Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Linn Infrastucture Fund, advising

(1) that the funding was a capital expenditure and could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, as detailed in the appendices to the report;

(2) 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;

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

(4) of a pilot programme of work, led by the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation, to research existing systems etc, as detailed in the report; and

(5) that the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation would be working with Community Empowerment Services to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) approved funding totalling

(i) £13,405 towards the costs for the 2023 festive lighting programme; and

(ii) £2,459.60 towards the cost of purchasing and installing 2 new picnic benches beside the Yew Walk in King's Park; and

(b) agreed that members of the Partnership would arrange a sub-group meeting to be held over MS Teams, to discuss potential projects across the ward for consideration under the fund, with the proposals to be discussed at the next Partnership meeting for approval.