Bonfire Debrief – Report noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Bonfire debrief, advising

(1) that from 2022 a closer partnership approach was identified, specifically in relation to the removal of unauthorised bonfires and to ensure partners worked together to establish an improved efficiency of delivery;

(2) that a Multi-Agency Control Centre (MACC) was established, which allowed unauthorised bonfires to be risk assessed remotely;

(3) that MACC operated within Glasgow City Council's Eastgate Building and included representation from Glasgow City Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Police Scotland, which ensured a responsive co-ordinated approach;

(4) of the dedicated phone lines that had been set-up within MACC, to record key details of the structures including location, proximity to buildings and power supplies and access to sites, which would be shared with all partners within the MACC and added to a prioritised list for removal;

(5) that unauthorised bonfires would be prioritised based on a risk assessment by SFRS, with their removal attended jointly with Police Scotland to protect staff and maintain public order;

(6) that members of the public were encouraged to report unauthorised and potentially dangerous bonfires to Glasgow City Council by contacting the Council's Cleansing line on 0141 287 9700;

(7) that to ensure intelligence was captured, in advance of bonfire night, community partners including housing associations, third sector partners, Police Scotland staff and SFRS staff would be provided with contact details of the Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator who would ensure vital information was passed to operations for removal; and

(8) that unauthorised bonfires could cause significant alarm and distress to individuals and other issues including potential risk of personal injury, damage to property and increased antisocial behaviour therefore by deploying staff to locations, it would promote public reassurance and give confidence to communities.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Martin Lundie Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.