

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted – Requests to Community Councils and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising

- (1) that a report was submitted to Area Partnerships in August 2024 outlining the criteria of the NIIF and a process was agreed to ensure that all NIIF decisions were aligned to external audit requirements, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) that between May and July 2025, NRS had prepared detailed NIIF reports for each area partnership that included estimates for proposed NIIF ideas and spend to date, with estimated costs for NIIF ideas presented to the August/September 2025 meetings totalling £13,070,936.78 in estimates, that was more than half of the NIIF budget;
- (3) of a breakdown of spend and estimates that had been considered for approval at each area partnership, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) that NRS were currently formalising appropriate governance arrangements for the funding of murals through NIIF and were working closely with procurement colleagues to agree an approach for the delivery of murals; and
- (5) of the procurement legislation, continued management of the NIIF process and governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that
 - (i) a detailed report be brought to the next Area Partnership meeting;
 - (ii) Community Councils submit locations for potential new trees in the Ward to the next Area Partnership meeting; and
 - (iii) the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability include in the next NIIF report detailed maps outlining feasible locations for potential new trees in the Ward.