Development of Area Partnerships - Update noted – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

9 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding an update on the development of the Area Partnerships, advising

(1) of the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund could be spent based on the opinions of many local citizens;

(2) of the initial workshops that had been held to involve officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities, and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges, key stakeholders, people that need to be included and of the available resources;

(3) that a Steering Group and a Project Team had been established and 10 community councillors had been signed up to be “citizen designers”;

(4) of the high-level initial structure for the system that had been created, as detailed in the report and that final recommendations would be made to roll out across the city in June 2023; and

(5) of a revised terms of reference for Area Partnerships that now allowed for up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities approached Sanctuary Housing Scotland as well as the organisations who had already expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Area Partnership to discuss the role and to submit a report to the next meeting that included options for the representation of young people on the Area Partnership.