

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted – Proposed timeline approved – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

11 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the service reform of Community Empowerment Services, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the development of Area Partnership Plans, advising

- (1) that one of the key actions identified as a priority for the newly formed Communities Team was to support Area Partnerships in the development of Area Partnership Plans that would define local ward priorities and areas of need, highlight the resources and infrastructure available and ensure any future investment of resources were effectively targeted in response to the actions plans;
- (2) of the proposal to develop the action plans to leverage community-identified data and the work undertaken with colleagues from Strategic Information, Innovation and Technology in the development of Area Partnership dashboards, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the proposed plans would have clear strategic links with the Child Poverty Programme, Thriving Places and or Local Place Plans and Health and Social Care Locality Sector Plans; and
- (4) of the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) the suggestion that it would be useful to think about the long-term priorities for the ward rather than short-term priorities;
 - (iii) that as some projects were run within a neighbourhood rather than the Ward, there appeared to be a lack of available data and that more relevant data would be required to help develop the Area Partnership Plans;
- (b) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans during 2025/26; and
- (c) requested the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance to arrange a workshop in June or September 2025 for the Partnership to consider its priorities for the development of Area Partnership Plans.