

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) Newlands Division had received 1,120 calls for the period 31st January 2025 to 4th April 2025;
- (2) local actions plans were in place in respect of the April holidays and the traditional 'School Leaver' celebrations in April which would be delivered by the campus officers from the respective schools in the area and the Local Problem-Solving Teams at Pollok and Govan;
- (3) a dedicated unit had been established to tackle retail crime throughout Scotland, following a £3m funding allocation from the Scottish Government, the Retail Crime Taskforce was created to address the rise in offences, such as shoplifting; and
- (4) on 27th March, Chief Constable Jo Farrell outlined progress on the first year of her three-year business plan and committed to driving a second phase of police reform in 2025-26 and speaking at the Scottish Police Authority Board meeting in Edinburgh, Chief Constable Farrell highlighted
 - (a) the start of a national roll out of body worn video and progress in achieving efficiencies in the wider criminal justice service and in relation to supporting people in mental health distress; and
 - (b) that the budget for policing for 2025-26 allowed the Service to recruit officers to an establishment of around 16,500 while also modernising the workforce to release experienced officers to roles which require warranted powers.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (i) noted the report; and
- (ii) requested that Inspector McFarlane pass on the thanks and gratitude of the Partnership to Constable Tanya Honeyman for her extensive work in the community which went above and beyond her formal role.