

Development of Area Partnerships – Update noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the development of the Area Partnerships, advising

- (1) of the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund could be spent based on the opinions of many local citizens;
- (2) of the initial workshops that had been held which involved officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Services to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges, of the key stakeholders, the people that needed to be included and of the available resources;
- (3) of the high level initial structure for the system that had been created as detailed in the report with the initial focus on the Infrastructure Improvement Fund; and
- (4) of the revised terms of reference for Area Partnerships that would allow up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership, with the North East Recovery Community (NERC)/North East Recovery Hub (We Are With You) and PEEK being proposed by members of this Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) considered the proposal of additional members to be co-opted onto the membership; and
- (c) agreed to provide further suggestions of organisations that could be included as additional co-opted members of the Partnership and a decision made at the next meeting.