Police Scotland Ward update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Lindsay Scott, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) the summer period had been challenging with various spontaneous protests requiring a lot of Police resources;

(2) crime in general was down 5% on the same period last year;

(3) common assault had reduced from 18 to 25 over the last three months and overall was down on last year's statistics;

(4) theft by shoplifting had reduced by 44% over the last 3 months and the Retail Crime Force were focusing on this;

(5) there had been a targeted approach through school engagement on offensive weapons, resulting in incidents doubling in the last 3 months, however this had reduced from last year;

(6) proactive work had seen drug supply charges reducing in the last 3 months;

(7) community policing had been challenging due to resources being used to police various protests and disorder across the city;

(8) E-bikes remained a huge issue and the road policing unit were looking at a targeted approach on dealing with the anti-social behaviour related to these;

(9) anti-social behaviour had remained static over the past 3 months; and

(10) hate crime rates had increased across the division but that there had been no recent incidents in the Dennistoun Ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Scott for the update; and

(b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Scott.