**Canal Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Update noted - Consideration continued.**

**5** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the recommended options for spend towards Neighbourhood Infrastructure asset improvements, advising

(1) that following the recent budget allocation for the Council, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been allocated an additional £23m Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Area Partnerships to invest in repairs and/or improvements to existing or new neighbourhood infrastructure assets, which equated to an additional £1m per ward across the City, and that it was intended that this £1m of investment would be considered, consulted and informed by local communities and stakeholders into how it should be spent;

(2) of the aims and key themes that the investment would support;

(3) that as part of a public consultation, this Council had received and used feedback from stakeholders to assist in determining priorities for 2022/23; and

(4) that any potential investment idea that was considered must be able to be implemented on an area which was maintained at public expense or Council owned i.e. public open space, adopted roads or in relation to a neighbourhood asset which was already maintained at public expense, and was not available to undertake work on private land; and

(5) of a suite of projects to be considered in the Canal ward and which should be delivered by March 2024, and the next steps and timelines as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted and welcomed the report; and

(b) agreed

(i) to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting;

(ii) that the timelines to agree the preferred options for the additional Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Area Partnerships £1m asset improvement fund for the Canal Ward were unrealistic; and

(iii) that at its next meeting members would agree allocations to specific categories in order that officers could progress on that initial basis.