Drumchapel Thriving Places – Progress report, noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a progress report by Mr Ted Scanlon, Community Connector in relation to Drumchapel Thriving Places, advising

(1) that Thriving Places, initiated in Drumchapel in 2016, was a small team of workers with a focus on democracy and local people's participation;

(2) that during COVID-19 lockdown restrictions 3 consecutive bids to funds made available by the Scottish Government, namely, the Supporting Communities Fund, the Recovery Fund and the Recovery Fund Uplift, had been used to support 44 families with IT devices to tackle digital inclusion and that it had helped 142 families struggling to keep their houses warm and feed their children, along with supporting 14 small local business;

(3) that Thriving Places had engaged in community budgeting initiatives and received a grant from Northwest Health Improvement Team to engage in community budgeting, which to date, we had supported 61 small community projects;

(4) that Friendship House was a space where asylum seekers and refugees met every Wednesday in the hut adjacent to Essesnside Church, with meetings funded by Thriving Places assisting other organisations to engage with asylum seekers and refugees living in Drumchapel;

(5) that research had begun regarding the Community Hub installed in Drumchapel, consultation with the local community had commenced at the Drumchapel Shopping Centre along with house to house engagement to hear what the community would like to see in terms of a Community Hub; and

(6) that Thriving Places in Drumchapel and its community connectors had engaged with the community in various ways regarding the ongoing activities in the G15 postcode area and that each edition of the Drumchapel News had been uploaded to this Council's Community Planning web pages.

After consideration, the Partnership noted and thanked Mr T Scanlon for the report.