Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Councillor Wardrop.

8 There was heard a report by Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) that a new Chief Constable was now in post;

(2) that statistics for reports of incidents had increased, however reports of public nuicance and disturbances had remained static;

(3) that the anti-social behaviour operation within Kelvingrove Park had finished, which had seen a decrease in anti-social behaviour;

(4) that officers had worked with partners leading up to Bonfire Night, with presentations held in schools on the dangers of fireworks, monitoring of licence premises on the sale of fireworks and that 15 firework related incidents had been reported to Police Scotland within the ward;

(5) that bike and car thefts continued to be monitored, with free bike marking still available to cyclists and that Police Scotland encouraged members of the public to take safety precautions to help alleviate car and bike thefts and house break-ins and that any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111;

(6) of drugs misuse within the ward and the continued work by officers within the community to combat this;

(7) of road safety action within the Car Free School Zone areas and the continued work to educate parent and carers by community officers who attended each school within the ward, depending on resources; and

(8) of the work with the homeless within the ward in conjuction with Social Work Services to provide help and support and that any incidents or concerns should be reported to Police Scotland on 101 or in an emergency via 999.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for this and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(b) highlighted concerns regarding

(i) the length of time taken to answer 101 calls;

(ii) the shortage of School Crossing Patrollers, in particular on Great Western Road at Kelvin Bridge and the concerns for safety at this crossing; and

(iii) the timings of traffic lights and yellow lines that required re-painting, which Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would put forward to the relevant department to investigate; and

(c) requested that Councillor Wardrop write to the relevant Council Officers to address the shortage of School Crossing Patrollers within the city.