

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 23 May 2016	10:00	CMR 2, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM  
Head of Corporate Governance

### Membership

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, S MacDougall, J Lynch, C Thorpe, L Feely and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; D Shannon, Forestry Commission Scotland; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; R Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; G Tarvit, Keep Scotland Beautiful; J Downie, Police Scotland; J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; M MacLaren, Scottish Water; K Boag, SEPA; J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

### Chair

Councillor E Devine.

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## Items of business

### Apologies

Apologies from members.

### Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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**April 2016**

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## Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 01 April 2016	10:00	CMR 3, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

### PRESENT

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, J Lynch, M Higginbotham, C Thorpe, L Feely and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; and J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

### IN ATTENDANCE

K Cuthbert, S Graham, J Brown and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); and T McGrory, Loud n Proud.

### CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

### APOLOGIES

S MacDougall, Renfrewshire Council; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

## 1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 1 February 2016.

**DECIDED:** That the Minute be approved.

## 2 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

**DECIDED:** That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

## 3 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR THE GREENER AGENDA**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the development of the Strategic Action Plan for the Greener Agenda.

The report indicated that four sub-groups had been established, each led by relevant partners and supported by key officers. A large number of cross-cutting issues had been identified between the work of the Greener Housing Sub-Group and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction Sub-Group and it was proposed therefore, that these groups be merged to form one sub-group under the remit of Carbon Management. The priorities of the group would address carbon management and energy efficiency issues across Renfrewshire as well as the issues relating to the management of waste and recycling.

The report also noted good progress had been made by the Greener Transport Sub-Group and Greener Communities Sub-Group action plans.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That it be agreed that the Housing Sub-Group and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction Sub-Group be merged to form one Sub-Group under the priority of Carbon Management; and

(b) That the strategic priorities which had been agreed within the Greener Transport Sub-Group and Greener Communities Sub-Group action plans be noted.

## 4(a) **STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update on the Stalled Spaces Scotland project.

The report indicated that community groups had been invited to apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. It was noted that 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based. Applications were approved

by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities Sub-Group. The Board had now allocated its total funding budget of £20,000 to nine projects across Renfrewshire to fund a range of projects in growing and planting, live music, art, and filming.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) To note that further reports on the progress of the projects funded by Stalled Spaces Scotland would be submitted to future meetings of the Board.

**4(b) UPDATE ON LOUD N PROUD STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND PROJECT**

Thomas McGrory, Manager, Loud n Proud, gave a presentation relating to the Loud n Proud Stalled Spaces project. The presentation gave a brief overview of what they were trying to achieve; summarised the outcomes; and highlighted future events.

A general discussion followed which centered around the lessons learned from the project and better promotion of these types of events.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

**5 HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAMMES**

A report was submitted by the Housing Asset and Investment Manager, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council which provided an update on the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS: ABS) initiative. The report also updated members on the announcement of the new Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) which was launched on 22nd January 2016.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the position with both HEEPS: ABS and SEEP initiatives be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that a report was presented to the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board on 15 March 2016 regarding the approach being adopted by Renfrewshire Council with each initiative.

**6 CARBON MANAGEMENT & WASTE REDUCTION SUB-GROUP**

Craig Thorpe, Corporate Asset/Energy Manager, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council gave a presentation which updated the Board on the merger of the Greener Housing Sub-Group with the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction Sub-Group.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the current structure; highlighted the proposed structure; and detailed the changes to be made.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

**7 GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9 FEBRUARY 2016**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Transport Sub-Group which took place on 9 February 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

**8 GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 FEBRUARY 2016.**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Communities Sub-Group which took place on 11 February 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

During consideration of the undernoted item, Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest on the grounds that she was employed by Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd. However, as she considered the interest to be insignificant she did not consider it necessary to leave the meeting.

**9 RENFREWSHIRE ACCESS STRATEGY**

A presentation was given by Kate Cuthbert, Access Officer, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to the draft Outdoor Access Strategy for Renfrewshire. The presentation gave a brief overview of the strategy; highlighted some of the achievements and the partners involved; detailed some of the completed projects; summarised the aims and outcomes of the access strategy; and outlined the strategic actions and action plans.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

**10 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection which provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.




**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.



# RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

## GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

### ROLLING ACTION LOG

	Action is on track
	Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed.
	Action required to bring up to satisfactory level
	Past deadline date and action required.

#### KEY

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
GR.17.12.14(2) – Stalled Spaces	(a) The Board to identify and support relevant community groups across Renfrewshire to come forward with suitable projects to receive funding; and (b) A report/presentation to be submitted to a future meeting.	Lead Officer		Future meeting		<p><u>GR.05.03.15</u> Report submitted and noted.</p> <p><u>GR.31.08.15(7)</u> The applications were approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Officer and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received.</p> <p><u>GR.09.11.15(9)</u> The applications were approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Officer and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received.</p> <p><u>GR.01.02.16(5)</u> The applications from Erskine Music &amp; Media and the STAR project were approved in principle with final details of level of award and content remitted to Lead Office and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received.</p> <p><u>GR.01.04.16(4(a))</u> (a) The Board had now allocated its total funding budget of £20,000 to nine projects across Renfrewshire to fund a range of projects in growing and planting, live music, art, and filming and further reports on the progress of the projects funded by Stalled Spaces Scotland would be submitted to future meetings of the Board.</p>
GR.17.12.14(6) – Building Greener/Safer Communities	(a) Relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership to work up proposed options for submission to the National programme; and (b) Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.			Future meeting		<p><u>GR.05.03.15(5)</u> Progress update noted.</p>

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
						<u>GR.01.02.16(6) – Multi-Agency Approach</u> Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.
GR.01.02.16(3)	<u>Active Travel Plans Across Renfrewshire</u> Agreed that this action be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group with resource implications also to be explored with the Chief Executive's Service.					
GR.01.02.16(5)	<u>GREENER RENFREWSHIRE SUB-GROUPS - PROGRESS AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the performance scorecards for each of the Sub-Groups would be submitted to the next meeting of the board, with revised targets, where appropriate;</li> <li>That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the Greener Housing Sub-Group which would include an updated action plan and a summary of the progress made.</li> </ul>	Lead Officer			01.04.16	<u>Gr.01.04.16 (3)</u> (a) Housing Sub-Group and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction Sub-Group to be merged to form one Sub-Group under the priority of Carbon Management; and (b) The strategic priorities which had been agreed within the Greener Transport Sub-Group and Greener Communities Sub-Group action plans be noted.
GR.01.02.16(5)	<u>RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT 2015 - UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND DETAILED ASSESSMENTS FOR JOHNSTONE, RENFREW AND MONTGOMERY ROAD, PAISLEY</u> That a further report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board incorporating comments from the Environment Policy Board.	Lead Officer				



**To:** Greener Renfrewshire Board

**On:** 23 May 2016

**Report by:**

Stephen Cruickshank, Chair, Renfrewshire Access Panel

**Streets For All: Street Audit For Moss Street, Paisley to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Access Panel has carried out its first Living Streets Access Audit report that provides comment on the accessibility of pavements and public spaces in Renfrewshire. This report (attached) was carried out on an area of Paisley Town centre from Moss Street to Cotton Street.
- 1.2 In general terms, streets and pavements in Paisley are well maintained and provide a high quality town centre environment for most users. Within this context, however, people with disabilities (and other pedestrians such as parents with young children in prams and buggies) have specific requirements in order for the built environment to be fully accessible to them.
- 1.3 The Living Streets Access Audit assesses the accessibility of the environment, its facilities and any services delivered from it, from the perspective of people with disabilities. As such, it focuses on those accessibility issues that require to be addressed from the perspective of disabled people, rather than providing an assessment of positive features of the built environment. The Living Streets Access Audit provides a starting point for collaborative discussion about practical and sustainable improvements that can be made over a negotiated period of time to increase the accessibility of the built environment for all users.
- 1.4 Key design principles to be considered in further discussions include:
  - Ensuring that public and transport access points to town and village centres promote accessibility for disabled people, including car parking and setting down points.
  - Ensuring that sufficient provision of dropped kerbs in appropriate locations to enable wheelchair users to quickly and safely transfer from transport to paved areas and move freely around town centres.

