

Notice of Meeting and Agenda **Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee**

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 25 November 2015	18:15	Linwood High School, Stirling Drive, Linwood,

KENNETH GRAHAM
 Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Maria Brown: Councillor Audrey Doig: Provost Anne Hall: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor Michael Holmes: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor James McQuade: Councillor Iain Nicolson: Councillor Allan Noon:

Councillor Stuart Clark (Convener): Councillor Sam Mullin (Depute Convener)

Community Representatives

Langbank Community Council; Houston & Killellan Kirk; Brookfield Community Council; Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; Erskine Community Council; Crisis; Erskine Youth Council; InBishopton Community Web Site; Bridge of Weir Community Council; Bishopton Scout Group; Bishopton Primary School Parent Council; Our Lady of Peace Parent Committee Nursery; Erskine Youth Football Club; Bishopton Parish Church; Bridge of Weir Tenants' & Residents' Association; Renfrewshire Youth Voice; Renfrewshire Early Years Forum for the Voluntary Sector; Linwood Community Childcare; Bridgewater Housing Association Limited; Erskine Community Association; Linwood Community Council; Linwood Tenants' & Residents' Action Group; Erskine; Bishopton Community Council; Inchinnan Community Council; Houston Community Council; Linwood Friendship Group; Brighter Bridge of Weir; and Cairellot Day Nursery.

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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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Agenda item 1

**Renfrewshire
Health & Social Care Partnership**



Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)

Local Area Committee Update

Integration

1. The Health and Social Care Partnership must approve a Strategic Plan by 31st March 2017 in order for appropriate powers to be delegated by the two parent organisations (the Council and Health Board). An inclusive Strategic Planning Group (SPG) has been formed to support the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and to ensure that stakeholder groups have a voice and influence.

Three key messages from the SPG are attached.

2. Partnerships must also establish at least two localities to promote and support local engagement in the planning and delivery of health and social care services. Operationally, the HSCP will be organised around two localities (Paisley and West Renfrewshire), but discussions with local GP clusters have commenced to explore how better local partnership working can improve health and social care services.

Winter

3. The HSCP has been working with acute hospital services to prepare for winter 2015/16. A plan is being finalised which will ensure minimal disruption to NHS services, patients and carers over the busy winter period. In particular, it will focus on avoiding inappropriate hospital admission, safe discharge from hospital (including weekends and bank holidays), workforce planning, business continuity planning and flu vaccination. A comprehensive communication plan will be implemented across the Board area, including the circulation of an 8-page guide to NHS in winter to every household.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP

OCTOBER 2015

3 Key Messages

Following each Strategic Planning Group, we will circulate three key messages so that members have something consistent to go back to their stakeholder group with.

Members of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) are asked to share the following 3 key messages with the groups they represent. SPG members can feed comments back into the process by contacting Alison Hardie (Alison.Hardie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk):

1. New Strategic Planning Group set to make its voice heard:

Renfrewshire now has its Strategic Planning Group (SPG) for health and social care. This group has an important role in shaping local health and social care plans and is made up of people representing different health and social care interest groups such as carers, GPs and social workers. The job of SPG members over the coming months is to examine the [Health & Social Care Partnership's](#) ("the Partnership") ideas for services for 2016-2019, to discuss these ideas with the people and groups they represent and to tell the Partnership what they think. This process will result in the Partnership publishing its **Strategic Plan**, which is its main document for setting out how integrated health and social care services, working closely with partners, will improve outcomes for local people.

2. Strategic Plan- opportunity to shape the early stages:

Recently, the Renfrewshire [Integration Joint Board](#) ("IJB") - the body that is responsible for health and social care decisions- set out its proposals for its Strategic Plan. This is the first stage of thinking about what the Plan will look like and the first opportunity for the SPG to give the Partnership its views.

Please take the time to read the [Proposals Report](#) and think about:

- Does the proposed structure and content cover all the areas you would expect? What, if anything, is missing?
- How can the Partnership ensure it engages (informally) and consults (formally) in meaningful and effective way?

Use the contact details at the top of the page to send in your response or to talk to us about your thoughts.

