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Area Partnerships - Revised Area Budget process (OFFICIAL)

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Email Message sent on behalf of Bernadette Monaghan, Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, Glasgow City Council.

Colleagues

Following Glasgow City Council's Emergency Committee meeting on [17th March 2020](#), all meetings of Area Partnerships were cancelled until further notice. A number of area budget grant applications had already been received for consideration at the April/May round of meetings, and further applications continue to be submitted.

We are keen to continue our support for community organisations during the current coronavirus pandemic, particularly where funding is sought to support vulnerable citizens or those self-isolating.

A revised process has been agreed, following consultation with Cllr Jennifer Layden, City Convener of Community Empowerment, Equalities and Human Rights, whose remit includes the Integrated Grants Fund and Glasgow Communities Fund, to continue the consideration of Area Budget applications in the absence of Area Partnership meetings. The revised process is detailed below:

1. Area Budget applications will be dealt with through a delegated authority process in line with the decisions taken at the Emergency Committee meeting on 17th March 2020.
2. Applications will be assessed, and recommendations reached, in the normal way ensuring good governance.
3. Area Budget reports will be prepared and submitted to each Area Partnership Chair for their comments.
4. Reports with recommendations and Chairs' comments will be submitted to Bernadette Monaghan, Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities in the Chief Executive's Department for decisions, in consultation with the relevant Area Partnership Chair.
5. The timetable until the summer of 2020 will be as detailed in the table below. This will be reviewed and extended if required.

Deadline for applications	Decision
Friday 3 rd April	Thursday 30 th April
Friday 15 th May	Tuesday 30 th June

2019/20 Area Partnership awards

We are also aware that these exceptional circumstances may mean that some groups have not been able to go ahead with what their grant was intended for or at the time it was

intended. We therefore want to allow flexibility where projects have a genuine reason for not going ahead at this time. Where there is a genuine reason, organisations should notify the local Partnership & Development Officer for the relevant Area Partnership by email or in writing explaining why the project could not go ahead as planned and indicating when they would expect to have the project completed. I appreciate that it may be difficult, at this time, to know when to reschedule events or activities but we are asking organisations to indicate a preference and we will continue to be flexible. Organisations should provide a copy of relevant correspondence when submitting their Final MS1 Form.

I would be grateful if you would share this information through your networks.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my colleagues Fiona Dickson (for Wards 2-5, 10-16 and 23; Fiona.Dickson@glasgow.gov.uk) or Derek Speirs (for Wards 1, 6-9 and 17-22 Derek.Speirs@glasgow.gov.uk).

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