- Spaces shared by cars and pedestrians are clearly marked to enable visually impaired people to move around in safety.
  - Regulations are in place and enforced to ensure that potential obstacles such as street furniture, waste bins and advertising boards are clearly marked and placed only in positions that do not present a trip hazard to people with disabilities.
  - Paved areas are designed to minimise uneven or raised surfaces and use materials that are conducive to using wheelchairs, prams or buggies safely and comfortably.
- 1.5 Subsequent to the production of the report, Renfrewshire Access Panel has worked with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) students at the University of the West of Scotland to identify some of the potential solutions to the issues identified in the report.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Board:

- (a) Notes the positive work done by the Access Panel to identify accessibility issues along a key route in Paisley Town Centre and the support of students from University of the West of Scotland.
- (b) Agrees that appropriate officers of Renfrewshire Council be contacted to discuss in detail with Renfrewshire Access Panel the findings of the report and the potential solutions suggested by UWS students in order to agree a set of design principles to promote accessibility.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Board previously agreed on 3 June 2015 a report from Renfrewshire Access Panel/Engage Renfrewshire regarding improving the accessibility of streets, pavements and public spaces in Renfrewshire. It was agreed at this meeting that Renfrewshire Access Panel identify areas on which to carry out a “Living Streets” audit and identify any issues regarding accessibility.
- 3.2 The first Living Streets audit was carried out in October 2015, focused on an area of Paisley Town Centre from Moss Street to Renfrewshire House at Cotton Street. This audit identified a significant number of barriers to accessibility along the route through Paisley Town Centre.

3.3 The access audit is a means of:

- Examining the accessibility of services and facilities
- Identifying where physical barriers may compromise access to services by assessing the feature against predetermined criteria
- Measuring the “usability” of facilities within a building and the services being delivered in it.

3.4 The report was discussed at the meeting of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering on 30 March 2016 Communities and it was agreed that the report should be taken to other Community Planning Boards as appropriate. The Greener Renfrewshire Community Planning Board agreed in June 2015 that the Living Streets report be brought back to the Board in due course.

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# **Street Audit for Moss Street, Paisley to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley**

Date	Revised By:	Summary
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## ii Definition of Disability

What is disability?

When we think of disability we so often think of wheelchairs (understandable when you consider the disability symbol that is used *absolutely everywhere*), yet only 5% of disabled people actually use a wheelchair.

Under the Equality Act 2010, a person is considered to be disabled if they have

***"a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to perform normal day-to-day activities"***

Lets break this down into simple terms:

### **Physical impairments**

Well, this could include anything from a loss of a limb to a dexterity or sensory impairment, such as visual or hearing. It would also include health conditions with fluctuating effects such as Diabetes, Cancer, Osteoporosis, MS, ME, Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Arthritis. Also included would be progressive conditions such as Muscular Dystrophy and Motor Neurons Disease, and respiratory conditions such as Asthma, and Cardiovascular diseases, including Thrombosis, Stroke and Heart Disease. In fact, people with HIV, Cancer or Multiple Sclerosis, and people who are certified blind or partially sighted are protected by the Act from the point of diagnosis (they do not need to demonstrate that their condition has a long term, adverse effect on their daily life). Severe Disfigurement is also covered by the act (again no need to demonstrate adverse effects).

### **Mental impairments**

Well, this would include learning disabilities such as Downs Syndrome. It would also include developmental disorders such as Autism, Asperger's, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. Also covered under mental impairments are mental health issues - this could include anything from severe Depression, Nervous Breakdown, OCD, Eating Disorders, Dementia, Bi-polar Disorder, Schizophrenia, as well as some personality disorders and self-harming behavior. In the past, a mental health condition had to be clinically recognised in order for it to be regarded as a mental impairment for the purposes of the Act. However, this requirement was removed in 2005.

### **Substantial**

Quite simply this means it must be more than minor or trivial

Long-term

This is where the effect of the impairment has lasted or is likely to last for at least twelve months. There are also special rules for recurring or fluctuating conditions.

### **Normal day-to-day activities**

Well, this would include everyday things that everyone does - like cooking a meal, having a bath or wash, or walking to the shop.

### **Past disabilities**

any person who has had a disability in the past (that meets the above definition) is also protected by the Act.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO NEVER MAKE ASSUMPTIONS - SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY CAN BE PHYSICALLY VERY FIT AND STRONG, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE.**

### iii Principles of an Access Audit

An access audit is a measure of how well an environment and method of service delivery meets the needs of its users. It is also a process through which potential barriers to access may be identified and recorded alongside suggested improvements in a way that enables people responsible for a site, building or service to move on to the next step of planning and implementing change.

An access audit is a means of:

- ❖ examining the accessibility of services and facilities
- ❖ identifying where physical barriers may compromise access to services by assessing the feature against predetermined criteria
- ❖ measuring the 'usability' of facilities within a building and the services being delivered in it

The basic principle of an access audit is to assess the accessibility of an environment, its facilities and any services delivered from it, taking into account all existing and prospective building users.

Renfrewshire Access Panel has carried out a street audit on Moss Street, Gauze Street & Cotton Street, Paisley

Details of the Street Audit:

Address:

Moss Street, Paisley to Cenotaph  
Cenotaph down Gauze Street, Paisley  
Gauze Street, Paisley to Cotton Street covering the front of Paisley Town Hall and  
Circling round to the bottom end of Cotton Street

Surveyed By:        Stephen Cruickshank  
                             John Thomas  
                             Morven Cruickshank  
                             Megan O'Brien  
                             Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire

Date Surveyed:        2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

The findings of the access audit are detailed in the main report with pictures being referenced at the back of the report. We use the Executive Summary to highlight any issues and then the full details are found in the report again referenced to where it is in the report.

## V Street Audit - Moss Street, Gauze Street & Cotton Street, Paisley Full Audit Report

### 1 Transport

We have checked transportation to and from Paisley. There is a lot of good transport links to and from Paisley via bus, train and car although for many of the surrounding villages the transportation stops around 6pm and therefore leaving people stranded or forced to use taxis which is sometimes not an option due to financial restrictions.



1.1 By bicycle you can use the Sustrans National Cycle Route

1.2 By car you either take the M8 and exist at one of the junctions or enter by one of the many main roads into Paisley. There is metered parking controls operated by pay and display tickets and various car parks are available.

1.3 By rail

1.4 By bus

### Moss Street to the Cenotaph

#### Car Parking and Setting Down Points

2.1 There is an inadequate amount of Accessible parking spaces within Moss Street. The location of the accessible spaces to the dropped kerb is unacceptable as a person needs to travel 110 meters in the face of traffic to reach the dropped kerb although the location and proximity from the accessible spaces to the shops/café's is good.



2.2 There are no setting down points.

#### Pedestrian Routes

3.1 The pedestrian route from the bridge at the bottom of Moss Street to County Square is 140 meters in length with no dropped kerbs within this distance to allow access to any side of the street.

3.2 At the top of Moss Street there are no dropped kerbs to access County Square. On the day of the audit, panel members had to come off scooters and wheelchairs so that we could continue the audit. If we had a power chair user with us that day they would not been able to do this.

3.3 During the walk from the bottom of Moss Street, we would be lucky to travel ¼ a metre without a trip hazard. On one side of the street we found 5 major trip hazards and many minor trip hazards which were in a distance of 140 metres. All of these trip hazards will need to be addressed as anyone could cause a lot of problems for the council.

## **Shared Spaces**

4.1 When heading towards the cenotaph from Moss Street you reach the shared space for cars and pedestrians, although this area is supposed to be pedestrianised it is still used by cars and vans which is very hazardous depending on the size and speed of the vehicle.

4.2 As we continued on the route the trip hazards continued along with other obstacles such as street furniture. Although street furniture can be moved there is other larger issue such as the large blocks of granite placed for the aesthetically pleasing to the eye. The blocks of granite are both a trip and injury hazard because even if you don't fall you will have some severe injuries from walking into them which happens a lot of the time to visually impaired people but not only the visually impaired have problems with these as it is difficult to manoeuvre round the blocks with either a pram, wheelchair or scooter.

4.3 Finally, we reached the cenotaph with a huge number of trip hazards to report. We have detailed the trip hazards individually on a separate table. At this point we reset the measuring tools and start the journey from the cenotaph down Gauze Street.

## **Street Furniture**

5.1 The street furniture located within Moss Street is placed out in the street along with Industrial Waste bins with no markings to make people aware of their position. We measured up to one sign owned by a restaurant in Moss Street, the staff realised we were checking the location of the furniture and by the time we had reached the second sign they had moved it back into the wall in the correct position, which of course tells us that vendors are aware of the correct location for street furniture but abuse this as checking locations is not managed at present.

