

Community Engagement – Outcome of Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund Development Session noted etc.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, providing an update to Area Partnership on the outcome of 2 North East Development Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) sessions that had taken place on 3rd October 2025 and 23rd January 2026, advising that

- (1) a NIIF Calculator had been developed to assist members of the Partnership to allocate NIIF Funding, with options factoring in the population and SIMD of each community council within the ward, providing more clarity and rationale on how funding would be shared across the ward;
- (2) it had been agreed to proceed with a 75% population factor with 25% SIMD;
- (3) a map had been generated for each community council area, showcasing what had been allocated and/or proposed from NIIF up until that point;
- (4) after further discussion, no significant gaps remained that should be considered under NIIF and it was decided that no further proposals should be made at that point, although this could be revisited as proposals were costed; and
- (5) a prioritising workshop had taken place as part of the development session, where members identified the proposals that were deemed the most impactful for each area, so that these could be taken forward with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.