation with the general public in particular areas where issues are identified or reported.</p> <p>In relation to the skatepark, existing users of the facilities have been asked to develop ideas to improve the area and make it more attractive to young people and families. In addition, young people who use the neighbouring facilities provided by Youth, Family and Community Learning Services were also asked what would make the skatepark area more attractive and feel safer to use.</p> <p><b>How are we doing this?</b>  Officers completed a range of consultation activities with existing users of the facilities, including online and face-to-face surveys as well as special ‘design sessions’ that sought to get ideas and discussions going between young people, their families and officers.</p> <p><b>When are we doing this?</b>  The budget is available for spending by Community Safety partners during the 2021/2022 financial year.</p> <p><b>When will we report back?</b>  Updates will be provided to the relevant Committee once funds within the budget have been fully allocated.</p>			
<b>Stage 2 : Post Consultation</b>			
Outcomes in relation to the participatory budgeting activity within East Kilbride for the 2021/2022 Community Safety Commissioning Budget will be provided to the East Kilbride Area Committee once completed.			