



To: **GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

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STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND - UPDATE

1. Summary

- 1.1 Stalled Spaces Scotland: Renfrewshire received one application in the first round of funding following the June 2015 deadline. It is expected that further applications will be submitted for consideration by the Board following the August 2015 deadline.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the contents of this report in preparation for consideration of future applications.

3. Background

- 3.1 Community groups have been invited to apply for £250 - £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. 75% of projects funded must be town centre based, and applications will be assessed by the Greener Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Thematic sub-group. It is anticipated that the majority of awards will be for projects between £250 and £2,000.
- 3.2 The application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix are available on the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com). The scoring matrix will be used by the Greener Board to assess each application.



4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 Community groups were invited to attend two community engagement events in May 2015, where data was collected from organisations interested in applying to the programme. Following these engagement events, one application was received by the June 2015 deadline, however further negotiation with the community group will be necessary to ensure that the Stalled Spaces criteria is met before the application is granted.
- 4.2 Representatives from Engage Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire Council are currently in the process of discussing potential applications with community groups. We will continue to work with community groups to help them in the completion of their applications.