

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

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

- (1) the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;
- (2) the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and
- (3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) approved
 - (i) the additional funding of £33,770 for Festive Lighting 2026 to be deducted from the remaining balance of the NIIF; and
 - (ii) that the remaining NIIF balance of £42,871.82 be ring fenced to resurfacing of paths and pavements; and
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability arrange a walk around visit for Allison Street with particular focus on the paving at Allison Street between Victoria Road and West Moreland Street to investigate what works were required on the paths and pavements.