

Public Health Approach to Policing - Presentation noted.

7 There was heard a presentation by Inspector Lynn Edward, Police Scotland, in relation to the Public Health Approach to Policing, detailing that

- (1) the Public Health Approach to Policing focussed on identifying the root cause of an individual's vulnerabilities at an early point of police contact, in order to refer them onto the most appropriate partner agency;
- (2) the approach aimed to reduce call demand over time, by referring people to the right partner who could provide the right support, at the right time, which aligned with Police Scotland's legislative purpose to 'improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland';
- (3) enforcement remained a key priority and the intention was not to 'over-reach' into the Public Health space; and
- (4) the priority themes, namely, Drugs (Harm Reduction), Mental Health and Poverty, with a focus on both Children & Young People and Adult Support and Protection.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Inspector Edward for her presentation; and
- (b) agreed to receive further updates on this priority at future meetings.