

City Centre Improvement Grant and Rapid Repairs project – Progress noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress on the City Centre Improvement Grant Fund and Rapid Repairs project, advising that

- (1) the City Centre Improvement Fund (IGF) contained 2 funding streams, namely Minor Improvements and Meanwhile Use and both funds aligned with the objectives of the City Centre strategy;
- (2) the Rapid Repairs project was designed to address urgent and small-scale repairs in the public realm that detract from the city centre experience, including issues such as damaged street furniture, broken paving and other minor but impactful defects that contributed to perceptions of neglect and blights;
- (3) a total of £1.8m of funding had been approved for the Rapid Repairs project, as detailed in the report;
- (4) to date the IGF had received 55 applications, with 13 having been approved, 27 were unsuccessful and 15 were currently under review and that the total committed funding was currently £211,964, which together with viable projects in the pre-application stage would bring the committed spend up to £497,206;
- (5) of the progress of the Rapid Repairs project to date; and
- (6) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the progress made to date and anticipated future delivery; and
- (b) that a final update and review would be submitted to committee in April 2026.