

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

**5** With reference to the minutes of 17th September 2024, there heard a report by Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Dennistoun Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

- (1) that requests had been made by the Partnership for road crossings to be considered at
  - (a) Alexandra Parade at Co-op/Iceland stores, which had been determined by NRS as the location not meeting the criteria for the installation of a controlled crossing due to the insufficient number of pedestrians crossing the carriageway and based on an examination by Police Scotland on accident statistics during the last 5 years; and
  - (b) Cumbernauld Road at Duke Steet Train Station, which had been determined by NRS as the location not meeting the criteria for installation due to 2 crossing junctions already existing nearby, with a controlled crossing at Duke Street less than 2 minutes walking distance away and that the introduction of another crossing would have a major impact on congestion and queuing at nearby junctions;
- (2) that Ark Lane would require Partnership funding to be made available for a design brief relating to any changes to the footpath;
- (3) that at Coll Place, further works had been scoped at the cost of £150,000 to complement the Children's Play area; and
- (4) of an update in relation to the Necropolis entrance upgrade, intimating that
  - (a) the Learning Quarter District Regeneration Framework had recommended that there be a new active travel link through the Necropolis which would require a new entry point, with the consultation process evidencing a range of views;
  - (b) that the active travel link was not currently one of the first year's priority actions in the City Centre Strategy, and that the intention of the City Centre Regeneration team would be to undertake further engagement with the elected members of Wards 10 and 22 in 2025/26 to obtain direction on how to progress; and
  - (c) Greenspace and Biodiversity would continue to liaise with City Centre Team, Friends of Necropolis and Parks Operations in relation to a range of opportunities to enhance this location in the interim.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;

- (b) expressed its disappointment that the update had not been provided as a written report and requested a report be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership on the progress of NIF;
- (c) raised concerns regarding the lengthy spacing between crossings at Cumbernauld Road and the placement of bus stops and requested a response in writing from the Council's Road Traffic Team; and
- (d) requested that
  - (i) as the Partnership were looking to develop a footpath over the existing path at Arc Lane, Councillor Casey requested an indication of the costs involved for this work and any design brief if required, which should be provided to him direct to allow this to be awarded under delegated authority prior to the next Partnership meeting;
  - (ii) that NRS provide final costings for projects at Coll Place to be completed before the Partnership could agree and approve funding and reiterated that NRS should carry out wider engagement within the community, as a number of parents of children who attended the primary school do not reside within the ward, with a report to be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership; and
  - (iii) that the City Centre Regeneration team be made aware that there could be potential NIF funding available from the Partnership towards the Necropolis entrance, however the Partnership would require indicative figures on the cost of the upgrade, assurance that any future design specification would include public safety aspects such as lighting and consideration of CCTV installation and that appropriate public consultation should take place; and
- (e) noted that Tam McQuilkin, NRS would arrange for an officer from the Council's design team to visit the Necropolis area to assess and provide provisional costs.