Glasgow Festive Safety Initiative 2022 – Presentation noted etc.

5 The Board and Forum heard a presentation by Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council, providing information on the delivery of the Glasgow Festive Safety Initiative 2022 in support of the night time economy, advising

(1) that the initiative would be held every Friday and Saturday between 2nd and 23rd December 2022 and would be delivered through a partnership approach involving Glasgow Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Police Scotland, Glasgow Taxis Ltd and various voluntary sector organisations;

(2) of matters considered in planning for this year's initiative, including the lessons learned from previous years;

(3) that the initiative would be delivered through the enhancement of the 'nitezone' provision in the city at the following 6 locations:-

(a) Sauchiehall Street;

(b) George Square North;

(c) Gordon Street;

(d) Albion Street;

(e) Pollokshaws Road; and

(f) Byres Road;

(4) that the following enhanced public safety initiatives would also be delivered:-

(a) Patrolling of 'nitezones' by Community Enforcement Officers;

(b) Police Scotland Festive Plan;

(c) Glasgow Street Pastors;

(d) Dedicated CCTV at the Glasgow Operations Centre; and

(e) Digital radio link to pubs, late night venues, street pastors, taxi marshalls, Glasgow Operations Centre and other voluntary services; and

(5) of various forms of communication to be used in relation to the delivery of the initiative, including social media/press, use of emails to Best Bar None premises and appropriate training.

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

(i) the presentation;

(ii) the following comments and responses:-

(A) members discussed the need for the delivery of naloxone training to appropriate staff working within certain licensed premises and it was highlighted that the Glasgow Alcohol and Drug Partnership had commissioned training on the issue and that information would be submitted to the Council's Licensing Section to be circulated as appropriate;

(B) with regard to the above matter, it was also suggested that this issue be discussed at a future meeting of the Local Licensing Forum;

(C) in response to further concerns regarding the need for better public transport from the city centre late at night, including the greater availability of taxis and private hire cars, it was highlighted that a report on the outcome of a review of the Private Hire car Overprovision Policy and Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy would be considered by the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee in March 2023; and

(D) various comments congratulating Lise Fisher and the City Centre Team on the delivery of the recent Best Bar None 2022 Annual Wards Initiative; and

(iii) that the Clerk to the Forum would arrange for the presentation slides to be emailed to all members after the meeting.