3. Strategic Plan- the way ahead:

The Strategic Plan has to be approved before the end of March 2016 so that the Partnership can officially take over the running of services. In practical terms this means that it will be submitted to the IJB on 18th March for approval. The law that deals with integration of health and social care sets out the process that has to be used, which is:

- Sept/Oct 2015: the IJB sets out its proposals and asks the SPG for its views on them (*this is where we are now*)
- Nov 2015: the IJB prepares a first draft and asks the SPG for its views
- Dec 2015: the IJB develops a second draft
- Jan/Feb 2016: the Partnership consults a range of local stakeholders, including the SPG, on the second draft
- Feb/Mar 2016: the final draft is prepared and submitted to the IJB for approval.

At each stage, the SPG's views will be taken into account.

**To: HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE & ERSKINE
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

On: 25 NOVEMBER 2015

Report by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Heading: COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION,
PROGRESS UPDATE**

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides a progress update on some of the activities the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership have carried out in the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine area in quarter 2 (1 July – 30 September 2015). Statistical information has been provided by a number of partners including: Police Scotland; Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; and Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. The report includes information on:

- Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine community safety statistics;
- environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
- protecting vulnerable residents;
- building safer communities;
- diversionary activities;
- the development of the integrated control room and CCTV;
- the work of Adult Protection.

1.2 Overall, during quarter 2 levels of recorded crime decreased within the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside area when compared with the same period in the last year.

- 1.3 Street Stuff continues to be delivered with total attendance within the LAC area of 1276 participants. Level of vandalism and youth disorder remain low, similar to levels achieved in the same quarter last year.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of this progress update report.
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3. Focus on Houston, Crosslee and Riverside

- 3.1 During this quarter, the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership have continued to target resources into hotspot areas where the highest number of crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents were reported:
- Within Ward 9, reported incidents of ASB decreased by one-quarter in comparison to the corresponding period last year. The highest tariff incident type was identified as Public Nuisance, where the majority of complaints were made on Saturdays and Sundays between 1800hrs and 2000hrs.
 - Within Ward 10, reported incidents of ASB reduced by more than one-half (52%). This significant reduction remains related to an ongoing situation last year within Bridge of Weir, which has now been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.
 - There was a slight reduction of around 6% in reported ASB incidents within Ward 11 during the most recent quarter. The highest tariff incident type was Public Nuisance, with complaints peaking on Saturdays and Sundays between 1900hrs and 2100hrs.
- 3.2 During this quarter, increases were noted within all of the Crime Types, with Serious Violent Crime increasing (from 2 to 5 crimes); Minor Assaults increasing by 8 incidents to 26; and vandalism increasing slightly from 16 to 20 incidents. The increases identified within Drug crime remain consistent with both the local and national picture and reflect current policing priorities towards crimes of this type.

- 3.3 A very slight increase was noted within Drug Crimes (by two incidents, however remains at a very low level), whilst reductions were identified in Minor Assaults and Vandalism. Serious Violent Crime continues to remain static at a very low level.
- 3.4 Within Ward 11, an increase was noted within Drug Crimes (increased from 3 to 8), and a slight increase in vandalism (from 11 to 14 incidents), whilst reductions were noted within Minor Assault and Serious Violent Crime, the latter producing no incidents during the quarterly reporting period.

Crime Type	Q2 2014/15			Q2 2015/16			Change		
	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11
Serious Violent Crime	2	1	2	5	1	0	↑	↔	↓
Minor Assault	18	7	12	26	6	9	↑	↓	↓
Drug Crime	13	1	3	41	3	8	↑	↑	↑
Disorder and ASB	191	125	160	144	60	150	↓	↓	↓
Vandalism	16	11	11	20	6	14	↑	↓	↑

- 3.5 During July to September 2015, 11% of all complaints to Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership (Community Resources) were related to Dog Fouling, again the most common complaint. 611 community safety patrols were undertaken in Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area with a number of targeted interventions, however it continues to be the case that catching irresponsible owners at the point that dog fouling occurs remains very challenging:

Dog Issues dealt with by actions	Ward 9	Ward 10	Ward 11
Dog Warden Visit	6	0	0
Dog fouling sign erected	0	0	3
Dog returned to owners	2	0	0
Dog taken to SSPCA	2	0	0
Visit re out of control dog	9	13	9
Warning letter issued	0	1	0
Monitoring visit (DCN)	6	7	26

- 3.6 Unfortunately, statistics from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service's activities are unavailable this quarter. The next LAC report will cover the period July-December 2015.

