

The Croft Visitor Centre – Presentation noted etc.

8 There was heard a presentation by Margaret Muir and Margaret Smith, The Croft Visitor Centre regarding the work carried out by the organisation, advising that

- (1) The Croft Visitor Centre had been resident in HMP Barlinnie from 2015 and supported families, provided practical and emotional support, information and advice;
- (2) in 2011, St. Enoch's, Hogganfield Church and other local churches and organisations had raised concerns about the welfare of prisoners' families in HMP Barlinnie, Glasgow and in 2012, The Croft was established as a Visitors' Centre for HMP Barlinnie with staff based in St. Enoch's and Hogganfield Church Hall;
- (3) in 2014, The Croft constituted as a Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation and became an independent charity and in 2023 won the Team Award at The Glasgow Community Champion Awards 2023;
- (4) further information could be viewed at <https://www.thecroftfamilysupport.org/>; and
- (5) HMP Barlinnie would be relocated to HMP Glasgow in the Provan area of Glasgow.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the presentation and thanked Margaret Muir and Margaret Smith for their contribution.