North East Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Condsideration continued – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposed 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 £23m of funding from the 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;

(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, the 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 a suite of projects to be considered which were required to be delivered by March 2024 and the next steps and timelines, as detailed in the report.

After consideration and having heard concerns regarding the lack of community engagement and the proposed short delivery timescales, the Partnership

(i) continued consideration of the matter and requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to report back to the Partnership with a detailed breakdown of costs for each of the 29 options, detailed in the report; and

(ii) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability report back to the Partnershp with detailed costs of other options for funding from the additional £1m of funding awarded to the North East Ward from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund.