



To: **Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities**

On: **17 November, 2015**

Report by:

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UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities draws members from local Third Sector and community operated organisations within Renfrewshire. It has been developed to reflect organisations that have a spread of knowledge, important resources, operate as local employers and can help support general communication to a wide community of service users within the communities of Renfrewshire.
- 1.2 The Forum deploys a member to attend each of the other 5 Community Planning Partnership Thematic Board meetings. Each Forum member is supported by a member of Engage Renfrewshire staff and is required to update the Forum on the progress/activity of their respective nominated Board.
- 1.3 The updates are attached as Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities note the updates.

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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Alan McNiven
NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Community Planning Partnership Board
DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, 23 September 2015
KEY POINTS: <p>Paper on: Welfare reform changes – proposes opportunities for Community Planning Partnership involvement and action.</p> <p>Note that a welfare reform work stream will be established within the Tackling Poverty Programme and that a corporate and partnership response is developed in a similar manner to the previous welfare reform project – with input from the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>Paper on Tackling Poverty Strategy - arrangements for governance, consultation and monitoring and evaluation. A number of organisations are carrying out consultation sessions with their service users on the strategy Stepping Stones, Families First, Childcare First, Local Energy Action Plan, Home-Start Renfrewshire, Engage Renfrewshire, Citizens Advice Bureau, Recovery Across Mental Health, Barnardos Threads, Renfrewshire Foodbank, Renfrewshire Access Panel, Star Project, Save the Children, Foundations First (Shelter).</p> <p>Presentation on Digital Participation</p>
ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <p>Spotlight on the Greener thematic highlighted the successful work of the Greener Communities group – tackling void sites etc. through the stalled spaces initiative.</p>
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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:

Stephen Cruickshank and Stuart Miller

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Safer & Stronger

DATE OF MEETING:

Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

KEY POINTS:

Presentation update on the Diversity & Equality Alliance in Renfrewshire (DEAR) by Stephen Cruickshank (Renfrewshire Access Panel) & Yasmeen Khan (Renfrewshire Council). Highlighted activities and issues discussed. They mentioned some success over the last year, such as '*walk a mile in my shoes*' and '*reclaim the night*'. Stephen spoke about the 'Improving Physical & social Accessibility booklet that RAP have produced, and which has been distributed among Council staff. It has also been picked up by 14 other Councils.

8 young people who volunteer with Street Stuff and live in areas of multiple deprivation are to be recruited as special Police Constables and Special Wardens. This will involve 11 months on the job training with options to go onto further training to become Police Officers or Community Wardens. This will be the first time such an initiative has been carried out in Scotland. The trainees will be deployed in town centre locations

Findings and comments within Renfrewshire Poverty Commission Report have resulted in changes to the Street stuff Programme.

- Money has been secured to assist children to travel to locations where street stuff is running.
- The programme will run to more flexible hours.
- Tie in more with existing provision running in Renfrewshire Leisure Limited venues.
- Utilise school mobile catering vans at street stuff locations. This will offer the young people nutritious food. Plus opportunities to assist in stocking the van and serving.
- Expanding on the activities offered, dance, cycling, fishing, Street beat music.

Construction of the integrated control room and CCTV in the old Sheriff Court building is almost completed, with a start date during October 2015.



Families working with Women & children 1st have attended the CEDAR programme. CEDAR programme (children experiencing domestic abuse recovery).

"Cedar is a unique way of working with children, young people and their mothers recovering from living with domestic abuse. The Cedar programme takes place over 12 weeks with groups for children, young people and their mothers running in parallel.

The groups provide an opportunity to explore feelings with an emphasis on providing fun and creative activities that keep children engaged and interacting with each other. It is about creating a safe place for children and their mothers to help each other to find the best strategies to deal with their experiences and rebuild their lives. A key aim of the programme is to help mothers to support their children in their recovery."

As part of this programme it was agreed that Police Scotland would run a session to build a better understanding of how Police Scotland can assist before things reach crisis point.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The Serious Organised Crime Strategy For Scotland has been refreshed. Copies are available at <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/06/3426>

Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 which was approved at Westminster on 12th March 2015 now places a duty on certain bodies to “*due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism*” Scottish Local Authorities are listed under this section. It was recommended to the Boars to note the expansion of their Prevent Group to include representation from Police Scotland, Prison Service, NHS, among others.

Stuart Miller was asked to provide a presentation to the Community Safety & Public Protection Steering Group, an auctioning group for the Safer & Stronger Board. The presentation was entitled ‘Third Sector role in diverting people from serious organised crime. (Attached).

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Community Safety & Public Protection Steering Group Thursday 17th September 2015.

Third Sector Role in Diverting People from Serious Organised Crime.

Promoting positive alternatives and contributing to
improving community resilience.

National Picture

Recent research from Lancaster University for the Home Office provides an insight into the criminal backgrounds of people who have become involved in organised crime in this country.

90% of organised crime offenders had received a criminal sanction before their first identified organised crime offence.

