

To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

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TITLE:

Autumn Community Planning Partnership Conferences

1. Summary

- 1.1 Arrangements for establishing Local Partnerships within Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership to replace and refocus Local Area Committees operated by Renfrewshire Council are now being finalised. Decisions on finalised proposals will be made by Renfrewshire Council on 27 September 2018.
- 1.2 Subject to Council approval, the first meetings of the Local Partnerships will take place before the end of calendar year 2018. As a lead-in to the Local Partnership meetings, a series of conferences will be held across Renfrewshire during autumn 2018. The purpose of the conferences will be to gather people to discuss local issues and priorities, which will then be used to help inform the Local Partnerships.
- 1.3 The support of community and voluntary sector organisations will be essential in organising and delivering the conference events, particularly in encouraging people to attend. Members of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities are asked to support wherever possible the delivery of the autumn conferences.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities:
 - (a) Note that a series of dates for conference events and the first meetings of Local Partnerships are being arranged to take place before the end of calendar year 2018.
 - (c) Agrees that members of the Forum support as appropriate the organisation and delivery

- (b) Agrees that, in particular, members communicate information about the conference events to service users and contacts to encourage wide community representation at conferences during autumn 2018.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is currently in the process of establishing geographic Local Partnerships, to replace the Local Area Committees operated by Renfrewshire Council. This will provide a more partnership-focused way for public services and local communities to engage with each other.
- 3.2 Renfrewshire Council will consider at its meeting on 27 September 2018 finalised proposals for the operation of the Local Partnerships, following two extensive phases of engagement in autumn 2017 and early 2018. The meeting of Renfrewshire Council Cross-Party Sounding Board on 16 August 2018 made some recommendations for amendments to the proposals, which will be taken into account in the finalised proposals. For information, the link to the paper presented to the Cross-Party Sounding Board is:
<http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/2664/Committee/155/Default.aspx>
- 3.3 Subject to approval at Council on 27 September, arrangements will be put in place for the first meeting of Local Partnerships to be held before the end of calendar year 2018. As a lead-in to the new partnership arrangements, a series of conference events will be held during autumn 2018. The purpose of these events will be to explore local priorities and present local data and intelligence, in order to inform the first meetings of the new Local Partnerships.
- 3.4 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities previously agreed that members would act to disseminate relevant partnership information to service users and contacts as appropriate, in order to ensure that as diverse a range of participants as possible can be engaged with. Members of the Forum will be requested to circulate information about the conferences and the new partnerships and encourage attendance at conferences among their users and contacts.