Development of Area Partnerships update noted etc – Request to City Convenor for Communities and Equalities.

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

(1) the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation to co-design that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund would be spent based on the opinions of as 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 that a more detailed report be provided to the next meeting of this Partnership;

(b) highlighted concerns that an officer had not attended the meeting to speak to the report and that the community were not being listened to; and

(c) requested

(i) that this Partnership write to Councillor McTaggart as City Convenor for Communities and Equalities, with regard to issues raised by the Partnership and to request an extension to the timetable; and

(ii) that an additional meeting be held by the members of this Partnership with a representative from Community Empowerment Services to further address the issues raised by members.