

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

9 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 previously approved NIF funding totalling £20,000 for Sandwood Primary School, towards the refurbishment of a janitor's house into a nurture centre;
 - (iii) that should the Partnership wish a community engagement meeting with NRS, that could be arranged by the Communities Team; and
 - (iv) that the Partnership could request to view the NRS template prior to the April meeting to ensure all projects had been covered; and
- (b) raised concerns about projects originally proposed by NRS, which came under another ward and that proposals should be nominated by the 4 ward councillors and the community.