3.7 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service's initiatives help to contribute to reductions in fires. In August, The Festival of Fire celebrated the West of Scotland's proud fire fighting heritage:

- Thousands of spectators watched the Fire Engine Rally from Johnstone Fire Station to an assemble point at Houston Square which allowed residents to get up close to the vintage and current fire vehicles.
- Visitors were able to enjoy family entertainment including chip-pan fire demos, a bouncy castle, birds of prey and a selection of stalls.
- Renfrewshire's Provost Anne Hall also took part in road traffic accident demonstration when she was cut out of a car and 'rescued' by fire fighters.

In September, Johnstone Community Fire Station was a venue at Doors Open day allowing the public to see the inner workings of the service.

3.8 The table below shows that the calls to Police Scotland relating to vandalism & youth disorder remained constant. This low level vandalism & youth disorder can be directly linked to the increasing Street Stuff attendances.

Vandalism & Youth Disorder			
Ward	Q2 2014/15	Q2 2015/16	% Change
9	24	24	↔
10	16	11	31%↓
11	32	39	22%↑

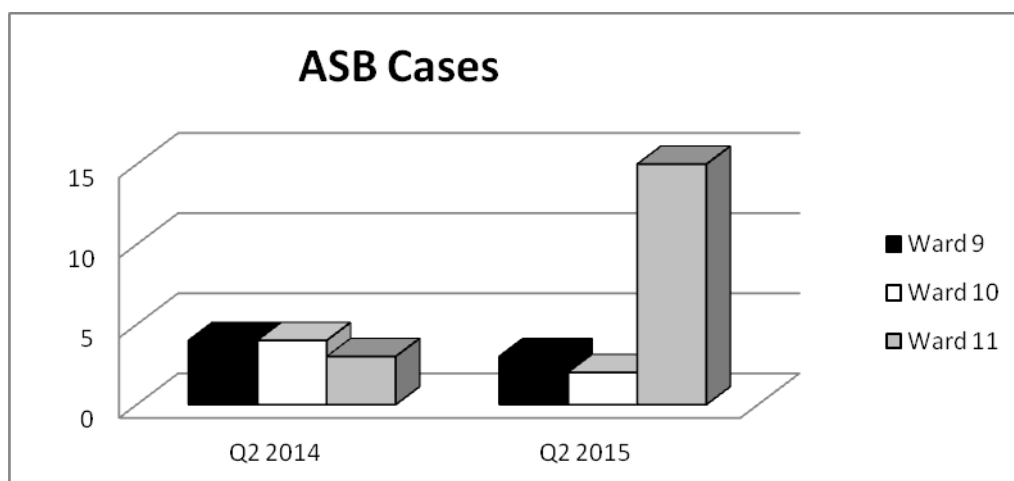
3.9 Within Ward 9, incidents remained at the same level as for the corresponding quarterly reporting period last year. There were no peak days or locations identified, however incidents peaked between 1800hrs and 2000hrs.

3.10 There was a reduction of nearly one-third in reported Vandalism & Youth Disorder incidents within Ward 10 (31%). Due to the very small number of incidents involved, there were no obvious geographic or temporal patterns identified.

3.11 Within Ward 11, incidents increased from 32 to 39 during the most recent quarter. There was a slight concentration of incidents within the West Freeland area (which includes Park Drive, Park Gate, etc). The only repeat complaint related to youths gathering in the area of the woods, with peak day being identified as Sunday, and a peak time between 1900hrs and 2000hrs.

However, many of the individuals involved have been identified and referred to the Community Safety Youth Team.

- 3.12 During July to September 2015, the number of antisocial behaviour cases referred to Community Safety increased significantly compared with corresponding period in 2014. This was mainly youth cases in Wards 11 relating to groups gathering causing disorder. Local residents have been very helpful in identifying the young people involved in these ASB incidents.



- 3.13 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership's main diversionary project is Street Stuff. This project has now been operating across Renfrewshire for the last 6 years and continues to contribute significantly towards reductions in youth disorder and antisocial behaviour.

- 3.14 The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area from July to September 2015:

Venue	Sessions	Attendance
Our Lady of Peace Football	11	144
Our Lady of Peace Bus	11	153
Bargarran Football	26	396
Bargarran Box	21	250
Linwood Park Football	17	113
Inchinnan Park Football	13	126
Ardgryffe Football	12	94
Total	111	1276

- 3.15 Funding from this LAC in 2015/16 has allowed Street Stuff to deliver extra sessions in local areas. Street Stuff now provide 9 sessions over 5 days per week in the autumn months in the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area. Previously in 2014 it was only 8 sessions over 4 days per week. The

Street Stuff timetable attached as Appendix 1 shows the locations and dates of activities being delivered from 1 October – 12 December 2015 across Renfrewshire. New areas are currently being explored for additional activities to be delivered over the next few months and timetable will be updated accordingly.

