

### **Police Scotland Ward Update noted etc.**

**3** There was heard a verbal update by Inspector Stevie Kinvig, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership of the current activity within the Ward, advising that

- (1) COVID-19 had impacted on the number of staff absences and that resources from other areas had been used for staff to move around to cover shifts in this Ward;
- (2) there had been no tension or repercussions in the Barrowfield area after the conclusion of a recent murder trial and that St Andrew's Square would continue to be monitored, with the focus being on drug dealing and anti-social behaviour;
- (3) youth disorder calls had plummeted and had been relatively quiet around the Community Learning Centre however policing, would continue to monitor the area;
- (4) during the Tier 4 restrictions police responses had remained pro-active in terms of criminal activities, but COVID-19 had led to a massive impact on late and night shift staff in relation to house parties that had been broken up by officers and had led to 34 fixed penalty tickets being issued in the Ward area;
- (5) assistance of the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU) had been secured for the coming week for additional policing in the Cranhill, Haghill and Caltan areas and that the DVRU could be used for areas that needed additional policing in terms of disorder or crimes that had caused concern in communities; and
- (6) the renovation work at London Road Police station continued and the public bar would re-open in late March 2021.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Inspector Kinvig for the update;
- (b) raised concerns concerning people 'trying' the doors of elderly and vulnerable residents in Millroad Drive, sometimes posing as workmen or utility staff and the issue of signage that identifies the area as being one for vulnerable residents and whether this encouraged people to target the area; and
- (c) raised questions that were answered by Inspector Kinvig relating to the level of drug trafficking from abroad with the borders being closed due to COVID-19 and whether there been any decrease in the number of drug deaths.