Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted.

6 Further to the minutes of 21st November 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) highlighted

(a) that the Partnership had requested separate reports on what had been allocated and spent or completed;

(b) that the descriptions within the report should only be 1 or 2 lines;

(c) that plans for work carried out at Minto Crescent play area had not been shared with Craigton Community Council as requested, however benches had been placed there, which Kevin McCormick would address and ensure that future plans would be shared with the Community Council;

(d) that the timescales for projects should be advised when funding allocated as projects were taking too long to complete; and

(e) concerns regarding increased costs for completing projects due to the delay in completing the works and that the Partnership should not be responsible for the increased charges; and

(2) noted

(a) that Kevin McCormick would confirm the figures within the report and report back to the Partnership;

(b) that although costs had increased, the Council always tried to acquire best value for money and would look to seek funding from developer contributions to help towards projects and Kevin McCormick would update members regarding this;

(c) that a site visit would be arranged with the ward's Elected Members to clarify which projects had been completed or still outstanding; and

(d) that Kevin McCormick would provide an update on the costs for Maxwell Square Park play area and that NRS would consult with the community before putting plans in place.