Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership - Update noted - Instruction to Chair.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the work of the Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership (GVAWP), highlighting

(1) that GVAWP would now also report to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee;

(2) the work of the WAIR Group which was the only group of its kind in the UK and responded to the needs of women who were subject to immigration barriers;

(3) how the current increase in the cost of living had impacted on women who lived with or experienced any form of gender based abuse;

(4) how the delay in access to justice had impacted and increased risks for women and their children;

(5) that the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) had been established in all 32 Local Authorities in Scotland, however funding in Glasgow would come to an end on 31st March 2023; and

(6) the concern GVAWP had around the use of restorative justice practices within the area of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that a joint position statement would be drafted from GVAWP and Community Justice Glasgow partners in relation to the use of restorative justice in relation to domestic abuse and sexual violence; and

(b) agreed that a sustainable funding model for MARAC had to be found; and

(c) instructed the Chair of this Partnership to write to the Chair of the City Administration Committee to seek the appropriate route for engagement to ensure future funding for MARAC.