Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued IT recycling project "Plugged In" and that information could be accessed via https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/ who would accept any old IT equipment to be refurbished;

(2) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis, the increased demand on services and that some members would be considering fund raising and crowd funding to keep facilities open or to offer additional services;

(3) of the published blog carried out by NWGVSN and Strathclyde University on the cost of living and Glasgow Third Sector, which could be found at https://gcvs.org.uk/its-the-knock-on-effect/;

(4) of the concerns regarding the recent racist riots which took place in England and Northern Ireland and that although no incidents had occurred in Scotland, members had reported that BME and asylum seekers etc had experienced a feeling of unease and that the network hoped to share practical advice and information to keep the community as a whole safe;

(5) that a safety device would be introduced to be carried by staff and linked to a call centre should they fall into danger;

(6) of the work carried out by Community Central Halls and a planned expansion to allow a café service and a money adviser to support its users;

(7) that Woodside Halls had now opened with additional space which would allow wellbeing events to be developed;

(8) of the effect on pensioners, particularly elderly women, due to the removal of winter fuel payments by the UK Government, as detailed in the report;

(9) that the Partnership should give considering going forward on whether the report provided by the network for each meeting should be based around the Hillhead Ward only, with links to relevant information included.

After consideration, the partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Ms Dyer for the update;

(b) that information on the safety device be circulated to the Partnership members for information; and

(c) that Police Scotland would attend future meetings held by the network.