



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board

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TITLE:
**Renfrewshire Community Planning Conferences 2016 Feedback: Regeneration
Conference Events**

1. Summary

- 1.1 A programme of Community Planning Conference events focused on the Paisley UK City of Culture bid, Community Empowerment and Regeneration is taking place between March and June 2016 at venues in Paisley, Johnstone and Renfrew. Third sector organisations have played a significant part in planning, supporting and presenting at events, which have been well attended by communities in Renfrewshire.
- 1.2 Feedback from the community planning conferences will be used to gather evidence of involvement to strengthen the UK City of Culture 2021 bid and influence the development of the bid, the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act in Renfrewshire and the way in which communities are engaged in the significant physical regeneration of Renfrewshire taking place over the next decade. Feedback from the conferences held to the end of May 2016 was presented to the Forum meeting on 1 June 2016. Feedback from the final conference events held on the subject of Regeneration on 20 June is attached below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Forum notes the feedback from the Regeneration community planning conference events held on 20 June 2016.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership carried out a series of six large-scale conference events between March and June 2016. Daytime and evening events are being held across Renfrewshire on the following themes: Paisley UK City of Culture 2021 bid (Paisley), Community Empowerment (Johnstone) and Regeneration (Renfrew). The purpose of the conferences is to raise awareness within our communities of the significant policy developments within Renfrewshire and opportunities for communities to influence these.
- 3.2 The Paisley UK City of Culture 2021 events were held on 11 March and 9 May 2016, attended by 90 and 93 people respectively and the daytime Community Empowerment conference took place on 20 May. The Regeneration events were held on 20 June 2016.
- 3.3 All conference events had speaker input from third sector organisations, reflecting both the strength of the sector and the community empowerment agenda within Renfrewshire. The views of people attending the conferences were recorded through workshop exercises and through customer feedback handsets.

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Renfrewshire Community Planning Conference 2016

Opportunities for our Communities: Regenerating our Communities

**Themes identified from the Workshop sessions, 20th June
2016,**

**9.30am – 2.30pm and 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Renfrew Town
Hall**

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Introduction

Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership has organised larger-scale community planning conferences throughout 2016. On 20th June 2016 Regenerating our communities conference took place with a focus on regeneration initiatives in Renfrewshire, such as Glasgow & Clyde Valley City Deal Programme.

The event took place in the Renfrew Town Hall. Over 50 delegates attended the conference on the day. The conference delegates heard about Renfrewshire's ambitious regeneration projects from the guest speakers. The following guest speakers attended the event:

- Alasdair Morrison, Head of Planning and regeneration, Renfrewshire Council
- Steve McFadden, City Deal Project Director, Renfrewshire Council
- Lesley Fisher – Development Manager, Renfrew Development Trust

In the second half of the event, delegates were invited to participate in the workshops where they were asked to identify key areas of improvement in their local area and outline how these can be achieved. In this report you will be able to find the key issues that were highlighted during the conference and detailed results from the workshop sessions.

Key issues



Workshop results: Daytime Event

What?	When?	Who?	How?
Group 1			
Build more social housing	1000 homes by 2020	Renfrewshire Council and Housing Associations	Funding via Scottish Government, Renfrewshire Council and Housing Associations.
Community Involvement (Development Trusts etc.) to identify gaps and link with the Community Planning Partnership (CPP)	Now and ongoing	Third Sector Interface (TSI), Council, CPP, Housing Associations and	Engage Renfrewshire to assist with group start up.

What?	When?	Who?	How?
		Communities	
City Deal employability options closely linked to actual jobs and how to access, training and preparation for employability	Now and ongoing	Schools, Housing Associations, Council, TSI, College and University	Newsletters, social media, training and education.
Affordable private housing development	Ongoing	Developers	Option for Local Authority to buy some stock and use for affordable housing/rental.
Improve transport facilities/resources including roads, cycle paths and footpaths	Prior to the start of new developments	Council, CPP, City Deal and Private Developers	Consultation
Group 2			
Transport and accessibility	Short term	Central and Local Government, Transport Agencies and Operators	City Deal Transport Strategy to support different modes
Communication and promotion	Short term	Council, Community groups and schools	Familiarise people with City Deal process, structure and participation
New Investment and activity including town centres for different age groups	Short to long term	Council, Job seekers, local businesses and community groups	Improve facilities which appeal to a variety of age groups. Creating opportunities for activity resulting in sense of attachment to place.
Group 3			
Sustainability	Always	Everyone	
Good public transport links to increase accessibility	Early development feasibility	Everyone	Integrated transport hubs.
Underused buildings or spaces	Opportunistic	Community, private sector, council and other	Working in partnership.

What?	When?	Who?	How?
		public bodies	
Place making	Always	Planning, regeneration and community	Improve design standards/development requirements.
Youth engagement	From the beginning	Schools, college and youth groups	Targeted event – go to the audience.
Group 4			
Improve transport links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links between Linwood and Paisley are poor • Limited number of late buses • People feel isolated • My Bus only used in Paisley 	Increase provision at weekends	SPT, third sector, My Bus, Bus companies and volunteers (similar to hospital routes)	Social Enterprise options available using buses that are in garages. Take up with Just-Enterprise first.
Make better use of community facilities e.g. Tweedie Halls, Linwood; On X not really used by locals; award ceremonies are being held in hotels; and Council use there own facilities	2016/17	Renfrewshire Leisure, Renfrewshire Council, Glasgow Airport (when using facilities out with the airport)	Publicise and encourage more use of facilities. Use own facilities when appropriate.
Reduce the amount of litter particularly in doorways and around Paisley Gilmour Street.	Short term – blitz Longer term – behaviour change	Paisley 2021, Renfrewshire Council (Wardens and Street Cleaning), Abellio Trains	Implement fines. Encourage more litter picks. Provide stub hubs for smokers. High visibility of street sweepers
Improve accessibility to existing facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer pavements • Mobility access 	Facilities already exist	Property owners, Renfrewshire Access Panel and Renfrewshire Council	Community Empowerment Act. Business Rates.
New Sports hub in Ferguslie not necessary – use existing facilities		Renfrewshire Leisure and the wider community	

Workshop results: Evening Event

What?	When?	Who?	How?
Group 1			
Accessibility of local jobs	Ongoing in the short, medium and long term	Private, Public and third sector partnerships	Consult and listen to local communities.
Improve transport and ensure that roads are fit for purpose and encourage active travel	Short, medium and long term depending on each element	Private, Public and third sector partnerships	Better consultation including bi-monthly events outside community councils.
Community empowerment, inclusion and education	Now	Private, Public and third sector partnerships	Recruit young people.
Group 2			
Good public transport links into and out of towns	Now and at all times including the evenings and weekends	SPT and McGills	Subsidised routes.
Better communication (The truth), consultation and feedback rather than having to search for information	Consistent and timely (every day) and not just through the Council website	Renfrewshire Council, Local Councillors, Community Councillors and Development Trusts	Use Community Councils and Development Trusts to become statutory consultees.
Realistic prices for the development and transfer of Council land	Addressed as a matter of urgency	Renfrewshire Council, Estates and Development Trusts	Discuss economic benefits of asset transfer
Social Housing – Affordable and mixed housing	Continuous development	Renfrewshire Council, Housing Associations and Private Sector	Public and private investment and infrastructure