Staying In Project update noted.

7 There was heard a presentation by David Ramsay, Homeless Network Scotland (HNS) regarding an overview of what the service had to offer within the Ward, advising

(1) of the background to HNS and that HNS had received funding of £200,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund;

(2) HNS had a place-based approach to preventing homelessness which enabled local stakeholders to collaborate and get behind people at risk of homelessness, by making the most of resources and assets in local communities;

(3) 71% of people who connected with the Staying In Project were now no longer at risk of homelessness, easing pressure on Council services, protecting homes and keeping people in their communities; and

(4) that some enquiries from individuals about housing could reveal hidden tenancy issues, which if acted upon quickly could mitigate the risk of homelessness, or eliminate it completely.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Mr Ramsay for his presentation;

(b) agreed that the Partnership would support HNS and would include the project to its current objectives with a report to be provided to the next meeting outlining how the Partnership could help the project; and

(c) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Mr Ramsay.