4 Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

4.1 Keep Scotland Beautiful - Dog Fouling Fortnight (30 September - 13 October 2015)

Recent research carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) found that almost 70% of people rated dog fouling as the item on our streets that bothered them most. 64% of KSB campaign supporters also said they encountered dog fouling while carrying out Clean Up events this year. The KSB campaign Dog Fouling Fortnight aims to provoke support from the public in tackling the issue of dog fouling in communities. To support this national campaign the Wardens Service provided high visibility support, utilising existing resources and staff, to highlight the issue, including:

- CCTV vehicles focussed on parks or near open ground and at dog fouling hotspots identified by local knowledge and statistical information;
- Wardens distributed 'Know the Law' dog fouling leaflets and provided advice to dog walkers and residents within local parks and Town Centres.
- Partnership working with Police Scotland and StreetScene staff in sharing information for follow up enforcement or informal educational action.

4.2 Vehicle Emissions Testing

This bi-annual event took place on 28 and 29 October 2015. Community Safety wardens working in partnership with Police Scotland carried out emissions testing on light vehicles entering the Air Quality Control Management Area in Paisley town centre. During a similar initiative in March 2015, 229 vehicles were tested and 8 failed resulting in the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices to the drivers.

5. Protecting the Vulnerable

5.1 Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

A Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a multi agency victim-focussed meeting where information is shared on the highest risk cases of domestic abuse between different statutory and voluntary sector agencies.

The role of the MARAC is to facilitate, monitor and evaluate effective information sharing to enable appropriate actions to be taken to increase public safety.

- 5.2 These meetings are chaired by ASSIST, a specialist domestic abuse advocacy and support service focused on reducing risk and improving the safety of victims of domestic abuse. ASSIST is managed by Community Safety Glasgow (CSG) a charitable partnership between Glasgow City Council and The Scottish Police Authority. At the last MARAC meeting in August, ASSIST notified all relevant members that they were no longer in a position to continue resourcing and convening MARAC meetings.
- 5.3 The Renfrewshire Safer and Stronger Action Plan highlights Renfrewshire Council's commitment to supporting the roll out of ASSIST and to establishing an active and effective Renfrewshire MARAC. Therefore, from October 2015 Renfrewshire's Community Safety Partnership have taken on the role as MARAC Coordinator, and Police Scotland will chair the meetings. ASSIST will offer a transitional support in taking on the MARAC co-ordination processes and additional training for relevant officers will be sourced. Woman's Aid has also agreed to continue with the support they currently provide around accommodating the monthly MARAC meetings. Current estimates indicate that around 310 cases per year within Renfrewshire will be handled by the MARAC.
- 5.4 A report was submitted to the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group on the next steps and it was agreed that MARAC form part of the Public Protection agenda and continue to feed into the Gender Based Violence Steering group.
- 5.5 **Keep Safe**

Keep Safe works in partnership with Police Scotland and a network of local businesses to create 'Keep Safe' places for disabled, vulnerable, and elderly people when out and about in the community. People can access these premises to seek assistance and help if they feel lost, confused, scared, in danger, or have been the victim of a crime. The Keep Safe initiative is currently running in Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, and Dumfries & Galloway, and is being rolled out across Scotland in partnership with other Local Authorities. In Renfrewshire, we have signed up 8 new Keep Safe places: Williamsburgh Housing Association, Intu Braehead, Salvation Army - Erskine, Engage Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire Carers Centre, Bluewater Dentist, Mistylaw Medical Centre, and the RSPB Visitor Centre. Work is ongoing to encourage more businesses to sign up and a full list Keep Safe premises can be viewed at www.iammescotland.co.uk.

6. Building Safer Communities

6.1 Stalled Spaces

Stalled Spaces Scotland is an initiative managed by Architecture & Design Scotland (A&DS) on behalf of the Scottish Government to tackle vacant and derelict land sites. Following the submission of an application to A&DS, Renfrewshire Council was awarded £10,000. This award was matched via funding available from the Council's 2015/16 Local Green Network budget.

