

Dear Professor Winfield

**Decision Notice in Terms of Section 24 of Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
Participation Request submitted by Jordanhill Community Council on 14/09/17**

Jordanhill Community Councils (JCC) Participation Request was validated on **20/09/17**. An agreement was reached between Glasgow City Council (GCC) and JCC who agreed to “delay the issue of a Decision Notice in recognition of the complexities associated with the request and allowing completion of the work currently ongoing by the Dumbarton Road Corridor Environmental Trust.”

Outline of Request

JCC outlined the following outcomes in their Participation Request:

JCC requested to be involved in the community planning structure specific to Victoria Park and Open Spaces.

Outcome 1: Conservation Management Plan (CMP)

To provide an evidence-led baseline for design, interpretation and business responses. To interface with SCIO transformational planning and organisational change or alternate.

Participation Inputs – to provide community resources to:

- Obtain grant funding from Historic Environment Scotland and other partnering agencies.
- Under Scottish Conditions of Appointment of an Architect – SCA2014 being compatible with RIBA Plan of Work 2013 provide a Schedule of Services for procurement (tender action) by Glasgow City Council (Employer).
- Agree success criteria and weightings (cost and quality) with Glasgow City Council.
- Lead on tender evaluation and reporting to inform letter of award and debriefing of unsuccessful candidates.
- Manage Staged Delivery with reporting to Glasgow City Council (PRINCE 2 Methodologies).
- Lead in presentation of CMP to Glasgow City Council, Community Councils and Victoria Park Area Partnership.
- End of Contract Feedback and Reporting.

Outcome 2: Development Plan Stage 1 Implementation – Informed by Outcome 1: CMP

Objective: To achieve a Heritage Lottery Fund first-round application and development grant award. To interface with SCIO Transformational Planning and Organisational Change or Alternate.

Participation Inputs – to provide community resources to:

- Obtain target partnership funding of £65,000 from Glasgow City Council and other Partnering Agencies;
- Under Scottish Conditions of Appointment of an Architect – SCA2014 being compatible with RIBA Plan of Work 2013 provide a Schedule of Services for procurement (tender action) by Glasgow City Council (Employer). The Lead Consultant (Architect) shall appoint a multi-disciplinary design team.

Outcome 3: To assist in progressing the City Wide Strategic Parks Development Plan

Objective: Co-ordinate and input local Development Plan outcomes.

Background

A Victoria Park Community Placemaking exercise was commissioned by GCC to build on previous consultation findings and develop ideas to find a way forward together in collaboration with the stakeholders and community representatives of the surrounding areas.

Following the completion of the Victoria Park Community Placemaking process in February 2017, Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust, a local environmental charity, offered to facilitate a further series of meetings for a period of six months in order to further develop the Action Plan and the Development Plan that had been drafted by the consultants.

The participants attending the final Community Placemaking session agreed to accept this offer of further facilitation and the Victoria Park Working Group was created.

The Working Group is made up of representatives from the organisations that had participated in the Community Placemaking exercise. This included Jordanhill Community Council

Decision

Having considered the Participation Request fully and amongst other things the matters outlined Section 24 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, GCC is refusing this request. GCC's reason for refusing this request is as follows:

The guidance provided by the Scottish Government on Participation Requests states at 2.3 that such Requests, "are not intended to replace good quality existing community engagement or participation processes but are rather designed to complement and enhance them. Similarly, Participation Requests are not intended to be an extension of complaints procedures but should rather be viewed as an opportunity for communities to establish formal dialogue with public service authorities".

GCC considers JCC's involvement in both the process of Victoria Park community placemaking exercise and subsequent membership of the Victoria Park working group as being ample opportunity for JCC to be involved in the decision making regarding Victoria Park.

The Scottish Government guidance also requires that JCC has the wider support of the community. Point 3.60 states "The public service authority will want to know that the community participation body have engaged with the community as a whole, and that the proposals have broad support." Point 3.66 of the guidance states "there are often differences of opinion within communities and if concerns are raised during your engagement with the community and others, the community participation body should try to address them and show how they have done this. If community participation body is aware of other community bodies who are interested in the same outcome then they should try to work together and see if it is possible to agree a single request".

Having taken into account that the Victoria Park working group, whose membership includes four other Community Councils, is still active. GCC does not feel JCC has the support required of the wider community as outlined in the Scottish Governments Participation Request Guidance.

Based on the evidence above Glasgow City Council has made the decision to reject Jordanhill Community Councils Participation Request.

Yours sincerely



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