

Business Improvement District progress - Presentation noted etc.

7 There was heard a presentation by Brian Fulton, Night Time Industry Association regarding the progress of the Glasgow City Centre Business Improvement District (BID), advising

- (1) of the definition of a BID, which was a business-led initiative whereby businesses within the area paid an additional levy over and above their business rates that would be used to deliver priorities within the area that had been determined by them;
- (2) of the results of the BID ballot which had ended on 27th November 2025 and had seen 87% of the returned ballots had been in favour of the initiative;
- (3) of the BID area and number of premises and business groups contained within that area, and that the levy that had been agreed was for 1.5% of each business premises' rateable value over a 5-year term and that the forecast investment was for £14m over the 5-year period;
- (4) that the plan for the forecast investment would be based on 4 main themes, and would be used to collectively fund improvements that went beyond baseline services; and
- (5) of the projects that had been identified for the BID and of the next steps which would see the official launch of the initiative in April 2026.

After consideration, the Forum

- (a) noted and thanked Mr Fulton for the presentation;
- (b) discussed
 - (i) the issues surrounding rough sleeping in city centre and public safety and that the BID company would be working with Glasgow City Council and other partners to try to tackle these issues; and
 - (ii) the recent set up of the Retail Crime Taskforce by Police Scotland and agreed for contact details of primary contacts to be shared with the BID company.