

**Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement 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 Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIIF 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 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 the NIIF and templates for the recording of ideas; and
- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIIF 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 the report; and
- (b) agreed
  - (i) that a more focussed meeting would be arranged in March 2025 to discuss proposals for the spend of the fund, asked the officer to make the relevant arrangements, and that any proposals would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership; and
  - (ii) that the remainder of the £1m fund be split with half to be spent this year and the remaining half next year.