

## **Men's Mental Health Working Group – Update noted etc.**

**4** In terms of Standing Order No 4, as a matter of urgency, and with reference to the minutes of 14th November 2019 (Print 5, page 359) approving the terms of reference of the Male Mental Health Working Group, which had been established by the Council on 31st October 2019 (Print 5, page 347), there was submitted a report by Councillor Allan Gow, Convener of the Working Group, advising

- (1) that 2 engagement sessions had been held with 3 organisations, Brothers in Arms, The Coach House Trust and Mind the Men to allow these groups to share their journey from creation to active operation and to assist members and officers in seeking additional information;
- (2) that each organisation had a slightly different model of service and their journey from its genesis to operation was different and the impact that each organisation had in assisting men who had sought their help was self-evident and substantive;
- (3) of the similarities across the organisations in the number of points made by each group in regard to the potential for the Council and partners to assist grass roots organisations in their early days; and
- (4) it was clear that the Council might be in a position to do more to assist other grass roots groups through our established formal partnerships, employees and existing public facing media outlet as appropriate.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed to refer the report to all political groups within the Council for their consideration.