Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park – Position noted etc.

6 With reference to the minutes of 26th June 2024, having heard that the Head of Planning at the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park (National Park) had recently contacted the Service asking if they could become full members instead of their current position as customers and agreeing that Hugh McBrien, WoSAS Manager would liaise with the National Park and report back to the next Committee with an update on the request for the Committee to consider further, the Joint Committee heard a verbal update by Hugh, advising that

(1) the Head of Planning at the National Park had been grateful for the opportunity to discuss the matter further, however, given the Parks' commitments in the new financial year, he thought it best that further dialogue take place in the Autumn of 2024; and

(2) a meeting had been scheduled for Autumn 2024 and it was hoped that any issues could hopefully be resolved by the end of this calendar year.

After consideration, the Joint Committee

(a) noted the verbal update; and

(b) agreed that a progress report be submitted to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

WoSAS website – Position noted etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of 26th June 2024 agreeing that an update be submitted to this meeting outlining the current issues affecting the Service's website, the Committee heard a verbal update by Hugh McBrien, WoSAS Manager, advising that

(1) the work to identify the issues had revealed that there were 2 main problems, one of which was an issue with the database search on the WoSAS website, which had now been resolved; and

(2) the other, more problematic issue, would require external assistance from colleagues within another local authority, the work of which was ongoing and related specifically to a software matter.

After consideration, the Joint Committee

(a) noted the update; and

(b) agreed that a further update be provided to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

Date of next meeting.

8 The Joint Committee agreed that the Clerk liaise with the Chair and the WoSAS Manager in order to schedule a suitable date for the next meeting.