



## Item 6

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### **Maryhill Area Partnership Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

**Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability**

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#### **Community Payback Services – Unpaid Work**

##### **Purpose of report:**

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the remit of CSG Community Payback Services, the nomination processes involved and the work undertaken in the Partnership Area (Ward 15)

##### **Recommendations:**

Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

## **Community Safety Glasgow Community Payback Services Unpaid Work - Area Partnership**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. Community Safety Glasgow (CSG) provides 384 unpaid work squad placements per week on behalf of Glasgow City Council Criminal Justice Social Work Services. CSG is one of 2 providers of unpaid work squad placements in the city, the other being Sacro.
- 1.2. Unpaid work is one of nine requirements available to sentencers as part of a Community Payback Order. The nature of the unpaid work should have clear, tangible benefits to the community and be meaningful to the individual.
- 1.3. Community Payback Order guidance from the Scottish Government states that unpaid work placements should not be used in situations which are likely to deprive others of opportunities for paid employment.
- 1.4. CSG at all times seeks to apply the above guidance, in its broadest sense, when considering nominations for unpaid work projects.

### **2. CSG Nomination Process**

- 2.1 To ensure that the process does not act as a barrier to individuals or organisations accessing the service, we have kept the information they are required to submit to a minimum -
  - Name of organisation
  - Address
  - Contact name / number / e-mail
  - Description of organisation and who benefits from the service
  - Details of site location
  - Details of work type
  - Is the nomination linked to anti-social behaviour
  - General comments
- 2.2 The information provided on the nomination form is considered against the criteria set out below
  - **Is the work of community benefit?** – *Does it improve community access to a facility? Will it improve the experience of the user group? Will it enhance the general appearance of the community?*
  - **Does the nomination enjoy broader support?** – *Other than the nominating person / group?*
  - **Do the nominating body have the necessary permissions to allow the work to be undertaken?** *Does the building / land belong to them? Is planning permission required?*
  - **Do we have the appropriate resources / skills required to complete the work satisfactorily?** *Given the skill sets of unpaid work clients and Payback Officers, is the project achievable?*
  - **Is the work safe to do?** *Are clients and staff at risk when carrying out the project?*
  - **Does the project deny others the opportunity for paid work?** *Has the organisation sufficient funds that would enable the project to be undertaken without the support of unpaid work?*

2.3 A Senior Officer from our Payback Service will arrange to meet with the nominating person or body to discuss and assess suitability of the project on site.

### 3.0 Prioritising Projects

3.1 Projects are prioritised according to many variables such as;

- Is there a Community Safety issue that needs to be addressed?
- Council specific initiatives – such as the Commonwealth Games.
- Chronological needs (open days, sports events, etc.)
- Number of requests received from that Partnership Area.
- Logistics (vehicle type, personnel, available skills etc.)
- Weather impacting on ability to carry out task.
- Weather dictating what tasks to be carried out – e.g. gritting activities.
- Date request was received.
- Deadlines set by funders – e.g. Area Committees.

### 4.0 Unpaid Work Activity – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

4.1 The table below details the unpaid work activity carried out in Ward 15

Ward	Location	Activity	Month	Client hours
15	Maryhill HUB	Environmental Enhancement (Grass Cutting, Internal Painting, General Gardening)	June / July / August / September / October	726
	Langa Street Nursery	Environmental Enhancement (Paving and Landscaping)	May	60
	Kelbourne Park School	Environmental Enhancement (General Gardening & Removal of condemned furniture)	June & December	84
	St Mary's Primary	Environmental Enhancement (General Gardening, installation of wooden furniture, clearing raised beds)	May / June / July / August	936
	Western Necropolis	Environmental Enhancement (Cutbacks of overgrown shrubbery and edging pathways)	July / August / September	4092
	Glenburn Street	Environmental Enhancement (General De-Litter)	November	30