Wheatley Group – Update noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

6 There was heard a verbal report by Christopher Walker, Wheatley Group, advising the Partnership

(1) that Wheatley Group staff had been more visible in the local areas to provide help and advice to residents;

(2) of the various issues within the ward;

(3) of the practical assistance provided to residents with mental health issues;

(4) that the housing stock renovations , had commenced; and

(5) of the Housing Officer visit programme.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked Mr Walker for the update;

(b) noted that homelessness had been an issue for all Housing Associations and organisations and that there had to be more affordable housing built to accommodate this rising problem and that more resident associations were required to help with the communication between residents and Housing Associations; and

(c) requested that a forum or sub group be created with Wheatley Group and local Housing Associations to discuss ongoing projects and, that P Boyce, Community Support Officer, prepare an options paper for members to consider at the next Area Partnership meeting.