Southside Central Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Update noted etc.

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,

(1) advising

(a) that following the recent budget allocation for the Council, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been allocated an additional £23 million 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 as to how it should be spent;

(b) of the aims and key themes that the investment would support, as detailed in the report;

(c) 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

(d) that any potential investment idea being 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

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

After consideration, the partnership noted

(i) the report;

(ii) the concerns raised and comments made by Bailie Scanlan in relation to the content of the report; and

(iii) that following community engagement an updated report on the preferred options for the additional Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Area Partnerships £1m asset improvement fund for the Southside Central Ward would be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership for consideration.