

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the partnership that

- (1) Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker was the newly appointed area commander;
- (2) funding had been approved for a shoplifting team to help tackle the national issue of shoplifting and that the North West area would be the first area where it would be rolled out;
- (3) statistics for assaults was the same as last year and sexual crime incidents had decreased by a third;
- (4) road traffic incidents had quadrupled in comparison to last year and this was due to the work Police Scotland had been undertaking with Traffic Scotland to detect more of these incidents; and
- (5) drug detection was higher due to the increased number of stop searches carried out by Police Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Inspector Iain Sibbald.