South Mental Health and Suicide Safer Communities - Verbal report noted.

8 There was heard a report by Mr Paul Lafferty, Health Improvement Senior, Health Improvement Team regarding the South Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Network, advising

(1) that the Network had contacted interested parties and arranged 2 separate sessions on mental health and wellbeing and suicide prevention which had been well attended;

(2) the Network was now arranging further sessions and were looking to combine the 2 sessions to form one single Network;

(3) that the main action plan areas would be training and awareness raising on healthy minds and suicide prevention on how the Network could help people in the community and make residents aware of what was available;

(4) of how the Network could link in with national campaigns namely the anti-stigma campaigns, National Suicide Prevention Day and activities throughout the year, with improved understanding of services in the South of the city;

(5) of the national mental health and suicide prevention structures that the Network would connect with and provide feedback on the progress of the work in the South of the city; and

(6) that the Network hoped to build its connections such as providing updates at Area Partnerships and other forums to ensure information was circulated to the wider community and hoped to provide an update on the Network's progress on a 6-monthly basis to the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Mr Lafferty for the update; and

(b) that Mr Lafferty would visit community councils to share the information on the work of the Network.