- 6.2 Community groups within Renfrewshire have been invited to apply for funding to tackle vacant and derelict land sites within their local communities. Applications are open for grants of between £250 and £5,000, although it is anticipated that the majority of awards will be for approximately £2,000. A&DS stipulate that 75% of funding must be within town centre locations, and emphasise that projects must be of a temporary nature. Examples of projects include growing grounds, art displays or theatre performances.

- 6.3 Almost half of the Stalled Spaces funding has already been allocated to four community groups:

- (i) Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR): £2,400 sought for a vacant plot beside the West End Community Centre. The vacant site has been subject to fire raising and antisocial behaviour. ROAR is looking to restore the site to enable use by the local community.
- (ii) I Am Me Scotland: £2,000 sought for a filming project on a derelict mill site in the Johnstone area which has been subject to fire raising and youth disorder.
- (iii) Loud n Proud, Paisley: £2,007 sought for a series of pop up interactive music events in un-used space in the centre of Paisley.
- (iv) West End Community Council, Paisley: £1,900 for the clearance and improvement of two derelict sites.

Renfrewshire Council and Engage Renfrewshire are currently working with a number of other organisations on their applications..

- 6.4 Information on how to apply for a grant is given on the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com). Applications are judged by the Greener Thematic Board on a rolling basis.

7. Diversionary Activities

7.1 Street Stuff

In August 2015, the annual international match between Street Stuff and Football Beyond Borders London was held at St Mirren Park. The London team comprised of young people experiencing difficulties in school. The match was organised by the Scottish Football Partnership and Football Beyond Borders (an international organisation that uses the sport to engage with young people). The Street Stuff team are scheduled to play a return match in London next year at the Football Beyond Borders tournament.

7.2 Dance Sessions Extended Renfrewshire wide

The University of the West of Scotland's 2014 evaluation report of Street Stuff identified that girls wanted more choice in the activities available from the programme. In response, Street Stuff piloted a new dance class in January 2015. In September, Street Stuff rolled out the dance format to other LAC areas due to its popularity.

A dance display was held in Glenburn Community Centre on 16th October with young people from Glenburn and Gallowhill with over 100 parents in attendance. Plans are now underway in preparation for a Christmas display with young people from all over Renfrewshire.

7.3 Girls Development Programme

Street Stuff with 'St Mirren in the Community' started a new football initiative in September, the Girls Development Programme. This initiative creates more choice for girls and gives them an opportunity to enhance and develop their footballing skills. The classes are on every Wednesdays for girls in the age groups of 8-10 and 11-14.

8. Integrated Control Room & CCTV System

The construction of the new Community Safety Hub & Integrated Control Room at Mill Street, Paisley was completed in September 2015. A programme has been developed for the moves of employee groups that will be based in the new facility, from Clark Street and Renfrewshire House, with the moves planned in 3 phases between late September and December 2015. Multi-agency daily tasking meetings are now held there, with the hub staff, CCTV operators and Police Scotland operatives being located within the facility.

9. Public Protection Spotlight – Adult Protection

9.1 Adult Protection in Renfrewshire

Renfrewshire's Adult Protection Committee (RAPC) is the inter-agency strategic partnership responsible for the overview and effectiveness of adult protection activity. Their vision statement is:

In Renfrewshire we recognise that adult protection is everyone's business. Our vision is to promote public awareness and to use our collective endeavour to protect adults at risk of harm in Renfrewshire

The RAPC works to provide advice and guidance and is committed to supporting the improvement of skill and knowledge of those working with adults at risk of harm. It can do this by making proposals, giving recommendations and by remitting actions to sub-committees. Some of this can result from critical incident reviews or from self evaluation exercises. The RAPC meets bi-monthly and its members include an independently appointed Chair. It also has representation from a range of public bodies and key community partners. Tasked with submitting a biennial report to the Scottish Government noting its activities and main areas of focus, the RAPC has a commitment to review the practice and performance of adult protection activity in Renfrewshire.

9.2 In general, adults are not considered to require protection. However there are circumstances when adults, over 16, are known or believed to be at risk of harm. This is defined by the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, where adults:

- are unable to safeguard their own well-being, property, rights or other interests,
- are at risk of harm, and
- because they are affected by disability, mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity, are more vulnerable to being harmed than adults who are not so affected.

The harm can take various forms and is not restricted to only one type occurring at the same time. Harm can also be carried out by any individual and it does not need to be intentional. All three points noted above must be known or believed to be the case prior to making a referral under this Act.

