Managing the evening economy towards a safer city centre – Update noted etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Council's Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on recent developments of Best Bar None Glasgow initiatives facilitated and supported by the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability City Centre Team in respect of the period from January to June 2024, advising

(1) of the initiatives concerned, namely:-

(a) Best Bar None Glasgow Developments;

(b) City Nite Zones;

(c) Voluntary Sector Partners, including Glasgow Street Pastors' Association and Glasgow Street Aid; and

(d) Digital Radio Network;

(2) that all work had been supported by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability staff and enhanced through a multi-agency approach; and

(3) that all activities provided additional value and assistance to the City Centre Policing Plan, which provided an overall approach to crime and safety in the city centre.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the report;

(ii) concern expressed by members regarding the reduction in 'footfall' at various city centre nitezones in 2024 in comparison with the same period in 2023, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and

(iii) various comments made in relation to a general discussion on the delivery of Safer Nightlife Training, in partnership with Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and the Scottish Drugs Forum, where it was highlighted that there appeared to be an increase in the number of young people who were presenting themselves at venues in the city as vulnerable.