Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Proposals noted etc. – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 With reference to the minutes of 7th September 2022 when the Area Partnership approved a range of projects, totalling £34,100 and that a, requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability submit a more detailed report of the breakdown costing for street trees and locations of the benches in the Thornwood area for consideration at the next meeting, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising of

(1) details regarding the walk-around in the Ward that had involved several members of the community at Marlbrough Avenue who had provided suggestions for the remaining projects that could be funded from the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund;

(2) the list of updated options for investment of this Fund and a breakdown of costs for the remainder of the funds totalling £8,900, as detailed in the report; and

(3) that since the papers had been issued a new project had been added to the list of projects to be concidered from Friends of Victoria Park totaling of £6,000 for a storage container.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised a number of questions in relation to the costs of individual trees and a suggested option to have a living wall;

(c) approved the funding of the projects totalling £5,750 as detailed in the appendix to these minutes;

(d) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to submit a further report with options for the allocation of the remainder of the funds totalling £3,150 to purchase smaller trees at a more affordable costs for the Thornwood area.