Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

7 There was heard a report by Inspectors Jonathan Watters and Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of recent shoplifting incidents within Buchanan Street and St Enoch Centre;

(2) that 15 e-bikes had been siezed and that response officers were continuing to receive training on the relevant powers to enforce such seizures;

(3) that Police Scotland's main focus within the ward was prioritising the festive campaign;

(4) that there had been some youth disorder during the first weekend of the Christmas markets;

(5) that homelessness hotels continued to be a challenge with 47 incidents being reported in the period;

(6) of drugs misuse within the ward and the continued work by officers within the community to combat this;

(7) that Glasgow Royal Infirmary required heavy resources with 104 calls being received within a month;

(8) of the recent emerging trend of protest activity within the ward;

(9) of the continuing successful partnership working with the community councils;

(10) that a new Chief Constable was now in post;

(11) of the launch of the Our Big Youth Conversation campaign and its aim to reach young people aged 11-25 in all of Scotland's communities to get ideas and opinions that would help deliver effective policing and services for young people in local areas https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/our-big-youth-conversation/;

(12) that youth disorder within Anderston and Yorkhill had increased slightly;

(13) of further significant work being done on the former Anderston Police Office building;

(14) that sales of fireworks had been adhered to prior to bonfire night;

(15) that there had been a decrease in bike theft and Operation Optimisie had now been sttod down, however there were still a number of thefts in respect of keyless motor vehicles; and

(16) of incidents relating to recent house brakings with residents being encouraged to heighten security measures.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Inspectors Watters and Crawford for all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(b) that no concerns had been raised in respect of the Smiths Hotel within the ward.