

## Update for Clydesdale Area Committee

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee			
<b>Service Area</b>	Estate Improvement Budget/HIP Environmental Programme	<b>Lead Officer</b>	Claire Frew
<b>Stage 1: Pre-Consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)?</li> <li>• How much funding are we asking about?</li> <li>• Who are we asking,</li> <li>• How are we doing this?</li> <li>• When are we doing this?</li> <li>• When will we report back?</li> </ul>			
<b>Estate Improvement Budget</b> <p>The Estate Improvement Budget totals £40,000 and is split across the 4 housing divisions of South Lanarkshire. Each Local Housing Management Team can direct the funding towards projects or improvements highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services. Although not a significant value, the budget is ideally suited for conversion to a participatory budgeting approach as often it funds a number of smaller projects that have been highlighted as a priority by customers. Examples of recent exercises include customer engagement on options for the type and design of new fencing and lighting.</p> <p>To date, three projects are being undertaken within the Clydesdale area in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the Glespin Community Garden.</li> <li>• Tree planting on vacant land</li> <li>• Improving outdoor spaces at Sheltered Housing sites.</li> </ul>			
<b>HIP Environmental Programme</b> <p>Engagement with tenants on the overall Housing Revenue Account budget for the 2022/2023 period, and the proposed level and focus of the Housing Investment Programme within this took place as part of the annual resource budgetary consultation process. The Environmental aspect of the Housing Investment Programme (the 'Environmental Programme') is a significant budget area that covers a wide range of projects that seek to improve the quality and energy efficiency of the council's domestic housing stock.</p> <p>Examples of projects within this budget area can include replacement doors and windows within properties, or redevelopment of communal areas in multi-storey buildings or sheltered housing facilities. Not all projects included within this budget area are suitable for inclusion of a participatory budgeting approach, however for those that are officers will ensure the required element of choice and voting opportunities are offered to customers and appropriately recorded.</p> <p>To date, two projects are being delivered within the Clydesdale area in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving fencing at Patterson Drive, Law</li> <li>• Improving the condition of vacant land managed through the Housing Revenue Account across rural Clydesdale</li> </ul>			

**Stage 2: Post Consultation**

- The outcome of the PB activity
- What happens next?
- Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)

**Estate Improvement Budget**

A total of £10,000 from the Estate Improvement Budget was spent in the Clydesdale division during 2022/2023 on a range of tenant priorities.

- In response to the findings from a survey of 50 local people by the Glespin and Douglas Community Council, new street furniture has been selected by residents for the Glespin Community Garden.
- In line with tenant priorities, tree planting is being undertaken as part of work to improve plots of vacant land that are managed by the Housing Revenue Account.
- Following a survey completed by 41 sheltered housing tenants, outdoor furniture has been purchased to encourage the use of outdoor spaces by tenants and visitors.

**HIP Environmental Programme**

A total of £150,000 from the Housing Improvement Budget was spent in line with tenant priorities in Clydesdale.

- In response to local concerns about significant anti-social behaviour and discussions with the local tenants group, it was agreed to install divisional fencing at Patterson Drive. Tenants will have/have had the opportunity to select their preferred style of fence to be installed. The installation is expected to be completed in 2023/2024.
- In line with tenant priorities about improving the condition of gap sites expressed through a residents survey undertaken by the Glespin and Douglas Community Council, an area of vacant land in Glespin is being used for a new community garden.

Officers from Housing and Technical Resources will continue to take forward opportunities within Cambuslang and Rutherglen to ensure tenants and other customers have the opportunity to determine the outcome of budgets within the Environmental Programme and Community Safety Partnership Commissioning Budget, with further updates provided to Committee.