5.2 As we travelled further up Gauze Street the pavement becomes narrower leaving less room for street furniture, although the furniture was placed correctly there was no room for anyone to pass leaving prams/wheelchairs/scooters and people using walking aids to walk on the road.

5.3 As we entered the pedestrian only area there was street furniture anywhere and everywhere which causes congestion of people trying to get about. It is felt that monitoring of street furniture should be a priority to reduce people congestion in the pedestrian areas and also to ensure pavements are accessible to everyone.

### **Cenotaph down Gauze Street**

#### **Car Parking and Setting Down Points**

6.1 There are two accessible parking bays in Gauze Street again with no dropped kerb to access the pavement meaning people need to travel in the face of traffic to the dropped kerb which is located at the traffic lights.

6.2 There is no setting down points in Gauze Street.



### **Pedestrian Routes**

#### **Cenotaph down Gauze Street**

7.1 Gauze Street encompasses the town centre including the route past the town hall to the Council Buildings in Paisley and it is very concerning to think that a large number of people use this way to access Renfrewshire Council as the number of trip hazards increased by 100% so much so that we recommend a large number of sections are replaced as soon as possible which will not only protect the residents of the area but also Renfrewshire Council from claims.

7.2 There is also an increased number of granite blocks located in this area which is in addition to shop furniture outside their premises and bus stops although an essential part of transportation can also increase the chance of injury if not maintained properly.

### **Shared Spaces**

8.1 There are no shared spaces within this part of the audit.

### **Street Furniture**

9.1 There was a large problem with the street furniture in this area of town due to the varied hazards which could be uneven manhole covers to bike stands with no notification that it's even there. Shop street furniture is again causing problems by being too far out into the pavement. Again the marble dotted about provides a range of issues for all pedestrians.



9.2 The large concern for us would be the roadworks that were completed leaving hazardous conditions for all pedestrians.

### **Gauze Street to Cotton Street**

#### **Car Parking and Setting Down Points**

10.1 There are two accessible parking bays at either end of the parking bays in Cotton Street.

10.2 There are no setting down points in Cotton Street.



#### **Pedestrian Routes**

##### **Gauze Street to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street**

11.1 The pavements between Gauze Street and Cotton Street are full of trip hazards and we would recommend that large areas of the pavements are fully re-surfaced. This is a route used by many council employees and visitors to Renfrewshire Council thus if not repaired then the council could be subject to a number of injury claims. We would also like to advise that a possible cause was the building of the new residence beside Renfrewshire House therefore would it be possible to request compensation from the home builder but again that is only one section.

11.2 The granite blocks continue on Gauze Street and at certain points beside the bus stop the pavement is no passable for either wheelchairs or prams.

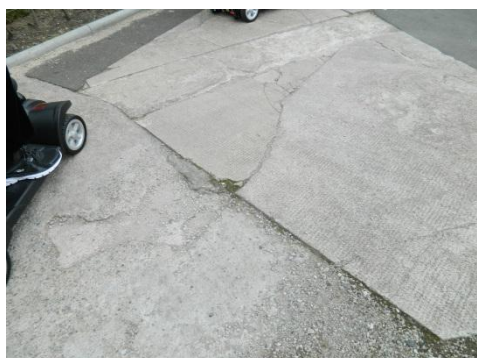
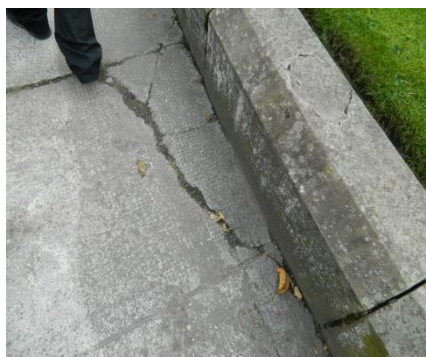
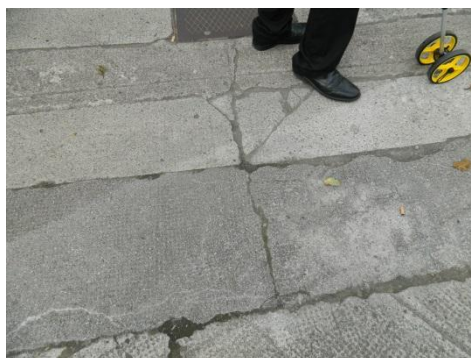
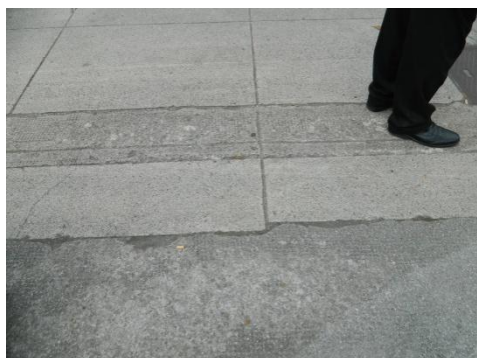
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12.1 There are no shared spaces within this part of the audit.

#### **Street Furniture**

13.1 Apart from the issues at the bus stop in Gauze Street there are no problems with street furniture as this part of the street is many used by small business.

Please find below some of the photos, if required a cd can be provided with all Photographs.







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**To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

**On: 23 MAY 2016**

**Report by:**

Oliver Reid, Lead Officer  
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**CARBON MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board was originally set up with four sub-groups driving the agenda: Greener Communities; Greener Housing; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction.
- 1.2 As part of an ongoing review of the work of the sub-groups, a large number of cross-cutting issues were identified across the work of the Greener Housing and the Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-groups. It was agreed therefore, at the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board on 1 April 2016, that these two groups be merged to form one sub-group under the remit of Carbon Management. The priorities of this group will address carbon management and energy efficiency issues across Renfrewshire as well as the issues relating to the management of waste and recycling.
- 1.3 This report provides detail on the strategic priorities of the Carbon Management sub-group and the plans to ensure these are achieved to meet the key outcomes of the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
  - a) Notes the strategic outcomes of the Carbon Management sub-group; and

- b) Notes that a detailed action plan on how the Carbon Management sub- group aims to achieve these outcomes will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board, for approval.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Greener Housing sub-group was led by Adele Fraser, Chief Executive of Linstone Housing Association, representing FLAIR (the Federation of Local Housing Associations in Renfrewshire) and Louise Feely, Housing Asset and Investment Manager, Renfrewshire Council.
- 3.2 The priority outcomes of the Greener Housing sub-group included:
  - Development of ECO projects, including renewable energy in social housing
  - Maximising use of government initiatives like Green Deal to make homes more energy efficient
  - Ensuring all social housing meets the Home Energy Efficiency Standard by 2020
  - Reducing the percentage of households in Renfrewshire experiencing fuel poverty.
- 3.3 The Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-group was led by Craig Thorpe, Corporate Asset & Energy Manager and Karen Anderson, Waste Services Manager, both Renfrewshire Council.
- 3.4 The priority outcomes of the Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-group included:
  - A reduction of CO2 per capita across Renfrewshire
  - A reduction in the amount of CO2 emitted from public space lighting
  - Ensuring no waste generated within Renfrewshire is sent directly to landfill without prior treatment.
  - Ensuring less than 5% of the total waste collected is landfilled
- 3.5 It was identified that there were a large number of cross-cutting issues across the work of the two sub-groups in achieving these key outcomes. It became apparent that the most sensible course of action was to merge the two groups and form one single sub-group under the heading of Carbon Management. An initial meeting of the lead officers of the existing sub-groups was held on 20 April 2016 to agree strategic priorities for the merged Carbon Management sub-group.
- 3.6 A number of high level priorities were identified which can be driven by the group, including:
  - The establishment of a Renfrewshire Wide Carbon Management Plan;
  - Continuing the work to reduce the percentage of households in Renfrewshire experiencing fuel poverty;

- Improving engagement with households in the private rented sector and with homeowners across Renfrewshire to help make their homes more energy efficient;
- Identifying funding streams for carbon reduction and energy efficient projects;
- Maximising recycling and waste reduction opportunities;
- Maximising opportunities to source external funding; and
- Progressing further funding streams from the Scottish Government's Low Carbon infrastructure Transition Programme.

