Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted – Projects approved - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising

(1) that the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;

(2) that the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and

(3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed to

(i) approve

(A) Ref 03-015 – pavement resurfacing and reduce kerb hights at Househillwood area;

(B) Ref 03-024 – improved lighting in park at Househill park; and

(C) Ref 03-025 – directional lining and signage at junction of Priesthill Road and Peat Road; and

(ii) remove Ref 03-033 – SWAMP on Brockburn Road; and

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability take forward the new ideas below for costing:-

(i) Glenside Avenue stairs at both ends and pavements to be completed;

(ii) Southfield Cresent footpaths between Braidcraft Road roots of trees lifted paths;

(iii) Glen Kyle drive / green acres play park fix swings, renew play area surfaces, fix and renew gates and fence as required for safety, renew as required children’s equipment ropes on chute and rope ladder, paint over graffiti, ensure equipment is safe, no smoking signs and magnetic gates; and

(iv) Councillor William Graham, as chairperson had put forward that any remaining NIIF balance after item 3c (i, ii and iii) had been costed, to be put towards environmental improvements at the Brock Burn and surrounding open spaces in recognition of the work Kieran and Donna's team had put into tackling issues in relation to fly tipping, dumping and trollies issues; and

(d) Councillor William Graham had requested that a walk around should be arranged by Karen Docherty, Community Support Office with local NRS officers and NIIF team to prioritise a list of work required, in relation to the new ideas being costed as soon as possible.