**Byres Road Public Realm Project – Report noted.**

**6** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Byres Road Public Realm Project, advising

(1) of the background to the project, which aimed to regenerate the river corridor as a vibrant urban quarter that would attract jobs and investment and contribute to regional economic growth and would allow for improved footpaths and cycle lanes within the area;

(1) that in April 2019 the Council's Neighbourhoods Housing and Public Realm Committee approved a concept design for public realm works and the main features of the design were as detailed in the report. A copy of the original report dated 23rd April 2019 can be accessed at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewSelectedDocument.asp?c=P62AFQDN0G2U81ZLDX;

(2) of the Traffic Regulation Orders relevant to the proposed works, that the Traffic Order relating to Hillhead generated a significant number of responses from the public and confirmation that Transport Scotland had granted the Council an extension to 3rd January 2023 to respond to representations and make the Order;

(3) that a number of factors had had a significant impact on the programme and the proposed works, including COVID-19, Brexit and the recent conflict in the Ukraine and that following investigations on the work being carried out, a decision was taken to deliver the Byres Road public realm works as 2 separate works packages with lower contract values, as detailed in the report; and

(4) that the Council had issued a Tender for Phase 1 in July 2022 with the contract award scheduled for November 2022, allowing a site start in January 2023 and that Phase 2 works would commence in autumn 2024 upon the completion of Phase 1.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and appendices;

(b) that adequate disabled parking bays would be provided along the full length of Byres road;

(c) that NRS would arrange to attend the next meeting of Hillhead Community Council to address the concerns of the members;

(d) that parking charges would be extended and would apply Monday to Sunday until 10.00pm; and

(e) the concerns over the parking charges that would be incurred by the voluntary staff at the North West Glasgow Voluntary Network, who worked often until 10.00pm at night.