

## **Emergency homeless accommodation inspections – Update noted.**

**4** There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) providing an update on the oversight of hotel accommodation for households seeking homelessness assistance, advising that

- (1) Section 29 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 placed a duty on the Council to provide emergency accommodation for a qualifying household where it had reason to believe that the household was homeless and in Glasgow, this duty was discharged by the HSCP's Homelessness Services;
- (2) in June 2023 the UK Government had made the decision to streamline the asylum decision making process which had increased the number of refugees who applied to Glasgow for homelessness assistance by 96% between 2022/23 and 2023/24, which had increased pressure on the Council in relation to the supply of emergency accommodation;
- (3) in order to meet demand, the Council has had to increase its use of hotel accommodation and as at 22nd May 2025, of the 4,236 households in temporary accommodation, 1,748 were accommodated across 40 hotel and bed & breakfast sites; and
- (4) between 22nd November 2024 and 25th April 2025, 7 sites had been inspected, resulting in a total of 18 visits with all inspections conducted by Environmental Health officers in conjunction with HSCP staff; and
- (5) in response to those inspections and continued dialogue with HSCP, the management of the hotels and bed & breakfast accommodation had all responded positively and constructively to the inspection reports and subsequent recommendations, this resulting in a greater understanding of what was required with regards to the management of health and safety within the sites, as detailed in the report.