**Governance Framework – Amendment to Area Partnership meeting arrangements approved.**

**5** With reference to the minutes of 7th December 2021 approving proposals for a citizen engagement model to be developed to support the work of Area Partnerships and to empower communities to play a greater role in decision-making, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

(1) of the work undertaken in relation to the development of a citizen engagement model to inform the allocation of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF);

(2) of proposals to hold special meetings of the pilot Area Partnerships, namely Calton and Greater Pollok on 9th and 10th October 2023 to consider the outcome of the citizen engagement and consider allocating the NIIF; that as part of its budget setting for 2021/22, this Council has established a £23m NIIF with £1m being made available to each Area Partnership to allocate on capital expenditure which could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;

(3) that it had been agreed that the citizen engagement processes being developed for Area Partnerships would be used to gather the views of citizens in each Ward on how the NIIF should be spent, and that this work had progressed in 2 pilot areas;

(4) that between January and June 2023 a pilot programme of work was undertaken to research existing systems, identify opportunities and co-design and test possible solutions with citizens with a view to providing recommendations on how the model could be rolled out for NIIF city-wide;

(5) of the timeline for this pilot programme of work currently underway in the 2 pilot areas: and

(6) that ideas were currently being costed before local people vote on the preferred option for funding which would be presented to the Area Partnerships for approval.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the ongoing work to engage citizens on the allocation of the NIIF; and

(b) authorised special meetings of the Calton and Greater Pollok Area Partnerships in October 2023 to consider citizens' proposals on the allocation of the Fund.