Community reports – Updates by Partnership members noted etc.

8 There was heard verbal reports from members of this Partnership on various matters regarding the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward as follows:-

(1) Garnethill Community Council – Nora Hytiris and Christy Hamilton advised

(a) the community council had raised concerns regarding regular reports of vandalism and graffiti in the ward and on the mosaic in the local park in the heart of the community and that the community council continued to report these issues but requested more be done to protect the area;

(b) the community council had also raised concerns about safety of the older people in the ward as they felt intimidated by youths fraternising in the area at night; and

(c) the community council raised concerns about rough sleepers.

(2) Townhead and Ladywell Community Council – Michael Glen advised that

(a) they agreed and sympathised with Nora with regard to all of the points raised by Garnethill Community Council,

(b) all the community councils in the joint action group for Ward 10 should discuss all common themes and bring these to the next Area Partnership;

(c) the main concern in the ward was parking and the new 18:00 hours to 22:00 hours change to parking in the city centre;

(d) major construction in the area was disturbing rodents and that Environmental Services were trying to deal with the situation however it was getting worse; and

(e) the increase in litter in the ward was worsening, with education and enforcement needed to try and contain the issue.

(3) Merchant City and Trongate Community Council – David Hughes advised that

(a) pavement parking was a problem and when would the new law come into force;

(b) there had to be a better regulation on E-bikes; and

(c) busking was on the increase and what could be done to regulate it.

(4) Anderston Community Council – James Rouse advised that

(a) the issue of the 2000 rule for resident parking was having an impact on new residents buying new houses and asked if this rule could be changed; and

(b) Anderston train station lights hd been fixed.

(5) Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council – John Gerrard advised that

(a) most of the available ground was being bought by major construction companies, so when would there be planning for affordable housing; and

(b) the Glasgow Mela Day had to be moved back to Kelvingrove from Queens Park and that this would cause antisocial behaviour and local residents would have no priority to parking.

(6) Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council – Irene Louden advised that

(a) if the parking charges were to be changed to 10pm, this would affect the hospitality trade; and

(b) residents had to pay for permits to park, but there was complete disparity in all areas.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(i) the update;

(ii) that Police Scotland were aware of the graffiti and vandalism, and that any hate crime would be dealt with, but the public should continue to report any incidents and these would be prioritised in line with regulation;

(iii) information on the council's approach to graffiti, which would l be to protect Council assets and that any hate crime would be targeted first; and

(iv) that there would be a local consultation on the 10pm parking before this would be put in place.