Police Scotland ward update noted etc – Request to Police Scotland.

2 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Derek Gibson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the operational changes within Police Scotland, that included a reduction of buildings and that members were encouraged to put forward comments and concerns via the consultation process, which could be accessed at https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/lpp2023/;

(2) that Your Police Survey for 2023/24 would run until 31st March 2024 for the public to share their views and experiences on how Police Scotland could improve how they delivered services in local communities https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/ or at insightengagement@scotland.police.uk;

(3) that statistics for reports of incidents had decreased in comparison to the same period last year;

(4) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to drugs and anti-social behaviour;

(5) of the ongoing work with repeat calls and demands and engagement with partners and the local community to look at ways to prevent the repeat issues that occurred in the ward;

(6) that the number of reports of drivers failing to adhere to the designated School Car Free Zones had decreased and officers would continue to monitor this;

(7) that there was a significant increase in vehicle thefts due to people leaving their cars idling in their driveway to defrost and Police Scotland were canvassing areas with crime prevention information to residents;

(8) that Police Scotland had launched a nationwide Shut out Scammers campaign that would run from 17th to14th May 2024; and

(9) that members and the public were encouraged to continue to report incidents to Police Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Gibson for this and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward;

(b) highlighted

(i) concerns of the ongoing issues in relation to potential drug misuse in the Blairdardie area that had previously been reported at this Area Partnership and through calling 101; and

(ii) issues related to speeding vehicles on Great Western Road and Blairdardie Drive mostly in the evenings; and

(c) requested

(i) additional Police Scotland presence on Blairdardie Drive and Great Western Road between St Ninian's Primary School and towards the Clydeside Expressway; and

(ii) that the Community Officers attend all 3 Community Council meetings to address residents' concerns and issues.