Outcome of Local Licensing Forum training/raising awareness session noted etc.

7 With reference the minutes of 6th September 2022 when the Forum, having considered a report regarding a survey being undertaken by the Scottish Government of Local Licensing Forums nationally, had agreed that the Convener submit a response to the survey on its behalf by end of September 2022, there was submitted a report by the Council's Director of Legal and Administration regarding the matter, advising

(1) that following the submission of this Forum's survey response, correspondence was received from the Minister of Community Safety in March 2023 enclosing a summary report on the outcome of the said survey, which was then circulated to all members for information via e-mail;

(2) that the Scottish Government had hosted a Local Licensing Forum training/awareness raising session in Glasgow City Chambers on 9th June 2023, with representatives of Forums nationally invited to attend;

(3) that Donald MacLeod (Convener) attended on behalf of this Forum together with appropriate officers, with Iain Miller invited to deliver a presentation providing an overview of the approach taken by the Council to the operation of this Forum;

(4) of the other contributors at the training/awareness session and of a summary provided by the Scottish Government of the various issues raised during 2 round table discussions at the event, as detailed in the appendix to the report; and

(5) of further correspondence received from the Scottish Government regarding the potential establishment of a National Licensing Forum Group and that both Donald MacLeod and Iain Miller had attended a meeting on 30th August 2023 to discuss the matter.

After consideration, the Forum noted the

(a) contents of the report; and

(b) outcome of ongoing discussions in relation to the potential establishment of a National Licensing Forum Group at the said meeting held on 30th August 2023 and that members would be kept updated on the proposal.