Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2023 Cycling World Championships - Presentation noted etc.

2 The Forum heard a joint presentation by Gillian Burke and Lorna Graham, Glasgow Life, providing a general overview of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2023 Cycling World Championships to be held from 3rd to 13th August 2023, advising of

(1) various information in relation to the delivery of the event to be hosted by Glasgow, which comprised of 13 cycling world championships with 8 to be held in Glasgow and 5 to be held at other locations throughout Scotland;

(2) those championships to be held at Glasgow venues and of the anticipated impact for the city, which would

(a) sustain the sport, physical activity and cultural legacy from the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games;

(b) promote the city as a welcoming and vibrant destination through the visitor experience;

(c) further showcase Glasgow as a leading global events city;

(d) maximise the positive economic and social impact of events for Glasgow, building skills and capacity;

(e) inspire Glasgow citizens to lead more active, healthier lives; and

(f) build on existing relationships with local authority partners and other agencies;

(3) the 'GO LIVE!' initiative, which would follow on from the success of the initiative at the 2018 European Football Championships and allow the city to build on the platform dedicated to celebrating and promoting healthy and active lifestyles and provide citizens with a must visit experience in the heart of their communities;

(4) Glasgow House, which was based on the legacy of the Glasgow Business Embassy in Scotland held during the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and would be a business hub to allow Glasgow and Scottish businesses, city stakeholders and community groups to take centre stage and promote the city to international guests; and

(5) a cultural, community and sports programme that would run alongside the championships and of an update on the work of the 'Get Ready Glasgow' initiative.

After consideration and having heard further from Gillian Burke and Lorna Graham in response to a number of members' questions, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the presentation;

(ii) the following comments and responses:-

(A) it was suggested that engagement should be undertaken with local businesses as soon as possible in relation to proposed road closures;

(B) in response to a number of general concerns expressed regarding public transport provision in the city in relation to the event , it was highlighted that transport matters would be considered by a Strategic Transport Group and that planning was ongoing;

(C) it was also suggested that adequate provision should be available at venues for cyclists attending the various championships to park their bicycles; and

(D) at its meeting on 12th May 2023, the City of Glasgow Licensing Board would discuss a report inviting members to consider whether to grant a general extension of licensed hours for the event, in terms of section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act; and

(iii) that the Clerk to the Forum would arrange for the presentation slides to be circulated to members following this meeting.