Staying In Project - Presentation noted.

5 There was heard and noted a presentation by Mr David Ramsay, Homelessness Network Scotland regarding the prevention of homelessness using a place-based approach, advising

(1) of the funding received from the National Lottery Community Fund that had allowed collaboration in the Pollock and Gorbals areas to set up a local panel to oversee work and invite bids which had resulted in funding for 6 organisations;

(2) that each community across the city had a different need and a different response at a local level;

(3) that Community Planning Partnerships should include 'Preventing Homelessness' as a priority outcome in Local Outcome Improvement Plans and Locality Plans;

(4) that 71% of people connected with Staying In were no longer at risk of homelessness, easing pressure on Council services, protecting homes and keeping people in their communities and as a result panel members would look at a place-based approach to prevention in locality planning meetings; and

(5) of the development of the homelessness prevention duty that would be included in the Housing Bill being submitted to the Scottish Parliament later this year that would require a duty for all public bodies to 'Ask & Act', Ask about housing and Act to protect homes and prevent homelessness.