City of Glasgow Licensing Board – Pilot Scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre – Update noted etc.

5 There was heard a verbal update by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board regarding the Board's pilot scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre, advising that

(1) 55 applications for major variation in relation to the scheme would be considered at a meeting of the Licensing Board on 17th May 2024, with each application considered on its own merits;

(2) representations had been received from Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership in relation to 54 of the applications and that 5 applications had received objections from members of the public; and

(3) in considering the applications, the Board would also have regard to reports from Licensing Standards and agent submissions, together with the said representations/objections.

After consideration, the Forum

(a) noted

(i) the update;

(ii) that if any of the applications for major variation were granted, these would be granted with immediate effect; and

(iii) the following comments by members:-

(A) concern was expressed regarding the introduction of the scheme given the availability of public transport in the later evening in the city centre and the difficulties individuals had getting home; and

(B) the potential impact of the scheme was highlighted in relation to nightclubs in the city centre and it was pointed out that alcohol sales between 3 am and 4 am in nightclubs were low and that there was a general concern that individuals attending premises open to 1 am in the city centre would now decide to go home rather than attend nightclubs; and

(b) agreed that the Clerk to the Board would provide a further update regarding the matter at the next meeting.