**Glasgow Helps – Presentation noted etc.**

**6** There was heard a presentation by Ms Kirsty Collins, and Ms Kathleen Caskie regarding the work undertaken by Glasgow Helps (GH) a local initiative, advising that

(1) GH had been established initially in March 2020 to support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and that since then the GH model had been further developed to offer a more general level of support to citizens across Glasgow in recognition that it was often difficult and confusing for people to understand the volume, type, and extent of support networks available in the city;

(2) the team had worked with the Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) and partners from the public sector to identify and create a range of support pathways that could help to assist citizens in accessing the support they needed;

(3) this new service had been set up to work directly with the people of Glasgow which offered free, confidential support, information and advice for citizens that aimed to assist them to access the support they needed, when they needed it; and

(4) the organisation could be contacted directly or via a referral from an agency or stakeholder.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked Ms Collins and Ms Caskie for their informative presentation; and

(b) agreed that the presentation be included on the agenda for Area Partnerships;

(c) acknowledged the invitation from Chief Inspector Tomlinson for the presentation to be given to the Senior Management Team within Police Scotland and the willingness of Partners to support and raise awareness of this initiative within their respective organisations.