Glasgow Bus Partnership – Report noted.

4 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 the report;

(b) highlighted issues and concerns regarding

(i) traffic congestion along Paisley Road West and that enforcement cameras would not be part of the plan;

(ii) small businesses along Paisley Road West should a bus lane be considered; and

(iii) the different transport systems and companies currently in place, which should be more integrated to allow commuters to travel across the city efficiently;

(c) agreed that a walkabout would be arranged along Paisley Road West with Jacobs Steer and NRS to allow members to highlight areas of concern with regard to congestion and bus corridors; and

(d) noted that the link to the minutes of the recent Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee which had discussed transport in the city could be accessed via http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/agenda.asp?meetingid=18383.