**Police Scotland ward update noted etc.**

**4** There was heard a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) that the Retailer Against Crime group had increased their meetings to quarterly https://www.retailersagainstcrime.org/ ;

(2) that youth disorder had increased at St Enoch's shopping centre and Police Scotland had deployed more officers to this area;

(3) that drug taking in carparks and stairwells had increased and Police Scotland would seek a multi agency approach to help resolve these issues;

(4) of the recent emerging trend of protest activity within the ward and the requirement to deploy 2 to 3 officers to different locations on a weekly basis;

(5) that officers had been reminding motorists that not allowing sufficient cycle space ie at least 1.5 metres was an offence and carried a minimum penalty of 3 points and a fine;

(6) of the dedicated youth service Fearless from Crimestoppers that provided young people with the opportunity to give information anonymously https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/professionals/fearless-scotland;

(7) that vandalism and grafitti in the ward was a problem and there was a dedicated member of staff who would be analysing any trends; and

(8) that Inspector Mhairi Crawford had left her post and Inspector Watters would inform members of a replacement in due course.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Inspector Watters for the update.