Devon Street Urban Park – Presentation noted.

9 There was heard a presentation by Raydale Dower and Toby Paterson, Glasgow Urban Sports regarding the Devon Street Urban Park proposal, advising that

(1) the Devon Street Urban Park would transform an unused area of land beneath the M74, on the southside of Glasgow, to create a new public, free to use, urban sculpture park and active leisure space;

(2) the park would be a vibrant, new cultural landmark and destination, improving connectivity between the surrounding neighbourhoods of Gorbals, Govan, Govanhill and Pollokshields;

(3) the cultural landmark would provide a new focal point and meeting space connecting the surrounding Gorbals, Govanhill and Pollokshields communities, addressing the sense of disconnection created by the development of the M74;

(4) by utilising the cover provided by the motorway canopy, a safe and inclusive outdoor space would be created, with increased provision of recreational amenities for young people;

(5) the park would create a safe and attractive environment for active leisure, urban sports and local community events, which would help to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of local communities through active leisure;

(6) Devon Street Urban Park had secured a confirmed offer of a minimum £1.2m from the Susanne Marcus Collins Foundation towards project delivery, which would be subject to match funding and time limited; and

(7) following a series of workshops and engagement events, Glasgow Urban Sports planned to submit the proposed design to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (Planning) in late 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Raydale and Toby for the presentation;

(b) raised questions which were addressed by the officers, including womens safety and how fumes from the motorway would be addressed; and

(c) confirmed it would be happy to support the project and funding applications going forward, on the provision that the Partnership was happy with the terms within the lease.