

## **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Community engagement update noted etc.**

**4** There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing the Partnership with a list of ideas for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) that had been submitted by community organisations in the ward and options for taking those forward, advising

- (1) that the purpose of the report was to bring ideas for spending the NIIF that had been generated by communities to the Partnership for consideration;
- (2) that those ideas that the Partnership wished to go forward to the next stage would be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Partnership would be asked to allocate funding;
- (3) of the next stages of the NIIF, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that community representatives had been gathering ideas for costing using a template based on the detail that NRS required and that when read alongside the previous agenda item on a progress update on the NIIF, the Partnership was able to see these ideas alongside any ideas that had already been costed, or costed and approved;
- (5) of all the ideas that had been gathered so far for the East Centre Ward, as detailed in the appendix to the report, which had come from local community councils, other community organisations, Local Place Plans and Liveable Neighbourhoods;
- (6) that if the ideas list was fairly short and covered the ward well, the Partnership could agree to submit those ideas for costing, however, if the list was quite lengthy and the Partnership was unable to shortlist it, it could be followed up with an informal meeting to prioritise ideas to get the list to a manageable size in advance of the next Partnership meeting; and
- (7) that the Partnership also needed to consider how they intended to make decisions about what to fund and choose one of the options, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed
  - (i) to progress those ideas outlined in the Appendix to the report; and
  - (ii) that any further ideas be emailed to Anita Moore prior to the next meeting of this Partnership on 27th August 2025.