Glasgow Life Libraries Strategy and Team Structure - Presentation noted.

6 There was heard a presentation by Mr G Maguire, Ms J Bain and Ms C Stewart, Glasgow Life regarding the Glasgow Life Libraries Strategy, advising

(1) of the vision for Glasgow Libraries;

(2) that feedback from a 2015 consultation confirmed that libraries were still a vital part of the community;

(3) of the 5 themes that underpinned the basic values and aspirations namely health and wellbeing, economy, social, culture and environment; and

(4) that everyone would be invited to take part in a survey with views from citizens, communities, partners and stakeholders and that contributions for the next step on Vision for Glasgow Libraries could be accessed at https://surveys.glasgowlife.org.uk/s/CXOIBA/, which was open until 16th December 2022 and should be circulated to as many residents and community groups as possible.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked the officers for the presentation;

(b) that all libraries within the Ward had re-opened and the opening hours had returned to the same times as pre COVID-19 hours;

(c) that the Elected Members would support budget decisions, in particular for the re-opened Couper Institute Campus Library;

(d) that all libraries now had baby changing facilities;

(e) that libraries provided welcome places for all residents to attend who could access an online newsreader for library card members;

(f) the transport issues and costs for residents travelling to Castlemilk Library and that Glasgow Life provided a Home Library Service;

(g) that anyone from age 5 to 21 years old could apply for free bus travel and information could be found at freebus.scot; and

(h) that the presentation would be circulated to the members after the meeting and the Community Development Team could be contacted at community.development@glasgowlife.org.uk or by contacting Ms Bain direct at janet.bain@glasgowlife.org.uk.