9.3 The point of access for referrals in Renfrewshire is the Adult Services Referral Team (ASeRT). Any individual can make a referral to this team under the Act. 1708 referrals were received during 2014/15 which was a similar to the

previous year's total. Police Scotland is responsible for the majority of referrals and this continued in 2014/15 at 73% of all referrals. Social Work Services have a statutory responsibility to make inquiries into every referral. 105 referrals proceeded to investigation in 2014/15 under the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007. However, adults can be supported and protected under a number of other Acts.

- 9.4 The 2007 Act was introduced to expand the protection legislation for adults which also includes the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Adult with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2001. Health and Social Work services can at times only intervene in cases using these Acts when authority has been granted through the Scottish Courts and where there is evidence of significant or serious harm.

10. Background

- 10.1 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership brings together key resources to tackle and address issues to sustain and maintain safer and stronger communities. The Partnership consists of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and other community safety agencies.
- 10.2 Our Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership long-term vision is that: 'Renfrewshire is known as a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protection and are free from crime. A culture of fairness, respect and equality exists and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected'.

Implications of this Report

- 1. Financial** – none.
- 2. HR & Organisational Development** – none.
- 3. Community Plan/Council Plan**

Safer and Stronger – The activities set out within this report contribute to ensuring that Renfrewshire is a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protection, are free from crime and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected.

Greener –Activities set out in this report contribute towards developing the quality of the environment of Renfrewshire in a sustainable way ensuring it is clean, green and safe for all residents and visitors.

4. **Legal** – none.
5. **Property/Assets** – none.
6. **Information Technology** – none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.
8. **Health And Safety** – none.
9. **Procurement** – none.
10. **Risk** – none.
11. **Privacy Impact** – none.

List of Background Papers - none

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<u>Monday –</u>	
<u>4pm – 6:30pm</u>	<u>6:30pm-9:30pm</u>
Beechwood Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Underwood Lane - Football Only Morar Drive Foxbar - Football and the Box	Beechwood Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Knockhill Park - Football only Johnstone Castle MUGA top spot - Football only Underwood Lane - Football Only Morar Drive Foxbar - Football and the Box St Anne's Primary School - Youth Bus only Howwood Primary School - Dance Only
<u>Tuesday</u>	
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Gallowhill Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Gallowhill Community Centre (Indoor) - Dance Our lady of Peace Primary School MUGA - Football only McMaster Centre MUGA - Football +the Box	Gallowhill Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Gallowhill Community Centre (Indoor) - Dance Our lady of Peace Primary School MUGA - Football only Lochfield Marshes - Football + Youth Bus McMaster Centre MUGA - Football +the Box
<u>Wednesday</u>	
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Morar Drive Foxbar - Football and Box Underwood Lane - Football + Youth Bus Beechwood Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box	Kilbarchan Primary School (Indoor) - Dance only Seedhill Playing Fields MUGA - Football only Morar Drive Foxbar - Football and Box Arkleston Primary School - Football Only Wallace Primary School (Indoor) - Football Only Underwood Lane - Football + Youth Bus SMFC Indoor Airdome (6:00-7:00pm) (7:00-8:00pm) - Football Girls Only

<u>Thursday</u>		
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<u>Friday – 6:30pm-9:30pm (except **)</u> Gallowhill Community Centre MUGA - Football + Box Bargarran Primary School MUGA - Football + Box Glenburn Community Centre (Indoor) - Dance Only Skye Cres - Football only St Mirren FC Carbrini@JD Airdome - Football Only 8:15pm-10:15pm ** St Mirren FC Stadium - Table Tennis 6:30pm-8:00pm McMaster Centre MUGA - Football Only Lochwhinnoch Annexe - Youth Bus only		
<u>Saturday – 5:30pm-8:30pm</u> Gallowhill Community Centre - Football + Box Bargarran Primary School MUGA - Football + Box Skye Cres - Football Only St Mirren FC Carbrini@JD Airdome - Football + Youth Bus Johnstone Castle Top Spot - Football Only		<u>Sunday – 2pm – 4pm</u> Gallowhill Community Centre - Football Only St Mirren FC Carbrini@JD Airdome - Football Only McMaster Centre MUGA - Football Only
October Week	Glenburn Comm. Centre	Gallowhill Comm Centre
12 th October	10am – 3pm Dance and Football	10am – 3pm Dance and Football
13 th October		
14 th October		10am –1.30pm Dance and Football
15 th October		10am – 3pm Football
16 th October		10am – 3pm Dance and Football

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Agenda item 4

To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

On: 25 November 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Community Council Elections - Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report advises that 21 community councils have been established until 2019 following the 4-yearly elections held throughout Renfrewshire to return members.
- 1.2 A total of 308 residents are now members of their local community councils. Of these, 122 are new members engaged in representing their communities for the first time.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.
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3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 3 September 2015, the Local Area Committee noted that 4-yearly elections would take place during September 2015 to return members to community councils throughout Renfrewshire. It was also noted that Foxbar & Brediland Community Council area was exempt from the Council-wide election, given that it had only recently been established and had returned 18 members following a local election in that area.

