Violence Against Women and Girls national and local approach – Presentation noted.

3 There was heard a presentation by Detective Superintendent Nicola Kilbane, Police Scotland, regarding Greater Glasgow Division Public Protection Unit (PPU) Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), advising

(1) of the structure of the unit and how Greater Glasgow Division uniquely had a dedicated Detective Superintendent with sole responsibility for the public protection portfolio, with a combined total of 200 staff working within PPU;

(2) of the 4 strategic outcomes,

(a) supporting women and girls:
(b) preventing harm and securing justice:
(c) creating safe spaces: and
(d) trust and confidence;

(3) of Operation 'TIFF' which was Greater Glasgow's response to crimes of violence, stalking, sexual acts and inappropriate behaviour towards lone females;

(4) of Operation 'WATERDALE' which was a joint operation between the PPU, Local Policing and Routes Out, which had been set up to actively target known perpetrators and identify those who were previously unknown from committing crimes against females involved in prostitution and at a heightened risk of violence;

(5) of the robust processes in place to provide a zero tolerance approach to domestic violence;

(6) that there had been a decrease of 12% of sexual assault reports in Greater Glasgow compared to the 5-year average: and

(7) of the recent local VAWG initiatives that had taken place and the planning for the forthcoming 16 days of activism campaign scheduled from 25th to 10th December 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked Detective Superintendent Kilbane for her presentation;

(b) were reassured that there had been no identified risks in evidence gathering due to reduced operational times of CCTV as the cameras had still been recording; and

(c) were encouraged to see that engagement had started with the Amina Resource Centre and encouraged contact to be made with other black and minority ethnic communities in relation to domestic abuse, with Councillor Campbell agreeing to liaise with DS Kilbane in relation to this.