Police and Fire scrutiny arrangements noted – Request to Head of Communites.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities regarding a review of Glasgow's arrangements for the scrutiny of Police and Fire Services, advising

(1) that at its meeting on 11th May 2023, Glasgow City Council had a motion submitted in relation to accountability models for both Police and Fire Services and instructed officers to review Glasgow's own current arrangements and to suggest any potential opportunities there could be to enhance the local accountability of those services in Glasgow;

(2) of the current arrangements in place that included the Safe Glasgow Partnership (SGP) meeting on a quarterly basis where it was provided with updates by the Divisional Commander Police Scotland and the Local Senior Office, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the progress made in relation to local priorities contained within their Local Plans;

(3) that the SGP could also, if required, meet outwith the quartely meeting schedule for site visits and have special meetings to consider specific subject matters that members wished to explore further; and

(4) that as Chair of SGP, Bailie Paul McCabe also attended the COSLA Local Scrutiny Conveners Forum that had been established to enhance the ability of Elected Mmembers to have a meaningful role in the governnace and scrutiny of policing in Scotland, and that he reported back to the SGP with updates.

After considerartion, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and welcomed the opportunity to suggest options to enhance scrutiny; and

(b) requested that the Head of Communities investigate the following options on behalf of this Partnership and report back with an update:-

    (i) that Glasgow Life be considered as a potential member of this Partnership;

    (ii) could meetings of this Partnership either be recorded and uploaded to the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's website for viewing or be webcast live to allow for the wider public to see the meetings; and

    (iii) could meetings of this Partnership be held using the Council's hybrid meeting facility to allow for members to attend remotely, if required.