3.7 It was established that further expertise would be required to ensure that engagement with Community Planning Partners and other stakeholders across Renfrewshire could deliver the key priorities of the group. It has, therefore, been agreed that representatives from Resource Efficient Scotland and Energy Savings Trust be invited along to help deliver a workshop to share their experience and provide assistance. The proposed outcome of this workshop is that a strategic action plan is created which will ensure the delivery of the identified outcomes.

3.8 It is anticipated that resources will be required to deliver the outcomes of the group. This may involve a project manager being required to lead on the delivery of the priorities as well as support in consultation and engagement with Community Planning Partners and stakeholders.

#### **4. Next Steps**

4.1 A workshop has been arranged for 19 July 2016 with Resource Efficient Scotland and the Energy Savings Trust. This workshop is to enable the members of the Carbon Management sub-group to agree a strategy on how to deliver a Renfrewshire Wide Carbon Management Plan.

4.2 Membership of the sub-group is sought from Community Planning Partners to ensure that the relevant officers are in place to deliver the actions and priorities agreed by the sub-group.

4.2 A strategic action plan will be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board for approval.

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**GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board has responsibility for co-ordinating and driving multi-agency activity to ensure that we achieve our long term vision that: 'Renfrewshire will be a clean and attractive location, providing a healthy, inviting and pleasant environment in which to live, work and do business through the promotion of sustainable patterns of travel and development, the efficient management of energy and the treatment of waste as a valuable resource'.
- 1.2 The Greener Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan clearly sets out our agreed outcomes together with the one, three and ten year targets for each of the impact measures. Progress against the Greener actions and measures has been presented regularly to the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board and this report provides a summary of progress against those actions and measures over the first three years of the Community Plan. An overview of the agreed strategic priorities and focus for the Thematic Board and the key areas of work being taken forward by partners over the next year is also included within the report.
- 1.3 A version of this report will be submitted to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 27 June 2016.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
  - a) Notes the strong performance and strategic focus achieved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board;

- b) Notes the future priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board; and
- c) Notes the issues and challenges the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board requires to address to enable its priority outcomes to be achieved.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board was established with responsibility for co-ordinating and driving multi-agency activity to ensure the achievement of the long term vision that: 'Renfrewshire will be a clean and attractive location, providing a healthy, inviting and pleasant environment in which to live, work and do business through the promotion of sustainable patterns of travel and development, the efficient management of energy and the treatment of waste as a valuable resource'.
- 3.2 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board established four sub-groups, each led by relevant partners and supported by key officers:- Greener Communities; Greener Housing; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction. Action plans were established for each of the sub-groups with good progress being achieved.
- 3.3 Action plans and performance impact measures have been established by the sub-groups to ensure there is a structured approach, moving forward, to achieve the priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- 3.4 The table below highlights some of the areas of the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan where good progress has been achieved:

Performance Measure	Baseline Data	Current Target	Current Value
Total CO2 Emissions from public buildings	29,114	28,247	25,480
Number of vacant and derelict land sites	175	170	168
% of the vehicle fleet which uses alternative fuels, such as electricity	1%	5%	5.5%
% of household waste sent to landfill without prior treatment	56.1%	36%	12.2%

### 4. Agreed Priorities/Strategic Focus

- 4.1 As a result of the work undertaken in the previous year and the sustained good performance against the performance measures overall, the action plans agreed by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board sub-groups have been delivered

successfully. However, the environment in which the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board is operating is continuing to evolve and develop and, over the past 6 months strategic focus has changed to reflect the development of the City Deal Programme, Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Strategy, the Paisley 2021 Bid and the regeneration of Paisley.

- 4.2 A review of the structure and governance of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board has been undertaken with a view to refocus the work of the sub-groups. As a result of this, a large number of cross-cutting issues were identified across the work of the Greener Housing and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction sub-groups. It was agreed, therefore, at the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board on 1 April 2016, that these groups be merged to form one sub-group under the remit of Carbon Management. The priorities of this group will address carbon management and energy efficiency issues across Renfrewshire as well as issues relating to the management of waste and recycling.
- 4.3 As part of the ongoing review of the sub-groups, it is anticipated that the priority of air quality management, which currently sits within the remit of the Greener Transport sub-group, may be addressed more appropriately in one of the other sub-groups. A report will be submitted to the August 2016 meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to seek agreement on this issue.
- 4.4 The work of the sub-groups has helped deliver the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan. Details of some of the achievements are provided below.

### **Greener Communities**

- 4.5 The Greener Communities sub-group is led by John Wilby of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities, assisted by Iain Cunningham of Engage Renfrewshire. The Community Planning Partners and stakeholders which are represented at the sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Forum for Empowering Communities; Engage Renfrewshire; Environmental Training Team; The Forestry Commission; Royal Horticultural Society; SUSTRANS; LEAP; Eadha Enterprises; and Kibble. Invitations are issued to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.
- 4.6 The Greener Communities sub-group led on the successful project to improve stalled spaces across Renfrewshire. Funding of £10,000 was provided by Architecture and Design Scotland and this was matched by Renfrewshire Council, providing a total of £20,000 for community projects.
- 4.7 Community groups were invited to apply for grants of £250 - £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back into temporary use within the Renfrewshire area. 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based and applications were approved by the

Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities sub-group.

- 4.8 A total of nine community groups, listed in the table below, were allocated funding to deliver projects including: outdoor music events; film making; and ground clearing and planting projects. Feedback on each of the projects is to be delivered to the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

<b>Community Group</b>	<b>Funding allocated</b>
Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire	£2,400
Paisley West & Central Community Council	£1,900
Loud n Proud	£2,007
Environmental Training Team	£1,966
I Am Me	£2,000
Renfrew Development Trust	£2,960
Kilbarchan Community Council	£2,180
Erskine Music & Media	£2,300
Star Project	£1,834
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,547</b>

- 4.9 A Greener Renfrewshire pledge has been established and is being promoted through community organisations for individuals to register interest and support. A quarterly Greener Renfrewshire newsletter was published in January and April 2016, providing a source of information on environmental activities currently taking place and identifying opportunities to become involved.

### **Greener Transport**

- 4.10 The Greener Transport sub-group is led by Ross Nimmo, Head of Planning and Development at Glasgow Airport, assisted by Scott Allan, Head of Amenity Services at Renfrewshire Council and Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council. The organisations across Renfrewshire which are represented at the Greener Transport sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow Airport; SPT; University of the West of Scotland (UWS); Sustrans; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; West College Scotland (WCS); Scotrail; INTU

Braehead; Renfrewshire Leisure Limited; and Hillington Park. Invitations are issued to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.

- 4.11 The Greener Transport sub-group has identified links between Community Planning Partners in respect of plans relating to active travel. This includes Renfrewshire Council's proposed Cycling Strategy and draft Outdoor Access Strategy; Glasgow Airport's surface access strategy; Scotrail's plans to encourage passengers to cycle to and from their stations; active travel plans within UWS and WCS; and Sustrans' plans to improve the national cycling routes within Renfrewshire. Actions have been developed by the Greener Transport sub-group to ensure there is a 'joined up' approach to these projects and that they align with strategic activities including the sustainable transport element of the City Deal project at the Glasgow Airport Investment Area and the Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside project.
- 4.12 A project relating to the provision of a community bus scheme is being co-ordinated by the Greener Transport sub-group. This scheme will be delivered by a third sector organisation and will be piloted with Glasgow Airport. It is aimed at providing a transport service for employees whose shift patterns do not allow them to use public transport. If successful, the scheme can be rolled out to other major employers across Renfrewshire as well as providing a transport service to community groups, where a need has been identified.
- 4.13 The group has been instrumental in assisting community planning partners in pursuing funding for electric vehicles and charging points for their organisations. Renfrewshire Council has already achieved its 10 year target of more than 5% of its vehicle fleet being electric and an increasing number of electric vehicle charging points have been installed across Renfrewshire.

### **Carbon Management**

- 4.14 It was agreed at the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board on 1 April 2016 to merge the two sub-groups of Greener Housing and Carbon Management & Waste Reduction and form one new group under the priority of Carbon Management. The priorities of this group will address carbon management and energy efficiency issues across Renfrewshire as well as the issues relating to the management of waste and recycling.
- 4.15 The officers involved in the new group are Craig Thorpe, Corporate Asset & Energy Manager, Renfrewshire Council, Adele Fraser, Chief Executive, Linstone Housing Association and FLAIR Representative, Karen Anderson, Waste Services Manager, Renfrewshire Council and Louise Feely, Housing Asset and Investment Manager, Renfrewshire Council.
- 4.16 One of the key performance measures of the previous Housing sub-group was to reduce the percentage of households in Renfrewshire experiencing fuel poverty.

