Queen's Park Development Group Update – Update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Bob Marshall, Queen's Park Development Group in relation to the group's proposal for a development plan for Queen's Park, advising that

(1) in 2021 a working group was established comprising of elected members, council officers and community councillors to look at means to maintain and improve Queen's Park;

(2) the working group had identified short term priorities for improvements, some of which had been implemented;

(3) the working group had noted that there was a need for larger capital investment, repairs and an improved maintenance regime;

(4) the working group had agreed that a comprehensive and long term development plan was needed to provide the context for such future investments, and that without this it would be difficult to access external capital and revenue funding sources;

(5) in order to collect the views of the wider community, the working group would be looking to appoint experienced consultants to work alongside council officers to carry out a programme of community engagement and consultation;

(6) the aim of the working group would be the creation of a long term development plan, which would include a full set of costed development proposals with realistic capital and revenue funding plan sources;

(7) the working group has identified specific sites and issues which must be addressed to include the Queen's Park Glasshouse, the Pond area, Queen's Park Arena, the Scottish Poetry Rose Garden, play and sports areas, along with community facilities such a toilets, cafes and related activities, as well as including Queen's Park Recreation Ground and its associated amenities;

(8) the consultation and creation of a development plan would be a substantial piece of work and would take approximately a year to complete; and

(9) the estimated cost of the work would be approximately £40,000.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) asked a number of questions in relation to the projected cost of the consultation and creation of a development plan which were answered by Mr Marshall.