Homeless Network Scotland - Staying In Programme – Test-of-change programme noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 9th February 2023 agreeing to continue consideration of an update report by the Homeless Network Scotland regarding its Staying in Project to a future meeting of this partnership, there was submitted a report by the Homeless Network Scotland (HNS), advising

(1) of the background of the HNS and that the Staying in Project was a test-of-change programme which had been enabled by £200,000 of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund;

(2) HNS had a place-based approach to preventing homelessness and enabled local stakeholders to collaborate and get behind people at risk of homelessness, by making the most of resources and assets in local communities;

(3) 71% of people who connected with the Staying In Programme were now no longer at risk of homelessness, easing pressure on Council services, protecting homes and keeping people in their communities; and

(4) that some enquiries from individuals about housing revealed hidden tenancy issues, which if acted upon quickly could mitigate the risk of homelessness or eliminate it completely.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Mr David Ramsay, Homeless Network Scotland, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Mr Ramsay for his contributions.