This has been targeted to achieve at least 5% below the national average. The successful work of energy advisers and the Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty Commission has ensured that this target has been achieved.

- 4.17 The Scottish Housing Quality Standard has been achieved for social housing across Renfrewshire (taking abeyances and exemptions into account). A major part of this project is the installation of improved and more energy efficient heating systems, which again contribute towards the reduction in fuel poverty.
- 4.18 The previous Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-group showed that good progress was made on the reduction of CO2 emissions from public buildings in Renfrewshire. This was achieved through a number of measures including: the introduction of building management systems to provide more control over heating systems; installation of photovoltaic panels on a number of schools and care homes; and energy awareness campaigns.

## **5. Future Priorities**

- 5.1 As part of the review of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, it was recognised that Board's agenda could be addressed more clearly with the move to three key outcomes of: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management. Each of these key outcomes is delivered through the work of the sub-groups, each of which has a clear set of priorities.

### **Greener Communities**

- 5.2 The future strategic work of the Greener Communities sub-group has been agreed in an action plan which has been developed and addresses the following priorities:
- 5.3 ***Priority: Encourage and support community (public, business, charities) involvement in developing and measuring activities that help make Renfrewshire Greener.-*** this will be delivered through:
- Recruiting individuals and community organisations to sign the Greener Renfrewshire Pledge;
  - Producing a quarterly Greener Renfrewshire newsletter;
  - Identifying the environmental activity being carried out by community groups and encouraging information sharing and partnership working; and
  - Improving joint working between community groups and statutory organisations on environmental activity.

- 5.4 ***Priority: Renfrewshire is a well maintained, clean and attractive place to live, work and visit*** – this will be delivered through:
- Promotion of the new responsible dog ownership strategy;
  - Provision of gardening training courses by the Disability Resource Centre/Environmental Trust;
  - Ensuring all Stalled Spaces projects are completed and investigate the possibility of securing further funding for projects; and
  - Working with community organisations to deliver and/or support action to improve the appearance and maintenance of local amenity spaces in communities.
- 5.5 ***Priority: Young people in Renfrewshire are aware of Greener initiatives and what they can do to support it*** – this will be delivered through:
- Promotion of Keep Scotland Beautiful's Young Reporters for the Environment programme; and
  - Supporting the Royal Horticultural Society's school garden campaign.
- 5.6 ***Priority: Our communities are sustainable and high quality places*** - this will be delivered through:
- Supporting community and voluntary sector organisations to improve the quality, sustainability and biodiversity of local amenity spaces;
  - Supporting the Royal Horticultural Society's 'It's Your Neighbourhood', 'Bloom' and 'Adopt a Space' programmes;
  - Supporting Sustrans' volunteer scheme to recruit: rangers; signing champions; wildlife champions; and I-bike volunteers;
  - Promoting Keep Scotland Beautiful's Bee Diverse project to encourage planting schemes which will attract bees; and
  - Supporting Renfrewshire's Rural Watch to help tackle fly tipping in rural areas.

### **Greener Transport**

- 5.7 The future strategic work of the Greener Transport sub-group has been agreed in the action plan which has been developed and addresses the following priorities:
- 5.8 ***Priority: Greener Active Transport*** – this will be delivered through:
- The development of infrastructure in Renfrewshire to provide safe, off -road cycling and walking routes across Renfrewshire which support journeys to school, work, shops, services, leisure and onward travel beyond the area. It is important that this links in with the City Deal Projects being delivered at the Glasgow Airport Investment Zone and the new crossing of the Clyde at Renfrew;
  - Ensuring successful active travel routes are identified which can enhance the Paisley 2021 Bid;

- Ensuring active travel plans and strategies are in place across community planning partners and stakeholders and are delivered in a cohesive manner;
- Encouraging children to walk and cycle to school;
- Encouraging employees to walk and cycle to work and reduce the number of car journeys to work; and
- Application for funding from Transport Scotland for the creation of an active travel or low carbon travel hub.

5.9 **Priority: Greener Public Transport** - this will be delivered through:

- Working with the bus industry and partnership organisations to promote the use of cleaner, greener buses; and
- Further improving the bus infrastructure across Renfrewshire and improve satisfaction ratings for public transport.

5.10 **Priority: Greener Workplace Transport** - this will be delivered through:

- Increasing the percentage of vehicles in the public fleet which use alternative fuels, such as electricity;
- Increasing the number and usage of publicly available electric vehicle charging points across Renfrewshire;
- Promoting the use of pool cars across the Community Planning Partnership;
- Implementing the community bus scheme covering a workbus at large employment sites in Renfrewshire and meeting the needs identified at day centres and special needs schools;
- Providing support to employers across Renfrewshire to develop and deliver travel plans within their organisations; and
- Promoting the use of Journeyshare/Liftshare schemes across Community Planning Partners.

5.11 **Priority: Improving Air Quality** - this will be addressed through the implementation of an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) containing effective and feasible action measures, including the identification of Quality Management Zones. The ongoing review of the role of the sub-groups may result in the priority of air quality being transferred to another of the groups.

### **Carbon Management**

5.12 The newly formed Carbon Management sub-group has already identified a number of key strategic priorities, which address the outcomes identified in Renfrewshire's Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan. Work is ongoing to develop an action plan to address how these priorities can be taken forward:

5.13 **Priority: Establishing a Renfrewshire Wide Carbon Management Plan** – The development of a Renfrewshire Wide Carbon Management Plan will help to deliver



some of the key performance measures contained within Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan:

- Reduction of CO2 per capita;
- Reduction in the amount of CO2 emitted from public space lighting; and
- Reduction in the amount of CO2 emitted from public buildings.

5.14 **Priority: Reducing the percentage of households experiencing fuel poverty –**

The work of the Carbon Management sub-group will contribute to the reduction of the percentage of households across Renfrewshire experiencing fuel poverty, in line with Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Strategy. This will be delivered through the Local Outcome Improvement Plan's performance measures of:

- Increasing the percentage of social housing properties in Renfrewshire which meet the National Home Energy Ratings target;
- Increasing the percentage of social housing properties in Renfrewshire which meet the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH) 2020 milestone;
- Maintaining the Scottish Household Quality Standard for social housing across Renfrewshire; and
- Improving engagement with households in the private rented sector and with homeowners across Renfrewshire to help make their homes more energy efficient.

5.15 **Priority: Identifying funding streams for carbon reduction and energy efficient projects -** The Carbon Management sub-group will identify funding opportunities which are available to the public and private sector including progressing further funding applications from the Scottish government's Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme.

5.16 **Priority: Waste Reduction -** The Carbon Management sub-group will work to deliver key performance measures contained within Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan relating to waste and recycling:

- Increasing the percentage of household waste which is recycling;
- Ensuring no waste generated within Renfrewshire is sent directly to landfill without prior treatment; and
- Ensuring no more than 5% of all waste collected is landfilled.

5.17 It has been established that further expertise will be required to ensure that engagement with community planning partners and other stakeholders across Renfrewshire could deliver these key priorities of the group. It has, therefore, been agreed that representatives from Resource Efficient Scotland and Energy Savings Trust be invited along to deliver a workshop to share their experience and provide assistance. The proposed outcome of this workshop is that a strategic action plan is created which will ensure the delivery of the identified outcomes.

## 6. Issues and Challenges

- 6.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board faces a number of issues and challenges which may impact on the ability to ensure the priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan are achieved.
- 6.2 A number of areas of work have been identified which will require additional resources to ensure success and discussions have taken place with Renfrewshire Council's Policy and Commissioning Team to assist in the management of:
- Ensuring active travel plans and strategies are in place across community planning partners and stakeholders and are delivered in a cohesive manner; and
  - Co-ordinating the creation of an active travel or low carbon travel hub within Renfrewshire.
- 6.3 The priority within the Carbon Management sub-group to create a Renfrewshire Wide Carbon Management Plan will require co-operation across all Community Planning Partners and additional resources may be required to ensure the success of this project.
- 6.3 It has been identified that there are a number of performance measures in the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan which have proven to be a challenge in achieving the targets set. These are detailed in the table below, together with future plans on how targets can be met.

