

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

8 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 the NIF and templates for the 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 the report;
- (b) raised concerns in relation to the lack of progress;
- (c) agreed that the Partnership would revisit the list of proposals that had already been collated and welcomed any new suggestions that could be taken forward for costing;
- (d) requested that Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (i) arrange an informal meeting with Judith Hunter, Communities Team and the 4 Community Councils to discuss all proposed projects to see what could/could not be considered; and
 - (ii) provide clarity on the volume/number of potential projects that could be submitted by the Partnership for costings; and
- (e) highlighted that
 - (i) the Partnership already had good support and community engagement in place;
 - (ii) both Councillor Dalton and Councillor Jassemi were supportive of the 4 Community Councils in whatever they wished to choose; and

- (iii) that although frustrated with the process, the Partnership were keen to move forward with potential projects.