Variation in order of business noted.

4 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of a recent Your Police survey, which had now closed, with the results being released in due course;

(2) of the statistics with regard to anti-social behaviour (ASB) and public nuisance incidents within the ward and that additional patrols would be in place at potential hot spots during busy periods to reduce and control ASB;

(3) that residents should be vigilant and ensure properties, bikes and cars were secured and that faraday pouches to hold keys or bank cards could be purchased cheaply online to help reduce car and card theft;

(4) that officers continued to monitor road safety at hot spots, with action plans to continue along Great Western Road;

(5) of the continued monitoring of School Car Free Zone areas and that any concerns should be reported to Police Scotland;

(6) of Shut Out Scammers week from 12th to 19th May 2023, a national campaign by Police Scotland to highlight the issues of doorstep crimes due to bogus callers; and

(7) of the community engagement by officers to engage with those most vulnerable and that all concerns and incidents could be reported anonymously to Police Scotland direct or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Paterson for all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the ward;

(b) raised concerns about the length of time taken by Police Scotland to answer calls when phoning 101; and

(c) requested information from Police Scotland regarding bike marking and if this could also apply to mobility scooters and to investigate the issues of off-road motorbike incidents in the ward.