**Multi Member Ward Plan Update - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted etc.**

**9** There was submitted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for the period from 1st April to 30 June 2022, advising

(1) of 15% accidental dwelling fires, 69% deliberate fire setting that had related to refuse fires and of 18% Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) in the Ward;

(2) that the consultation in relation to UFAS had been completed and that a new policy would be implemented April 2023 that the Service's response would change and no fire appliance would attend unless that an actual fire had been confirmed at any premisses but that hospitals would be exempt from this change in policy; and

(3) that continued engagement with enforcement officers, education and prevention work with the public was required to assist the prevention of accidental fires and that leaflets were available to distribute.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Station Commander Barry Cranstoun for the report;

(b) raised concerns over the current cost of living crisis and its impact on the public, particularly in respect of their use of alternative ways of heating and cooking, that were addressed by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun; and

(c) welcomed information leaflets to be distributed to housing partners and neighbourhood officers to assist in the awareness with the public in the prevention of fires.