Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) that 59 Police Scotland properties could be closed due to ageing estate and high maintenance costs;

(2) that with Stewart Street earmarked for closure, Baird Street was the closest station to the city, and response times for emergencies could take longer;

(3) that 11 e-bikes had been seized as dangerous to pedestrians;

(4) of the recent emerging trend of protest activity within the ward and having to deploy 2 to 3 officers to different locations on a weekly basis;

(5) that the Overnight Welcome Centre at Glasgow City Mission on Crimea Street, committed to tackling rough sleeping, was open for food and refreshments and staff could access an array of temporary accomodations for anyone seeking help;

(6) that a Shoplifting Awareness pilot would commence to seek more intelligence to help reduce the increase in shoplifting incidents as statistics had shown that the number of these incidents were back to 2019/20 levels; and

(7) that with regard to drug taking, numerous locations had been targeted to help stamp out any illegal activity and the Simon Community and the City Mission were there to support vunerable people.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Inspector Watters for the update and that members could provide feedback to Police Scotland regarding the closure of the Stewart Street station via https://consult.scotland.police.uk/estates/e961dc46/.