Performance Measure	Future steps
The percentage of household waste collected which is recycled	<p>The percentage of household waste which was recycled in 2015 reduced to 43.9% against a target of 52%. The amount of material recycled significantly reduced under the contract in place from April 2015 until June 2015 but improved when a longer term contract was put in place from June 2015. We are also experiencing a reduction in paper in blue bins which is reflective of changes in news media which has moved towards online sources and away from traditional newspapers.</p> <p>The graph below demonstrates how Renfrewshire's performance compares with all other Scottish authorities as well as the Scottish average. This is the data for 2014 as the comparison data for 2015 is not yet available.</p>

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Amount of CO <sup>2</sup> emitted by the public vehicle fleet	Although good progress has been made on the increase of the percentage of Renfrewshire Council's vehicle fleet which uses alternative fuels, such as electricity, it should be noted that the electric vehicles which have been purchased are either cars or small vans. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to replace the larger fleet vehicles, such as refuse collection vehicles with electric alternatives, due to lack of options in the market place. This results in creating difficulties in reducing CO <sub>2</sub> emissions. Various actions have been taken such as changing the routing of vehicles; providing additional driver training; fitting rev limiters etc, to try to reduce fuel usage and consequently CO <sub>2</sub> emissions.																																																																				

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**To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

**On: 23 MAY 2016**

**Report by:**

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**GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 APRIL 2016**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Communities sub-group which took place on 21 April 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub-groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction. The Greener Housing and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction groups have since been merged due to the cross cutting priorities and a single group under the priority of Carbon Management has now been formed.

- 3.2 The Greener Communities sub-group was established in 2015 led by John Wilby of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities, assisted by Iain Cunningham of Engage Renfrewshire. The first meeting of the group was held in April 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to network, share information, and discuss Greener initiatives being carried out by community groups across Renfrewshire.

#### **4. Community Involvement/Engagement**

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Communities sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Forum for Empowering Communities; Engage Renfrewshire; Environmental Training Team; The Forestry Commission; Royal Horticultural Society; Sustrans; LEAP; Eadha Enterprises; and Kibble. Invitations are submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.

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## Appendix 1

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING  
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF  
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD  
GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP  
HELD ON 21 APRIL 2016  
ENGAGE RENFREWSHIRE,  
10 FALCON CRESCENT, PAISLEY**

### IN ATTENDANCE

Iain Cunningham (Chair), Engage Renfrewshire; John Wilby, Lead Officer, Forum for Empowering Communities; Julie Robson, Maria Corrigan, Kirsty Wright, Steve Edwards Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council

### APOLOGIES

Derek Shannan, Forestry Commission; Peter Livingstone, Eadha Enterprises; Joe Wacławski, Sustrans; Scott Duncan, LEAP; Ian Williams, Environmental Training Team; Angela Smith, Royal Horticultural Society; Stephanie Wilson, Kibble; Mary McLuskey, Keep Scotland Beautiful; Sharon Marklow, Andy Summers, Allison Scott, Mark Faichney, all Renfrewshire Council

1.	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Communities sub-group held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2016.  No issues	<b>Agreed</b>
2.	<b>FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD (01-04-16)</b>  A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted and noted.	



3.	<p><b>MEMBER UPDATES</b></p> <p><b>Steve Edwards, Strategy &amp; Place Team, Renfrewshire Council</b>  The Main Issues Report for the next Local Development Plan will be submitted to Board for approval on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and will go out for consultation for 12 weeks thereafter.</p> <p>The public consultation for the Draft Renfrewshire Outdoor Access Strategy has passed the final submissions date. 64 comments were received from members of the public, community groups, access interest groups and public agencies. These are now being logged and reviewed with a view towards revising the Consultative Draft as required, so that the updated version can be submitted to Board on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council has received a 75% grant (£22,500) from the Central Scotland Green Network Development Fund, supporting a feasibility study into the creation of a new strategic access route linking the National Cycle Network at Linwood with the Erskine Bridge via the planned community woodland park beside the new settlement at Dargavel (the former Royal Ordnance Factory site at Bishopton). Regular liaison continues with BAE (owners of the former ROF Bishopton site) and the local community over reclamation and regeneration of this extensive area.</p> <p>The Council is preparing a substantial bid to the EU Integrated Green Infrastructure Fund (which is being managed by Scottish Natural Heritage) for advance sustainable flood control works in the South Johnstone Community Growth Area which will allow the redevelopment of a number of vacant sites and the creation of a green network of open spaces, paths and wildlife corridors.</p> <p>The Council Meeting of 3rd March 2016 agreed to allocate £7.5m towards the delivery of a Performance Centre for Sport in Ferguslie Park, in partnership with the University of the West of Scotland and St Mirren FC. Initially, consultants have been appointed to assess the feasibility of the project by developing an outline design concept and costing this whilst consulting with local residents, community groups and stakeholders.</p> <p>The review of the 2004 Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde has started with an evaluation of the perceived success rate of this important reference document. This review and possible ways forward will be discussed with the two local authority partners and also with the voluntary sector conservation groups at the next LBAP Steering Group meeting. This meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm in the RSPB Lochwinnoch Nature Reserve Centre.</p> <p>Another key piece of biodiversity conservation work has also started: the review of the 106 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) which are recognised by Renfrewshire Council as being of at least local significance for biodiversity. This is a substantial piece of work and will be completed in-house. Therefore the review will be phased, with the hope that local voluntary sector organisations will help with the collection of field data, etc.</p>	
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	<p><b>Steve Edwards, Strategy &amp; Place Team, Renfrewshire Council (cont')</b></p> <p>The latest phase of the Biomass Renfrewshire Project has concluded with consultants submitting their reports investigating the feasibility of using timber from Renfrewshire Council's own woodlands as a contributor to a sustainable supply of wood chip fuel for an increasing number of biomass boilers being installed in our area.</p> <p>One reason why the Placemaking Team was interested in biomass fuel harvesting had been to investigate the socio-economic and ecological cases for bringing Renfrewshire Council's 53 woodland sites (covering 350ha) into active management. Whilst the Biomass Renfrewshire consultant's report indicated that the high cost of harvesting timber from the Council's (mainly small and awkwardly located) woodlands would tend to make wood fuel production unfeasible as an economic option, there is a need to bring more of these woods into active management. Therefore the work programme includes staff time to start writing Woodland Management Plans for a selection of these sites. The Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) Woodlands In and Around Towns (WIAT) format template will be used for these plans to maximise the potential eligibility for future WIAT Woodland Improvement Grants and WIAT Sustainable Management of Forests grants under the current Forestry Grants Scheme. Initial emphasis will be placed on woodlands in Erskine.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Renfrewshire Growing Grounds Forum will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00 a.m. in Renfrewshire House. Two interesting project proposals in Erskine have been presented to the Forum recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the regeneration of an overgrown 18<sup>th</sup> Century walled garden at Park Mains as a community memorial garden;</li> <li>• painting bird migration themed murals on the graffiti covered piers of the Erskine Bridge as a community arts project.</li> </ul>	
<p>.</p>	<p><b>Julie Robson, Community Service Team, Renfrewshire Council</b></p> <p>Julie confirmed that her team would be keen to link with the team behind the creation of Erskine Memorial Garden to provide the labour and suggested that a sub-group of Erskine Community Council be created to enable funding to be sought without the need to create a separate constituted group.</p> <p>Julie also confirmed that her teams are looking to take on bigger projects to have more visibility in the community and have already established good working relationships with community groups in the West End of Paisley. She also advised that the teams can create benches and raised beds for community groups for just the cost of the timber – they can deliver and transport when necessary.</p> <p>Julie confirmed that there are plans to change the way in which the teams operate to encourage them to take ownership of their own areas and this has proven to be successful so far.</p> <p>Julie advised that the team which covers Paisley town centre is working</p>	<p><b>SE</b></p>



	<p>closely with the Paisley 2021 team. MC confirmed that there are good opportunities to work in conjunction with the new Wednesday town centre team and also with ETT.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Service team are keen to clear up the site at the Oakshaw church Yard, linking with the Paisley 2021 team. SE confirmed he has they and will arrange for the teams to gain access to the site.</p> <p>It was also noted that the community service teams carry out weekly litter pick – these are to be registered with KSB.</p> <p>A meeting is to be set up with JR/SE/MC top determine which sites could be within the scope of the work of the community safety team</p>	<p><b>SE</b></p> <p><b>JR/SE</b></p> <p><b>JR/SE/MC</b></p>
	<p><b>Maria Corrigan, Town Centre Manager, Renfrewshire Council</b></p> <p>Maria confirmed that a new tasking group for the Building Safer Greener Communities initiatives had held their first meeting. This initiative will address the crime and grime agenda in identified hotspot locations across Renfrewshire. This will involve a multi-agency approach with Police, Fire etc. Phase 1 of the project will involve carrying out enforcement of antisocial behaviour and identifying areas for clean ups and environmental improvements. Phase 2 of the project will be engaging with the community to ensure the improvements are maintained over the long term.</p> <p>Maria confirmed there is a target to address 6/8 hotspots over the coming year and that the main issue will be long term sustainability of the projects. There may be the risk of raising unrealistic expectations within communities.</p>	