- 3.2 The elections were conducted in accordance with the method set out in the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (the Scheme) approved by the Council in February 2015. The Scheme details the minimum and maximum number of members required to establish each community council as a viable concern.
- 3.3 The undernoted table lists the 21 community councils that by the close of the election period on 30 September 2015 had achieved the minimum number of members required in order to be established for the next 4 years to 2019.

Table 1 – Community Council Election Outcome 2015

Community Council	<i>Minimum Members</i>	<i>Maximum Members</i>	Members Elected
Bishopton	10	30	15
Bridge of Weir	7	21	13
Brookfield	7	21	10
Elderslie	10	30	11
Erskine	10	30	16
Foxbar & Brediland*	10	30	18
Gallowhill	10	30	10
Hawkhead & Lochfield	10	30	16
Houston	10	30	17
Howwood	7	21	19
Inchinnan	7	21	12
Johnstone	10	30	15
Kilbarchan	7	21	16
Langbank	7	21	15
Linwood	10	30	15
Lochwinnoch	7	21	20
Paisley East & Whitehaugh	10	30	12
Paisley North	7	21	7
Paisley West & Central	10	30	17
Ralston	7	21	13
Renfrew	10	30	21
			308

(*The table also includes the result of the local Foxbar & Brediland Community Council election held in June 2105).

- 3.4 A combined total of 308 residents are now members of their local community councils. Including the recently-elected members of Foxbar & Brediland Community Council, some 122 residents are engaged in representing their communities for the first time. 186 members were re-elected having served as members during 2011-2015. (Prior to this election, 284 residents were members of their local community councils).

- 3.5 As the number of candidates for election to each community council did not exceed the maximum required, no Ballots were held and consequently all members of community councils were elected “unopposed”.
- 3.6 Only 5 candidates came forward for election to Glenburn Community Council (minimum 10 required) and only 1 candidate came forward for election to Hunterhill Community Council (minimum 7 required). Finance & Resources will continue to assist residents in these two previously active areas to form viable community councils.
- 3.7 There are no active community councils in the Charleston or Craigielea community council areas. Residents who are interested in setting up community councils in these two areas are encouraged to contact the author of this report for advice and guidance.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
3. **Community Planning** –
Empowering our Communities - Community councils can act as a voice for their local area by articulating the views and concerns of residents on a wide range of issues and by make representations to the Council and its community partners on matters within those agencies sphere of interest. In this way, community councils strengthen democratic representation at a local level, encourage community spirit and resilience, and engender civic pride.
4. **Legal** – none.
5. **Property/Assets** – none.
6. **Information Technology** - none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals’ human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council’s website.
8. **Health & Safety** – none.

- 9. **Procurement**.- none.
 - 10. **Risk** – none.
 - 11. **Privacy Impact** – none.
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List of Background Papers

- (a) Report to Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee on 2 September 2015 – Community Council Elections 2015.
- (b) Scheme for the Establishment of Community Council 2015.

The foregoing background papers will be retained by Finance & Resources for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is Anne McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer
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Agenda item 5

To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

On: 25th November 2015

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: Families First Approach – Establishing additional Families First Core Teams in Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides information on the progress in establishing additional Families First Core Teams in Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar localities.
- 1.2. The Council meeting on 25th June 2015 approved proposals for deploying significant investment in response to the recommendations contained in the Tackling Poverty Commission report.
- 1.3. Council agreed to allocate £1 million from the tackling poverty fund to extend the successful and innovative Families First Core Team approach into three new localities of Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar.
- 1.4. The Families First approach is embedded in the Early Years Strategy and ensures that families with children aged 0-8 in these areas will be supported to give children the best start in life through the provision of a local, family-centred service.
- 1.5. The Families First Core Team model has been delivering in the Linwood and Ferguslie areas since November 2013. A recent evaluation by Glasgow University found that the Families First approach including the effectiveness of the Core Team as 'overwhelmingly positive'.
- 1.6. Work is being taken forward to recruit staff to Core Teams and it is expected the new service will start in the three additional localities early in 2016. In addition a community engagement process has commenced to ensure that the priorities for the Families First Core Team will be identified by local parents and children in each of the localities.

