5. <u>POLICE WARD REPORT</u>

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 1 October 2022.

Clarification was sought with regards to domestic abuse crimes figures and whether they related to reporting of historic cases which had been a contributing factor in the past. Police Scotland advised they worked closely with DASAT and other organisations with high confidence in reporting in West Lothian. A breakdown of the figures would be obtained and circulated to committee members.

It was recommended that the committee note the contents of the report.

Decision

- 1. To note the contents of the report; and
- 2. To request that members of the committee were provided with further information on domestic abuse figures in order to provide clarity on the numbers discussed and identify if the figures were due to reporting of historic cases.