

Area Partnerships - Survey on area budget criteria – Proposals approved etc.

5 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the findings from a survey of Area Partnership members across the city on the criteria for area budgets,

- (1) advising
 - (a) that the criteria for funding from the area budgets had not been formally reviewed since 2015 and there had been concern that the criteria should be reviewed to reflect rising costs;
 - (b) of the practices that had become more prevalent over time that had been considered in the review of the process;
 - (c) that the survey had been available to approximately 400 Area Partnership members and substitutes over a 4-week period from 13th January to 10th February 2025; and
 - (d) of the proposals that had been developed from the responses received; and
- (2) detailing in the appendix to the report, the full results of the survey.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (i) noted
 - (A) the results of the survey on the area budget criteria; and
 - (B) that further work would be conducted on improving the area budget process including engagement with members of Area Partnerships; and
- (ii) approved the proposals contained in paragraph 8 of the report.