**Scottish Parliament Inquiry into Community Planning by Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee noted.**

**6** There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Scottish Parliament inquiry into Community Planning by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (LGHPC), advising

(1) that theScottish Parliament's LGHPC was continuing its scrutiny of the impact of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (the 'Act') with an inquiry into Part 2 of the Act, relating to Community Planning;

(2) that Part 2 of the Act had changed how community planning was delivered by CPPs, whereby they required to develop Local Outcomes Improvement Plans and targeted locality plans for smaller areas which needed more support and where Partners would also have to work with communities to involve them in community planning;

(3) that this inquiry was looking at the impact of the Act on community planning and how CPPs had responded to significant events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the current cost-of-living crisis.

(4) that the LGHPC had wanted to hear from organisations directly involved in Community Planning Partnerships as well as communities and individuals about the impact the Partnerships have had;

(5) that 2 different surveys, as set out in the appendices to the report, had been conducted, the first was aimed at members of Community Planning Partnerships (organisations or individuals) and asked a number of detailed questions about how the partnerships operated and the second survey was shorter and was aimed at other organisations or individuals who had an interest in community planning;

(6) of the response to the survey from this Council as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report