Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

4 There was heard a report by Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership, advising that

(1) crimes of violence had been down slightly since last quarter;

(2) crimes of dishonesty were again down slightly, this included thefts, housebreakings and thefts from motor vehicles;

(3) in relation to shoplifting, there were no emerging trends, however the Retailers Against Crime action plan continued to run and had been successful so far with 5 apprehensions totalling over 100 charges for theft by shoplifting;

(4) drug offences had increased, which highlights the proactivity that was being conducted in the ward area over the last quarter and there had been 3 significant arrests during the weekend of 13th September 2025 for drug dealing offences, which would hopefully have had a positive impact on issues around the necropolis and the Drygate area which were hot spot areas;

(5) disorder offences continued to be stagnant;

(6) driving offences had increased slightly, however this was down to positive detection rate and pro-activity;

(7) operation moonbeam was a policing operation which would run around Guy Fawkes night to minimise disruption and proactive work would also be carried out in schools by Fire, Campus Officers and there would also be a joint approach with Trading Standards to engage with retailers regarding the sale of fireworks; and

(8) a local Policing action plan had been developed as well as a wider divisional operation to minimise disruption and disorder.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) thanked Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland for the update and the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(c) requested that Sergeant Craig Thomson send the Clerk details of the statistics that he had provided to enable them to be circulated to the members of the Partnership.