Chief Social Work Officer annual report 2022/23 noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Glasgow City Interim Chief Social Work Officer, regarding the annual report for the year 2022/23, advising

(1) of the role of the Chief Social Work Officer and that the Scottish Government had preserved the statutory role of the Chief Social Work Officer within the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014;

(2) that the overall objective of the post was to ensure the provision of effective, professional advice to local authorities in relation to the provision of social work services and to ensure the delivery of safe, effective and innovative practice;

(3) of the governance and accountability arrangements where Social Work Services was engaged in a number of strategic partnerships to support the development and delivery of effective services across Glasgow and also the work of the Social Work Professional Governance Board, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(4) of the service quality and performance/challenges and improvements across the city, as detailed in the report;

(5) that the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board (IJB) delivered a range of services to its citizens and operated in an increasingly challenging environment with funding not keeping pace with increased demand for services, in addition the demographic, health and deprivation profile of the city had an impact on demand for services and that the next 3 years would be the greatest financial challenge for the IJB since its inception; and

(6) of a breakdown of the workforce by service area, the Glasgow City HSCP Workforce Plan 2022 and the workforce challenges, training, learning and development.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that the annual report had been submitted to the Scottish Government.