Community Reports – Updates by Partnership Members – Position noted.

5 There was heard and noted verbal reports from members of the Partnership on various matters regarding the Pollokshields Ward, as follows:-

(1) I McCormick, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service advised that Pollok Fire Station had been working in partnership with Good Food Scotland to provide for the local foodbank and food donations were welcome, and further advised that a number of water safety training initiatives had been undertaken throughout the city;

(2) Inspector Smith, Police Scotland advised that the cost of living crisis might result in more individuals resorting to criminality and Police Scotland would continue to work in partnership with the relevant agencies in order to ensure individuals who were vulnerable find the relevant support services; and further advised that preparations for the fireworks season had been put in place, with officers attending schools to provide awareness sessions, and noted a change to the legislation which made it an offence to provide fireworks to a child under 18 years of age;

(3) B Fraser, Pollokshields Community Council, advised that the community council had been in contact to request the re-opening of Pollokshields Community Centre and had not received a response in regards to this matter, and also raised concerns regarding the inability of this Council to respond to correspondence;

(4) A Laing, Pollokshields Heritage, advised that £3,000 of funding had been used to update the Pollokshields Heritage website, enabling it's use for research purposes, and further advised of concern relating to the building of the former Craigholm School lying semi derelict, which had resulted in the building being a target for urban explorers;

(5) R Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council, advised that there continued to be serious parking issues in the area when events had been held at Ibrox Stadium, and further advised that the deluge of leaves on the pavements had resulted in footpaths becoming hazardous to walk on;

(6) K Kane, Strathbungo Society, provided an update with regard to the proposals for the Nithsdale Road Bridge, and advised of issues relating to leaves on pavements; and

(7) J Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council advised that a planning application for the re-development of Shawlands Arcade had been submitted and that the date for representations was 10th October 2022, and further advised that the community council had requested an extension as access to the application documents on the Council website had been unavailable for a week.