Glasgow Bus Partnership – Report noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Jacobs Steer and the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the proposed plans for the City's transport, advising

(1) of the Council's plans to transform the way residents or visitors travel around the City by improving public transport and travel options over the long term, which aimed to provide safe, affordable, enjoyable connections and reduced road congestion, noise and air pollution;

(2) that the Scottish Government was committed to providing a long-term investment of £500m to deliver targeted bus priority measures on local and trunk roads;

(3) that the Glasgow Bus Partnership Fund would complement the powers in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, that would enable local authorities to work in partnership with bus operators, to develop and deliver ambitious schemes;

(4) that the Council would submit bid(s) to the Bus Partnership Fund on behalf of the Glasgow Bus Partnership and had commissioned Jacobs Steer to develop the evidence-base to allow the first funding bid during 2023;

(5) of the work to develop a set of proposals to transform bus travel within the city, starting with 5 corridors and the targets to reduce bus journey times, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the bus priority improvements, junction improvements, kerbside improvements, network solutions, feedback and next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) that ScotRail and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport would be working together to ensure residents had a more efficient rail and bus service; and

(iii) that a more user friendly ticketing system would be introduced to allow residents and visitors to travel across the city effectively and efficiently;

(b) highlighted that

(i) not all residents had seen the consultation;

(ii) there should be more integration with rail and underground services rather than competition between the transport companies; and

(iii) the project should look at how Greater Manchester and other European countries run their transport systems;

(c) requested a meeting with Officers to discuss questions and issues raised by members at the meeting, which should be forwarded to Councillor McSporran to be addressed by Jacobs Steer and NRS; and

(d) agreed that a walkabout would be arranged around the Great Western Road area with Jacobs Steer and NRS to allow members to highlight areas of concern within the Ward with regard to congestion and bus corridors.