

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

5 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIF allocation across the Area Partnerships and the challenges faced by Partnerships regarding generation of ideas, timescales of the funds, community engagement and allocation;
- (2) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) would provide a progress report to the next meeting of the Partnership, which would include up to date costings and allocations for each ward, information on the new internal processes for NIF and templates for recording of ideas; and
- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIF allocations should continue, how the remainder of the £1m fund should be allocated and what support would be required from the Communities Team.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) that the Partnership had ringfenced £500,000 for lighting, footways, parks, sport, drainage, dropped kerbs and CCTV pending accurate costs from NRS, with the possibility of some costs being shared by other Area Partnerships should a proposal take into account more than 1 ward; and
 - (iii) that the remainder of the NIF would be allocated by the Partnership with wider community engagement, to include a meeting with all community councils in the ward; and
- (b) raised concerns regarding
 - (i) delays with NRS carrying out projects, which could result in increased costs; and
 - (ii) pricing for an incorrect street by NRS and noted that this should be addressed with the dedicated NIF team now in place.