4	<p><b>STALLED SPACES</b></p> <p>All funding has now been issued (except for around £400). KW advised that A&amp;DS have confirmed it is quite likely that further funds may be available for more projects, although it is not clear if the council will be in a position to match-fund any offer of funding.</p> <p>KW provided an update on what stage the projects are at present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -Loud 'n' Proud has been completed and was deemed a success. A presentation on this was delivered at the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.</li> <li>• The Kilbarchan project is wee underway and photographs are to be provided for the Renfrewshre 2023 website.</li> <li>• The Renfrew Development Trust project is almost completed and a video of the project is due to be shown at the Greener Renfrewshire thematic board on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.</li> <li>• The two projects for ETT are not yet completed with guidance awaited from Renfrewshire Council on the appropriate planting for the sites.</li> <li>• JW confirmed that the celebration event for the two projects at the West End will be held when the projects are completed.</li> </ul> <p>KW advised that groups should advise if they require signage and she can request the required number from A&amp;DS.</p> <p>IC advised that he had been approached about the potential of converting a vacant/derelict site in Carbrook Street, Paisley into a growing space. The Council's asset team has been approached to determine if approval would be granted, prior to the setting up of a constituted group.</p>	
5	<p><b>ACTION PLAN</b></p> <p>A revised action plan was tabled at the meeting. This is to be shared with all group members who are to provide updates on how their own organisations are contributing to the priorities identified.</p> <p>It was agreed that representatives from Friends of....groups be invited to the next meeting of the sub-group to focus on their needs and how the Greener Communities sub-group can help.</p>	<p><b>JB/ALL</b></p> <p><b>JB</b></p>
6	<p><b>PERFORMANCE SCORECARD</b></p> <p>All group members were asked to consider the targets on the scorecard and pass any comments to JB.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>



7	<p><b>GREENER NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>JB confirmed that the second Greener Renfrewshire Newsletter will be published before the end of April and will continue to be published quarterly. All members are asked to send contributions for the Newsletter and the Renfrewshire 2023 website to JB for publishing.</p> <p>SE confirmed that two new posts have been created within Development &amp; Housing Services in Renfrewshire Council: Kate MacDonald; New Funding Officer and Kam Kaur, Community Development Officer – they may have useful contributions for the 2023 website.</p> <p>All members to encourage people within their own organisations to sign up to receive the Greener Newsletter through the Renfrewshire 2023 website.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
8.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>It was noted that funding opportunities are available from the Tesco Bag Fund and Jewson Building Better Communities Fund with opportunities for community groups to apply for grants. JB to publish details on the 2023 website.</p> <p>It was noted that Bridge of Weir Community Council were investigating the potential development of a pathway between Bridge of Weir and Houston. Both Bridge of Weir and Houston Community Councils have been in touch with Kate Cuthbert, Renfrewshire Council's Access officer, to enquire about the possibility of funding.</p>	<p><b>JB</b></p>
9.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the group will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 10am in the offices of Engage Renfrewshire</p>	<p><b>JB</b></p>



**To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

**On: 23 MAY 2016**

**Report by:**

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**GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5 APRIL 2016**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group which took place on 5 April 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub-groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction. The Greener Housing and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction groups have since been merged due to the cross cutting priorities and a single group under the priority of Carbon Management has now been formed.

- 3.2 The Greener Transport sub-group was established in 2015 led by Ross Nimmo, Head of Planning and Development at Glasgow Airport and assisted by Scott Allan, Head of Amenity Services, Renfrewshire Council (delegated to Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council). The first meeting of the group was held in May 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to come together to ensure the community planning partners and community groups work in collaboration, ensuring improved communication and information sharing takes place to help achieve the priority outcomes and impact measures of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

#### **4. Community Involvement/Engagement**

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Transport sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow Airport; SPT; University of the West of Scotland; Sustrans; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; West College Scotland; Scotrail; INTU Braehead; Renfrewshire Leisure Limited; and Hillington Park. Invitations will be submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.
- 4.2 The Greener Transport sub-group has identified the good work in place in all members relating to active travel. It has been identified that there is a need for a resource to lead on an overarching active travel project to ensure that all the organisations represented are able to work in a cohesive manner and that resources are utilised in a way that meets the needs of all stakeholders.
- 4.3 In the attached minute, information on the possibility of creating an activity travel hub or a low carbon transport hubs was shared. Transport Scotland have been invited to come along to the next meeting of the sub-group to provide further information on these projects and how funding can be applied for.
- 4.4 If Renfrewshire is to establish either an activity travel hub or a low carbon transport hub then resources would be required to be allocated to the projects to ensure all community partners have the opportunity to contribute and participate to the schemes.

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## Appendix 1

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING  
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF  
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD  
GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP  
HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016  
RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE, COTTON STREET,  
PAISLEY**

### IN ATTENDANCE

Ross Nimmo (Glasgow Airport); Desmond Bradley, Scotrail; Lucy Clark, Sustrans; Katharine Brough (NHS); Gareth Evans (INTU); Louise O'Connell, Hillington Park; Claire Roxburgh, UWS; Fiona Watson, Renfrewshire Leisure; David Burnie, Karen McIndoe, Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council.

### APOLOGIES

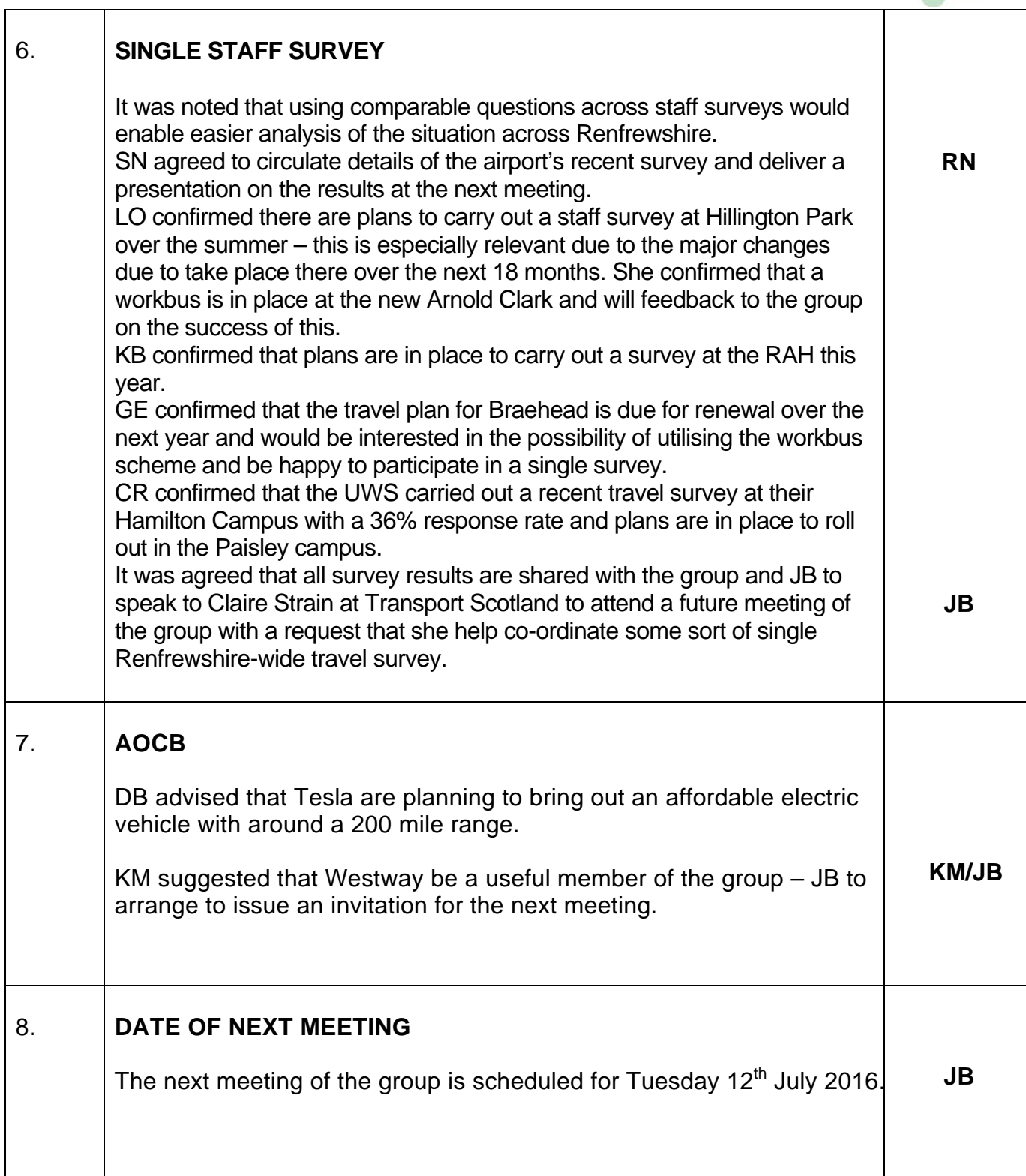
John Binning, SPT; John Melrose (W H Malcolm); Mark Higginbotham, Kate Cuthbert, Colin Hunter, Renfrewshire Council

