Police Scotland ward update noted.

8 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the body worn cameras to be phased in for use by officers, with the evidence to be used to support evidence by victims, witnesses etc in court cases;

(2) that statistics for reports of incidents had decreased, however the number of crimes recorded had increased due to an increase in shoplifting and our proactive enforcement of seizing illegal electric bikes in which are recorded as a crime due to associated offences such as no insurance etc;

(3) that there had been no increased reports of racial violence or threats in the ward following the recent riots across England and Northern Ireland;

(4) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;

(5) of road safety issues within the Car Free School Zone areas that continued to be monitored; and

(6) that the new cycle lanes on Byres road were now in force and that Police Scotland were offering free bike locks to cyclists to reduce bike theft.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Sibbald for the update; and

(b) highlighted concerns and issues that were addressed by Inspector Sibbald.