

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 With reference to the minutes of 14th November 2025 noting the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) of the criteria for the Fund, as detailed in the report and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for costings;
- (3) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had now established governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report for the funding of murals through NIIF; and
- (4) of the progress to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report of the proposals which had previously been submitted for estimate, proposals requiring more information and a summary of the committed and actual spend to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) agreed not to approve any of the projects detailed in Table 1 until the estimates had been finalised, with the remainder of NIIF fund set to be committed at the upcoming April 2026 meeting;
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability remove references 16-018 and 16-019 as these projects should not have been tabled and were not ideas which were previously identified by the Partnership nor agreed by the Chair; and
- (c) noted that to date a total of £634,821.52 had been committed for NIIF projects within the ward and that the actual spend to date was £412,022.05, leaving a balance of £387,977.95.