

## **Youthworks fund – Update noted.**

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Matthew Gordan, Scottish Youth Parliament regarding the YouthWorks fund application providing the Partnership with an update on recent opportunities to develop Youth Work and information on YouthWorks, advising that

- (1) Youth Work was defined as an informal education practice that supports young people's social, emotional and educational development and Youth work could be adapted across a variety of settings, and typically engaged with young people within their local community;
- (2) Youth Works was in partnership with the Northwest Youth Network to improve the co-operation between local government decision-makers and aspects of the Youth Work Sector;
- (3) a large portion of young people believed that their lives would be better if they had safe spaces, with shelter, to hang out and connect with friends and others; and
- (4) that the initiative would provide genuine support for the most vital organisations in communities, which would pass on the benefits by reducing the number of young people on the streets, greatly reducing the risk of gang violence, and increased young people's safety and mental health.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and agreed the recommendations, as detailed in the report.