57% had received their first criminal sanction under the age of 18.

Troubled Families

Launched 2011

Used by 152 English local authorities.

Working Directly with families facing multiple problems.

Ending Gang & Youth Violence

Launched 2012

33 Priority areas

Involves teachers, Job Centre Plus, health services, Police and Community Groups.

Scottish Picture

'Reducing crime, particularly violent and serious organised crime' part of The Strategy For Justice In Scotland, Scottish Government, 2012.

- A priority is to work with families and children at the earliest stage in their lives to divert the vulnerable and those at high risk of offending away from crime. This is a core principle of the Building Safer Communities programme.
- we will pursue a 'public health' approach to tackling violence, focusing on prevention and early intervention

Local Picture

Safer & Stronger –

"We will continue successful youth diversionary programmes in areas of concern!"

A 15% reduction in one year reconviction frequency rate.

A 20% reduction in crimes of violence

"Most violence occurs over the weekend and is alcohol or drug related!"
(Renfrewshire Community Plan 2013-2023)

"Pro-social behaviour will be encouraged through early intervention such as successful youth & diversionary programmes." (Renfrewshire Community Plan 2013-2023)

Local Picture (contd)

"Prevent – Intervene to stop people being drawn into different types of serious and organised crime." (Serious and Organised Crime Strategy: HM Government, 2013)

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| • Renfrewshire Street Stuff | Young people |
| • Environmental Training Team | Young people & adults |
| • Kibble | Young people |
| • Create Youth | Young people |
| • Clubs/groups/associations | Young people & adults |
| • I Am Me | Hate Crime |
| • Volunteering | Young people & adults |



Out with Renfrewshire

Fuse Youth Café Fuse Youth Café Glasgow is a charity working in East Glasgow providing a variety of services to young people of the area. The area has a high level of deprivation and the young people face the risks and challenges associated with areas of high deprivation. Fuse offers a safe place for young people with a café area, gig space and internet café.

Family Action in Rogerfield & Easterhouse (FARE) Family Action in Rogerfield and Easterhouse first started in 1989 when a group of local people, totally frustrated by the lack of amenities in their area, decided to get together to 'enhance the lives of the local people' through the delivery of services to meet the social, emotional and physical needs of the community.



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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:

I Cunningham & J Wilby

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

DATE OF MEETING:

11 November 2015

KEY POINTS:

GREENER COMMUNITIES UPDATE ON PROGRESS – Greener communities sub group have now met three times and have expanded their membership and welcomed on board LEAP, Community pay back and Oskar project. Members of each organisation agreed to recruit new sign-ups for the greener pledge and to submit information to the CPP website and the quarterly newsletter.

STALLED SPACES UPDATE ON PROGRESS - Stalled spaces initiative making good progress 4 groups have received funding and are currently delivering their projects. 2 applications submitted for this round, 5 other expressions of interest are being supported at present. £8.3k approved, £5.1k submitted & £8k pending.

LOCAL GREEN NETWORK PROJECTS UPDATE – Susan Jones delivered a presentation on local green network projects which had the potential to improve the local environment and enhance open spaces, some of the projects had also secured significant levels of external funding. (Fountain gardens, Renfrew ferry riverside)

TACKLING POVERTY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN UPDATE – Annabelle Armstrong-Walter gave a presentation on the background of the development of the strategy and the launch of the report, highlighting the time line being followed and the key messages of the strategy and the priorities and drew special attention to fuel poverty.

RENFREWSHIRE TRANSPORT OUTCOMES REPORT UPDATE – The report summarised the SPT activities and investments delivered in 2014/15. It also provided information on the agreed SPT/Renfrewshire joint work streams for 2015/16.



CYCLING STRATEGY UPDATE – Elaine Lorimer gave a presentation relative to the cycling strategy for Renfrewshire, looking at the objectives and how the council engaged with people, defined a communications strategy and the findings of a recent survey.

GREENER HOUSING SUB GROUP UPDATE – Adele Fraser presented a video to members on energy advice to Renfrewshire residents. The video was jointly developed with the University of West of Scotland and was in direct response to the Greener Renfrewshire Housing Sub Group action plan to develop an energy advice for local residents with a clear focus linked to a greener way of living. The video is also on the 2023 website.

UWS GREENER UPDATE – Claire Roxburgh gave a presentation highlighting the green challenges facing the University; Travel, energy savings, waste disposal, community gardening scheme as well as the issues around changing behaviours of staff and students alike. Also the continuing development of their sustainability hub at the Storie street entrance.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE UPDATE – A report was submitted by the Corporate Asset and Energy manager relative to a survey which was conducted in July 2015 within Renfrewshire House to measure attitudes to energy usage, waste collection, recycling and travel to work. The survey was intended to provide baseline measurements and attitudes ahead of a campaign to recruit green champions to help engage the wider staff group in energy efficient and other green measures within the workplace.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE PRESENTATION UPDATE – A Greig delivered a presentation on the advantages of electric vehicles. He advised that the great environmental benefits of electro-mobility were clearly reflected in the low carbon emissions of the vehicles. Also that cost modelling analysis showed that EV's had lower overall costs than conventionally fuelled vehicles; cheaper fuel costs and lower operational and maintenance costs. He demonstrated charging points and the quiet running of the vehicles which would be a benefit for operating in noise-restricted areas.

