Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastucture Fund, advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund that had been carried out;

(2) of the community engagement process to inform the decision making process for the fund and a pilot programme of work, led by the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation, to research existing systems etc and would be working with the City Policy and Corporate Governance Team to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report;

(3) of redirected funding totalling £6m to be topped up in future budget years for road repairs, with details relating to the ward confirmed within the appendices to this report; and

(4) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised concerns in relation to the procurement process that would lengthen the timescale of delivery and the need to pursue wider consultation and engagement with the local community for feedback on how to spend funds from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund; and

(c) requested that a report of the findings be provided from the 2 pilot areas in order to agree an approach to utilise the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund.