Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Glasgow Annual Licensing Report for 2021/22 noted etc.

6 There was submitted the Glasgow Annual Licensing Report for 2021/22 by the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, in accordance with Section 12(A) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, advising of

(1) the 2-tier structure for licensing adopted by Police Scotland to support both national and local priorities through service delivery, which comprised the Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit and licensing teams located in each of the 13 Local Policing Divisions;

(2) various information regarding the City of Glasgow Licensing Board's area, which was policed by the Greater Glasgow Division;

(3) the local policing priorities for the division as set out in the Local Policing Plan;

(4) work undertaken at a local level in relation to the operation of the Act by the Greater Glasgow Licensing Department, which was now led by Inspector Gareth Griffiths supported by 2 Sergeants, 6 Constables and 9 members of police staff;

(5) work undertaken in relation to preventing the sale or supply of alcohol to children or young people and tackling serious and organised crime; and

(6) the proposed activity for the year ahead.

After consideration and having heard further from Inspector Gareth Griffiths in response to a number of members' questions, the Board and Forum noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the following comments and responses:-

(i) in response to clarification being sought on whether officers from Police Scotland still regularly visited licensed premises, reference was made to page 15 of the report, which confirmed that on a day to day basis officers continually carried out inspections to off and on sales in the Board area, totalling 2,216 inspections during 2021/22; and

(ii) in response to a general discussion regarding how Police Scotland dealt with incidents that had occurred either within or in the vicinity of licensed premises, reference was made to pages 12 and 13 of the report, which outlined the various options that would be considered, including an 'interaction', 'intervention' and an application for a 'review' of a premises licence and/or personal licence.