

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

7 With reference to the minutes of 11th February 2025 noting an update regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and agreeing various action, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing a further update regarding the matter, 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 Pollokshields 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) would consider projects as costings became available to approve at the Partnership meetings;
- (c) agreed that the following project ideas should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by NRS, as detailed in the report,

- (i) the projects proposed by Craigton Community Council;
 - (ii) the projects proposed by the Elected Members, with costings for the bollards at Albert Drive to be removed with a maximum contribution from the Partnership of £80,000 on the installation of traffic lights at Shields Road;
 - (iii) the projects proposed by Strathbungo Society, removing costings for Balvicar Square, which would not be taken forward;
 - (iv) the projects proposed by Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council, holding the widening of the footpath at the railway bridge, pending enquiries with Network Rail;
 - (v) the improvement projects approved subject to a site visit to be carried out for the Local Place Plan proposals;
 - (vi) the joint projects between Langside Area Partnership and Southside Central to be continued for more information;
 - (vii) the projects proposed by Pollokshields Heritage; and
 - (viii) the projects proposed under Liveable Neighbourhoods; and
- (c) requested information regarding
- (i) the Active Travel report before agreeing projects; and
 - (ii) the decision by NRS to support hard structures and not maintain green spaces.