

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

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

- (1) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (2) at the April/May 2025 round of Area Partnerships, all previous records held by NRS were presented to the Area Partnerships for them to advise NRS of which they still wanted to be progressed Area Partnerships were asked to advise NRS of any requests that were missing from the reports and to submit any new requests for estimates, this had resulted in a total of 616 requests to be reviewed;
- (3) that between May and July 2025, NRS prepared detailed NIIF reports for each Area Partnership that included estimates for proposed NIIF ideas and spend to date, estimated costs for NIIF ideas were presented to the August/September 2025 meetings totalling £13,070,936.78 in estimates that was more than half of the NIIF budget and a breakdown of spend and estimates sent for approval to each area partnership prior to the last round of meetings, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report; and
- (4) in detail of the procurement legislation, continued management of the NIIF process and governance arrangements, as detailed in appendix 3 of the report.