Northwest Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

11 There was heard a report by Mrs Lainey Bedingfield, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) that there had been an increase in the number of residents attending food banks;

(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 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;

(4) 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;

(5) that the Partnership should give consideration to whether the report provided by the network should be based around the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward only, with links to relevant information included; and

(6) that they were dealing with more residents having been sanctioned by Department of Works and Pensions.

After consideration, the partnership noted the report and thanked Mrs Bedingfield for the update.