Go Connect Project noted.

4 There was heard a verbal report by Brenda Whitelaw, Community Initiatives Manager, Glenoaks Housing Association, regarding the Go Connect Project advising

(1) that the Go Connect Project had started as a sustainability project in 2015 and included a Community Initiatives Manager, a Sustainability Officer, a Digital Inclusion Assistant and a Financial Inclusion Assistant and provided a range of services to support tenants;

(2) in further detail of some of the services offered namely financial advice; signposting and referrals, classes and activities;

(3) of partnership working and working with partners' immediate services available that included the food train, SWAMP (food pantry and emergency food parcels), prescription deliveries from chemists and food banks in Crookston/Carnwadric;

(4) that due to the pandemic the Go Connect Project had to cease providing 15 classes/activities per week with an average of 150 participants per week and the priorities had included identifying and contacting vulnerable tenants;

(5) of the weekly meals project partnership with Urban Roots, Arberlour and Nobel Arts that provided a funded chef to prepare nutritious, fresh meals for tenants; and

(6) of digital learning and online classes that involved the distribution of 55 devices from Connecting Scotland, as well as the provision of mobile wifi units to tenants with no internet access.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised a number of questions that were answered by Brenda Whitelaw.