1	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>There was submitted the minute of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.</p> <p>Item 2 – JB confirmed she will report back to next meeting an update on the provision of resources to carry out the strategic co-ordinating role for the active travel plans.</p> <p>Item 2 – DB confirmed the Transport Scotland meeting in March regarding electric vehicle charging points had been cancelled.</p>	<b>JB</b>
2	<p><b>FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD (01-04-16)</b></p> <p>A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted.</p>	<b>Noted</b>



3	<p><b>PRESENTATION ON EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ACTIVITY TRAVEL HUBS AND LOW CARBON TRANSPORT HUBS)</b></p> <p>DB delivered a brief presentation summarising the key points of funding availability from Transport Scotland for activity travel hubs and low carbon transport hubs.</p> <p>He advised that funding will be made available from 2016/17 and Transport Scotland's plans are to have 4 hubs in place in lowland Scotland and all projects must be brand new ventures.</p> <p>The group were asked to consider setting up a smaller working group to discuss the feasibility of an application for Renfrewshire and to consider:</p> <p>What could a hub do?</p> <p>Where could it be located?</p> <p>What a hub in Renfrewshire could be used for?</p> <p>Any suggestions to be passed to JB and any members who wish to volunteer to form the working group to let JB know.</p> <p>DB confirmed that he will arrange for Neil Langhorn, from Transport Scotland's sustainable and Active Transport Team to attend the next meeting to provide fuller details on the scheme.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>DB</b></p>
4.	<p><b>ACTION PLAN PROGRESS</b></p> <p>Updates on the action plan were provided by the group – the updated plan is attached to this minute.</p>	
5.	<p><b>PERFORMANCE TARGETS</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the performance scorecard remains a work in progress. Any suggestions for useful performance measures to determine the success of the work of the group to be passed to JB.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>









**To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

**On: 23 MAY 2016**

**Report by:**  
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## **OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES**

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland. It takes account of the emerging work streams and actions identified by the Board.
- 1.2 A similar update will be provided for each Board to stimulate awareness and decisions about the wider Greener theme and agenda. If any Board member has any information they would like included and circulated in future issues of the update, please forward to the report author.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 In order to provide the Board members with support, policy advice and consistency of approach, this report explores communication received from the Scottish Government and other statutory bodies, good practice examples from other local authorities as well as national and local initiatives and projects. Where available, a local view has also been provided on the topic.

## **4. Resources**

- 4.1 Information on funding streams which have been identified and which Community Planning Partners can apply for in relation to the Greener agenda are included in the appendices of this report.

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## Good Practice Examples

### Greenspace Scotland

\*FOR INFORMATION ONLY\*

Greenspace Scotland are working with Holyrood magazine to deliver an event to explore the opportunities and challenges for meeting the objectives of the new “Improve access to local greenspace” National Indicator – part of the National Performance Framework.

Key Learning Objectives being covered at the conference are

- Discover the benefits of greenspace and how you can plan for greenspace in your local area;
- Consider some of the many uses for greenspace, including play, greenspace for health, and much more;
- Learn about retrofitting existing ‘grey’ areas with green architecture;
- Discuss how we can ensure that greenspace is sustainable in the long term; and
- Take part in an interactive session showcasing good practice in developing spaces in partnership with the local community.

The event is being held in Edinburgh on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – registration and further details can be found [here](#).

### Keep Scotland Beautiful

\*FOR INFORMATION ONLY\*

Girlguiding Scotland is challenging its 50,000 young members across the country to help keep Scotland beautiful with a new challenge badge.

Created in partnership with KSB, the Keep Scotland Beautiful Challenge Badge contains a wide range of activities grouped around the themes Research, Act and Campaign that girls of all ages will complete to earn their badge.

Activities include organising a community clean-up to holding an eco-friendly picnic, blogging about environmental issues and writing to their MSP.



## Young Reporters Scotland

### \*FOR INFORMATION ONLY\*

Keep Scotland Beautiful celebrated the achievements of Young Reporters taking a stand on environmental issues through the 'Young Reporters Scotland' programme which empowers young people to take a stand on environmental issues and gives them a platform to articulate their views. A national awards ceremony was held in Stirling recently to mark the success of the programme.

Young Reporters Scotland is open to those aged 11 – 21 and is linked to the international Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) initiative. Selected Scottish entries will be entered into the international competition. Young people can find out about the 2016 competition on the Young Reporters Scotland web pages.

This initiative will be taken forward across Renfrewshire by the Greener Communities sub-group.

## Centre for Sustainable Energy

### \*FOR INFORMATION ONLY\*

A new toolkit is available to help local organisations assess what difference their fuel poverty schemes make to the health and wellbeing of target users.

It's called the Affordable warmth & health impact evaluation toolkit, and has been developed by CSE's research team in partnership with the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). Oversight has been provided by experts in the fields of health and evaluation from the Department for Health, Public Health England and a range of front line delivery organisations.

The toolkit was created to help local organisations and local authorities assess what difference their fuel poverty schemes make to the health and wellbeing of target users.

The Affordable warmth & health impact evaluation toolkit provides guidance on how to plan and undertake an impact evaluation and gives advice on such issues as deciding whether or not to conduct a health and wellbeing impact evaluation; involving the health sector; making choices about type of evaluation design; what data will be needed to collect for a health and wellbeing impact evaluation; using ready-made health questionnaires; analysing data; thinking about ethics, consent and data management; and reporting with impact.

## Funding Opportunities

### Central Scotland Green Network

\*FOR INFORMATION ONLY\*

Now in its fourth year, the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) Ideas Fund awards up to £5,000 to support the development of pioneering greenspace and green infrastructure projects, from concepts in their early stages of research, scoping and feasibility to those further on in the design process which are ready to transform their vision into reality with project development, testing or delivery. Eligible applicants will include all CSGN stakeholders and partners, local authorities, academic institutions, NGOs, professional, private and community interests.

To celebrate Scotland's Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, applicants to the 2016 CSGN Ideas Fund should have a creative professional at the heart of the development or delivery of the idea which must make a positive contribution to greenspace or green infrastructure in the region.

Entries should be submitted by 12 noon on 6 June 2016 and three shortlisted projects will go forward for presentation at the CSGN Forum in Glasgow on 21 June 2016.

### Greenspace Scotland

\*FOR INFORMATION ONLY\*

'Bags of Help' is administered by Groundwork, working in Scotland with greenspace scotland, and funded by Tesco customers from the proceeds of the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags. It will fund projects that benefit communities by physically improving open and greenspaces that do not charge for access. There's no match funding requirement for this grant and the grant should be at least 75% of the funding required for your project, which should be a stand-alone project or a discrete, self-contained part of a larger project or part of a phased project and will need to be delivered within 12 months of receipt of the grant. Successful projects will go forward to a public vote in Tesco stores which will decide whether they receive a grant of £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000. Projects that will get the green light as a result of funding will include new pocket parks, sports facilities, schools, woodland walks and community gardens.

It is expected that grants will be awarded to 144 successful groups across Scotland in November 2016. This funding round closes on Friday 3 June 2016 and we have a team of Community Enablers that can provide support or advice when submitting your application. Find their details [here](#).

