Development of Area Partnerships update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding an update on the development of 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 local citizens;

(2) that workshops had been held that involved officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges and key stakeholders etc that could be involved;

(3) that the next stage would be to test the system in the pilot areas by engaging citizens and Area Partnerships on their priorities and preferences for use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund;

(4) that once the development phase had been completed, final recommendations would be made on how the citizens engagement system could be rolled out across the city; 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.