

**Minimum Unit Pricing, overprovision, in store/alcohol related crime or impacts of potential marketing restrictions from Scottish Government – Presentation noted.**

**4** There was heard a presentation by Jamie Mackie, Scottish Grocers' Federation regarding the Minimum Unit Pricing, overprovision, in store/alcohol related crime or impacts of potential marketing restrictions from Scottish Government, advising

- (1) that shop theft remained the most costly and high-volume crime affecting retailers, with over half of surveyed businesses reporting an increase in incidents during the past year;
- (2) that violence and abuse towards retail workers continued to be a significant issue with refusal of sales and age-verification checks in which are the most common factors contributing to the number of incidents of abuse and threatening behaviours in-store having a impact on staffs mental health and wellbeing;
- (3) that crime was one of the biggest operational challenges for retailers and outlines a range of crime prevention measures including staff training, CCTV, cash management procedures, conflict management techniques, reporting of incidents and cybersecurity awareness; and
- (4) of the recent minimum unit pricing requierments for alcohol sales in Scotland.

After consideration, the forum noted the presentation and requested that a copy be circulated to members after the meeting.