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

12 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and of the commitments to date;

(2) that area partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded and that this funding was capital expenditure therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;

(3) that the Centre for Civic Innovation within NRS continued to develop a citizen engagement model to support that process, as well as assist with future initiatives to be reported seperately; and

(4) that a total of £6m had been redirected from the overall £23m NIF fund, to be topped up in future budget years, for road repairs.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised concerns in relation to the length of time commitments to date were being taken to complete, ie bollards at St Vincent Street, and what could be done to expedite such matters;

(c) requested that in future reports, the Executive Director of NRS provide a consolidated spreadsheet of all works that have been approved, with updated costs, as well as an updated schedule of delivery, including completion date for each project, or scheduled completion date;

(d) agreed

(i) to continue consideration of the request by NRS for funding of £20,000 at Somerset Place for footway resurfacing in order that further information could be obtained and reported back to the next meeting of the Partnership;

(ii) that the Partnership continue with its current approach to allocating commitments from the Infrastructure Fund; and

(iii) that community councils bring forward suggestions as to which projects they would like to see prioritised; and

(e) further noted

(i) that £602,000 had been committed to date, as detailed in the report; and

(ii) that an update regarding the Green Wall at St Patrick's would be provided by the Local Parks and Spaces team at a future meeting.