**Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.**

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

(1) from 1st March to 1st September 2024 there had been a decrease in house breaking, fraud and theft and an increase in shoplifting;

(2) the football celebrations were being discussed and how to alleviate the problems ahead of the next year celebrations in the city centre;

(3) the Retailer Against Crime group had increased their meetings to quarterly https://www.retailersagainstcrime.org/ and that shop watch were now in contact with the Procurator Fiscal for all repeat offenders;

(4) vandalism and graffiti in local areas had increased and to contact 101 or report through https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/safer-streets-reporting-tool/ ;

(5) there had been an increase in E-bikes being seized;

(6) following public consultation regarding Police Scotland wearing body worn cameras, 71% of respondents agreed they would always feel safer knowing that their interaction with Police Scotland was being recorded by Body Worn Video, 13% said they would feel safer often and 8% said sometimes;

(7) new legislation regarding the introduction of buffer zones near abortion clinics had come into force on 24th September 2024 and it would be illegal for protests outside the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, the Royal Infirmary and the Sandyford Clinic within a 200m zone;

(8) there had been several incidents at SWG3 over the past few months and they had praised the efforts of the SWG3 security team for the assistance in the detection of 2 persons being arrested for dealing drugs; and

(9) the Govan/Partick bridge had been vandalised with graffiti and there were ongoing problems in the local area.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Inspector Watters and Inspector Sibbald for the report and for the work carried out within the ward; and

(b) requested that Police Scotland supply a procedure note for community councils to follow to report incidents in the ward.

**Variation in order of business noted.**

**5** The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.