Bridge Street – Update and presentation noted.

10 There was heard a presentation by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on Bridge Street, advising that

(1) the demolition of the India Buildings had created an exposed corroded structure;

(2) visual reviews had shown that the external fabric in both buildings appeared to be inpoor condition;

(3) further issues included the creation of a gap site, broken urban fabric, condition and loss of heritage;

(4) there could be a potential reduction of parking on site for re-use at the subway station;

(5) Tom Connelly, NRS was the lead officer of the masterplan and was aware of crumbling city assets and the fire at Calton Place; and

(6) going forward, there would be options to make the street space greener, walkable and cycle friendly.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report;

(b) highlighted areas of concerns regarding the safety of the area at night time and that the area had gone downhill; and

(c) highlighted further concerns regarding the former Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice at Carlton Place indicating that there was a real lack of security around the building.