Partnership approach to removal of unauthorised bonfires – Noted

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the removal of unauthorised bonfires, advising

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

(2) that a Multi-Agency Control Centre (MACC) had been established, which allowed unauthorised bonfires to be risk assessed remotely; that MACC operated from 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 coordinated approach;

(3) of the dedicated phone lines that had been setup 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 MACC and added to a priority list for removal;

(4) 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;

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

(6) 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;

(b) requested statistics of any unauthorised bonfire that had to been removed in Ward 10; and

(c) agreed that this report would only be brought back to the Area Partnership if any changes or concerns were raised in the future.