

Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership – Update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on the work of the Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership (GVAWP), highlighting

- (1) that Bailie Anne McTaggart had been appointed as Chair of the GVAWP following the resignation of Councillor Holly Bruce from the role;
- (2) that Glasgow City Council (GCC) had allocated additional funds to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to fund a new resource worker for Violence Against Women Services and the post commenced on 3rd November;
- (3) the upcoming Partnership activities that were taking place in collaboration with Wise Women;
- (4) of the funding extension until March 2026, confirmed by the Scottish Government for all seven of the 'Delivering Equally Safe' funded projects, with no indications of funding arrangements beyond this time;
- (5) the arrangements that had been put in place to review and restructure the delivery of the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process in Glasgow due to the increased volume of referrals, challenges in discussing all referrals within agreed timeframes and capacity and resource demands for preparatory work; and
- (6) the proposed Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill, which the GVAWP supported and was aligned with GCC policy position on commercial sexual exploitation.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Councillor Bruce for her work with the GVAWP; and
- (b) noted that
 - (i) Ann Fehilly and Margaret Smith would meet with Bailie Mearns to discuss in more detail, early and effective intervention in relation to child exploitation;
 - (ii) prevention and early intervention work targeted all children and young people and the terminology VAWP reflected that 1 in 3 women would experience some form of male violence in their lifetime;
 - (iii) the city-wide Strategic Plan that had been agreed by the GVAWP, would be a live document and would evolve over time; and
 - (iv) services were available for trans women, with the exception of accommodation and group work within single sex spaces.