Glasgow Bus Partnership – Proposals noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Jacobs Steer and the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding this Council's proposed plan for improvements to public transport within the city, advising

(1) of the Council's plans to transform the way residents or visitors travel around the city by improving public transport and travel options over the long term, which aimed to provide safe, affordable, enjoyable connections and reduced road congestion, noise and air pollution;

(2) that the Scottish Government was committed to providing a long-term investment of £500m to deliver targeted bus priority measures on local and trunk roads;

(3) that the Glasgow Bus Partnership Fund (GBPF) would complement the powers in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 and would enable local authorities to work in partnership with bus operators to develop and deliver ambitious schemes;

(4) that Glasgow City Council would submit bid(s) to the GBPF on behalf of the Glasgow Bus Partnership and had commissioned Jacobs Steer to develop the evidence-base to allow the first funding bid during 2023;

(5) of the work to develop a set of proposals to transform bus travel within the city, starting with 5 corridors and the targets to reduce bus journey times, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the bus priority improvements, junction improvements, kerbside improvements, network solutions, feedback and next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) rasied issues and concerns regarding the level of service provision in the Canal Ward and highlighted that in providing a better and more efficient bus service to meet the needs in the local area would improve transport and assist in reducing pollution across the city; and

(c) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Andrew Kelly and Steve Gray.