Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of 7th November 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Victoria Park Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) raised questions and concerns regarding the design and community engagement process to which Councillor Reid-McConnell provided an update;

(3) agreed

(a) in principle the £100.000 for the design costs and consultation process for the development at Thornwood roundabout and that a working group would be established to progress and monitor this work;

(b) in principle the additional proposed project to synthesize a technical analysis of the ward in relation to the infrastructure priorities with a community consultation throughout the whole ward, and to appoint an external consultant called New Practice, as detailed in appendix 1 and presented by David Rennie on behalf of the 4 Community Councils of the ward; and

(b) that the proposed project firstly be subject to a detailed programme and cost plan being developed by New Practice prior to commencement of the project; and a resolution be agreed as to how the project will be procured along with any other matters which may be raised by NRS; and

(c) that a working group would be created to facilitate conversations being made, to create a remit for consultants and to monitor progress of this ward wide project.

(4) requested that Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seek approval to allow the 4 community councils to commission an external company out with Council structure and for NRS to give an assurance that they will be able to deliver on the outcomes of the project following its end