Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) St Enochs centre had increased security to deter anti-social behaviour;

(2) rough sleepers would be assessed and potentially taken to a hotel, as the night shelters were no longer operating, and that Street pastors were taking people to the Tron Theatre as no other options were available;

(3) 4 dedicated officers were now responsible for Shop Watch with the city to target shoplifting;

(4) vandalism and graffiti in local areas had increased and to contact 101 or report through https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/safer-streets-reporting-tool/;c

(5) the Clyde Walkway area had seen an increase in drug dealing, that this had a knock on effect into the Trongate area and the Southside Central Ward, and that all arrests had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal; and

(6) there had been an increase in youth disorder at the 4 corners and the Festive market.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report

(2) requested a report to be brought to a future meeting regarding support services for rough sleepers, information and guidance in relation to the Housing First model; and

(3) thanked Inspector Watters for the report and for the work carried out within the ward by Police Scotland.