Local Licensing Forum Survey – Action agreed.

11 There was submitted a report by the Council's Director of Legal and Administration regarding a survey being undertaken by the Scottish Government of Local Licensing Forums nationally, advising that

(1) correspondence had been received from the Scottish Government regarding the said survey which was being undertaken to identify current levels of Forum activity and to ascertain what was working well and to hear of any suggestions on how Forums could be better supported or improved;

(2) the Scottish Government was working with Alcohol Focus Scotland to undertake the survey and that it was proposed that a representative from each Forum, or relevant officer if the Forum was inactive, provide one response to an online version of the survey available at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LJJG6HD;

(3) the survey would be live for 3 months and that the survey questions should be discussed at a Forum meeting prior to the answers being submitted online;

(4) given that this Forum was active, it was suggested that the response be submitted by the Convener by end September 2022; and

(5) the Scottish Government intended to produce a summary report to share key findings with Forums and interested stakeholders but that any information would be anonymized so that answers of individual Forums could not be identified.

After consideration, the Forum agreed that

(a) the Convener submit a response on its behalf by end of September 2022;

(b) those members who wished to submit a written response to the survey questions, should submit their response to the Clerk via email by 16th September 2022 and that any responses received would be submitted to the Convener for consideration as part of the online response; and

(c) the Convener's draft response be issued to all members for any further comment prior to its submission online.