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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:

Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Jobs & Economy Board

DATE OF MEETING:

9 September 2015

KEY POINTS:

- The Jobs & Economy Board will develop new targets, as current targets to 2023 have been achieved. These will be developed in line with the new SOA targets and will be with the Community Planning Partnership early in December.
- Members of the Jobs & Economy Boards to attend the first hour of the Children & Young People thematic board on 12 November 2015 to discuss employability opportunities and support for young people.
- InCube, the new business incubator for creative businesses in Paisley High Street, is now open. A shop will be established in Gilmour Street to act as a retail academy and sell the products of young businesses.
- Renfrewshire Council has committed £6 million to the delivery of the Council's tackling poverty action plan.
- The Working Matters labour market programme is being delivered through Invest In Renfrewshire as part of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal. The programme started in August 2015 and will run for three years. Participants are former ESA clients who had not achieved a sustainable outcome.
- Work is being developed on a Renfrewshire Recruitment Incentive for the next three years.

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NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

COMMUNITY CARE, HEALTH & WELLBEING THEMATIC BOARD,

DATE OF MEETING: 8 SEPTEMBER, 2015

KEY POINTS:

UPDATE ON TACKLING POVERTY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

D Amos delivered a presentation setting out proposals to deliver the recommendations made by the Tackling Poverty Commission.

MY STROKE GUIDE

Officers from the Stroke Association came along and gave a presentation outlining the work they carried out and the developing strategies.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS REPORT AGAINST YEAR 1 TARGETS

The report advised that an update on progress against year 1 targets for the Board was presented to the CPP. At that point the Health & Social Care Partnership did not have the results of the Adult Health and Wellbeing Survey 2014 and the Community Profile 2014 and could not therefore provide data against some of the indicators. The report intimated that the Survey results and Community Profile data were now available and a summary of progress was provided in the report.

HOUSING STRATEGY

A presentation was delivered by J Davis relative to the draft Local Housing Strategy. The presentation outlined the purpose of the Local Housing Strategy; highlighted the key issues for consideration; summarised the draft outcomes; drew special attention to Outcome 5.

ADULT HEALTH & WELLBEING SURVEY

C Walker delivered a presentation relative to the 2014 Adult Health & Wellbeing survey for the Renfrewshire area. The survey provided an update from which progress towards performance assessment targets and national health behavior targets could be measured against the 1999 baseline data.

BRAW UPDATE

The report advised that the event took place between 15 and 19 June 2015 with the message focused on getting the most out of summer by being safe and having fun without excessive use of alcohol



INTEGRATION FUND UPDATE - INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

The presentation highlighted the area based/community bids; the proposed linkages; and indicated that the projects would be based in Linwood and Johnstone .

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

J Ferrie has provided additional information:-

There will be a Health Conversations event held in the Tannahill Centre on the morning of Friday 20 November. Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport has instigated these conversation sessions; asking the Health and Social Care Academy, based within the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, to hold these events in partnership with the local Third Sector Interface. The event will pose three questions –

- What support do you need to live healthier lives?
- What areas of health and social care matter to you most?
- Thinking about the future of health and social care services, where should our focus be?

Whilst the Cabinet Secretary will not be in attendance, two of her advisors will be present.

Senior management at Renfrewshire's HSCP are aware of the event and are supportive.

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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Lynne O'Brien
NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Children & YP Thematic Board
DATE OF MEETING: Monday 31 st August 2015
KEY POINTS: <p>This meeting was a youth engagement meeting. It was held in Glennifer High school and attended by senior pupils who presented their views on key themes. Their views reflected many of the issues young people face across Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Health & Well-being- pupils highlighted how the issues of stress/ exam pressure affected their well-being. Alcohol & drugs were also highlighted as issues affecting their peers. There were discussions re progressing school counselling. The Police also offered support to pupils. Access to leisure was highlighted as a barrier to exercise and community involvement. Pupils raised the expense of both travel and also fees.</p> <p>They raised concern for single parents and families they knew who struggled financially</p> <p>Participation– the young people raised issues of accessibility of the Board. There was discussion re linking Board members to schools to increase the participation.</p> <p>Jobs & Economy – young people raised concern for peers who face sanctions at the job centre. They asked for more advice regarding Careers and additional support for work experience and volunteering. Board members were able to offer advice and would follow up- Engage/ SDS etc</p> <p>It was an insightful presentation. It was agreed that their points would be followed up,</p> <p>Annabel Armstrong Walker presented an overview of the Tacking Poverty Commission</p>
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