Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Councillor Malcolm Mitchell.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson and Sergeant Neil Reilly, Police Scotland, advising

(1) of the appointment of Chief Constable Jo Farrell and that a new Inspector would attend the future Partnership meetings as she would be on maternity leave;

(2) of the launch of the campaign "Our Big Youth Conversation" aimed to reach young people aged 11 to 25 in all of Scotland's communities for their ideas and opinions that would help deliver effective policing and services in local areas, would remain open until 31st March 2024, and asked that the link be shared with any young people or groups that the Partnership were aware of and could be viewed at Our Big Youth Conversation 2023-2024 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space ;

(3) that the successful deployment of the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit and joint partnership work with the Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and campus police officers in local schools on the lead up to 5th November 2023 that involved the bulk removal of bon fires had reduced incident telephone calls;

(4) that anti-social behaviour and youth disorder particularly in the Dumbarton Road, Yoker area remained a persistent issue, that extra patrols had been put in place and partnership work with Wheatley House, Housing Associations and local residents would continue;

(5) that the prevention of drug misuse would continue to involve active patrols and of the importance that the public continue to report incidents in order to collect invaluable intelligence;

(6) that the action plan that took place on 7th September 2023 to enforce car free zones at local schools had involved the attendance of officers and NRS officers and had resulted in the issue of fines and the proposal of 4 car free zones reduced to 2, along with traffic signage; and

(7) of the future bike marking events and drink and driving campaigns on the build up to Christmas and the New Year.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and raised concerns in relation to the reduction of the scale of car free zones in the ward that would be a serious retrograde step and madness if introduced without further engagement with the local community;

(b) that Councillor Mitchell, on behalf of the Partnership, write to the Scottish Parliament to raise the issue of youth disorder that had involved the use of free bus passes of young people to travel from other areas that had caused

gatherings and youth disorder in the ward and of the possible removal of free bus passes from young offenders; and

(c) raised questions in relation to the purchase of fireworks and visits to licensed and unlicensed premises on the build up to bonfire night and if there had been any reports of retail crime or abuse of shop workers that was responded to by Police Scotland.