**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Publication of City of Glasgow Licensing Board's 2022/23 annual financial report noted etc.**

**4** There was submitted a report by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board regarding the publication of the Licensing Board's 2022/23 annual financial report, in terms of section 9B of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, advising

(1) that annual financial reports must include

(a) a statement of the amount of relevant income received by the Board during the financial year;

(b) a statement of the amount of relevant expenditure incurred in respect of the Board's area during the year; and

(c) an explanation of how the amounts in the statement were calculated;

(2) of a definition of "relevant income" and "relevant expenditure", as detailed in the report;

(3) that Glasgow City Council (GCC) was under a statutory obligation to provide the Board with such information as it reasonably required for the purposes of preparing the annual financial report; and

(4) of the terms of the Board's 2022/23 annual financial report, including appropriate comparative information for 2020/21 and 2021/22, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration and having heard further from P Murphy, Financial Services, GCC, on the information detailed within the 2022/23 annual financial report and in response to members' questions, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the report, including the terms of the Board's 2022/23 annual financial report; and

(iii) that the reason for the decrease in net expenditure in 2022/23 in comparison with 2021/22 and 2020/21 related primarily to the 1/3 reduction in licensing fees during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic and to efficiency savings generated across all Council services.