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes:

- [a] the decision of Council to allocate £1 Million to extend the provision of the Families First Model to Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar;
- [b] that the recruitment process has commenced and the additional Families First Core Teams service is expected to commence in Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar early in 2016; and
- [c] a process of engaging the local community has commenced to ensure that the Families First priorities are identified by local parents and children.

3. Background

3.1. Renfrewshire's Community Planning Partnership is committed to ensuring that all children and young people in Renfrewshire are given the best start in life. The Early Years Strategy was approved by the council's education policy board on 7 March 2013. This strategy commits the partnership to a family centred approach to improving outcomes for children and families.

3.2. The strategy consists of 3 approaches:

- 1) a family-centred approach within the locality;
- 2) a family-centred outreach approach;
- 3) support for families with older children.

3.3. Following extensive consultation an implementation plan was developed prior to full implementation in the autumn of 2013. An early years steering board was established in order to provide clear governance and accountability for the implementation of the strategy. This board reports to the Children and Young People Thematic Board and draws its membership from across the community planning partnership.

3.4. Although the early years strategy is at an early stage of implementation current progress is already demonstrating indications of a positive impact on children and families in Renfrewshire. In order to determine the impact and effectiveness in achieving agreed outcomes an evaluation plan is in place. This comprises two strands:

- I. an outcome focussed self evaluation framework involving ongoing monitoring of the implementation plan by the evaluation team and
- II. an external evaluation.

3.5. The family-centred approach within the locality includes the development of a 'core team model' after a period of consultation with families in each locality and partners across the Community Planning Partnership.

- 3.6. The Families First core teams were established in Linwood and Ferguslie localities in November 2013. The Linwood Families First team is based in Woodlands Primary School.
- 3.7. The external evaluation of the family centred approach in Linwood and Ferguslie by Glasgow University has now been completed and a summary of the final report is attached as an appendix to this report. The key findings of the evaluation report are "overwhelmingly positive". The report highlights a number of key strengths of the approach. These are that, to better meet the needs of families, services should be:
- Faster in response and more able to devote time to building up and maintaining relationships with families. Initial presenting issues may just be one of many that families face and it takes time to understand parents and children's, often complex, situations
 - Willing to model appropriate behaviour for families rather than merely 'instructing them what to do'
 - Building relationships with families based on mutual respect and relating to them on their terms
 - Prepared to 'go the extra mile'. Services which are able to operate in a flexible manner and go beyond families expectations of what is required are held in high esteem by the community
 - Reducing the number of agencies families have to deal with at times of crisis. Having a one-stop service with an emphasis on building strong professional client relationship helps maintain parental confidence at times in their lives when self-belief and self-esteem is often low. At such times families are often ill prepared to cope with the demands imposed on them by any number of professional agencies.
- 3.8. One of the recommendations of Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Commission was to extend the successful Families First core team model.
- 3.9. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) has been the defining foundation for identifying those potential additional localities within Renfrewshire which would benefit most from Families First input. The SIMD identifies a number of areas of deprivation and the specific issues and challenges that these areas face in relation to health, income, education, employment, access to services and crime incidence. The areas of Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar were subsequently identified for the extension of the core team model.
- 3.10. The recruitment process for the Families First Core Teams to allow the establishment of the service in the new areas of Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar is being progressed. It is expected that the new team members will be in post by January 2016 allowing the service to commence around this time.
- 3.11. A consultation of families and community groups in each of the localities took place between September and October to identify the views and needs of each of the communities. The results of the three consultations will determine the scope and nature of the service to be provided.
- 3.12. The exact location of each of the base office of the team is currently being identified.

- 3.13. The teams will make strong links with all schools, pre-5 centres and other partner agencies in the area such as Health Visitors.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

The costs of the extension of the Families First Model is contained in the allocation of £1 Million from the Tackling Poverty Commission fund.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

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| Children and Young People | - Our children and young people will have the best start in life |
| Community Care, Health and Well-being | - Closer and stronger links are developing across all CPP partners. |
| Empowering our Communities | - Families will become more resilient and empowered to make positive choices. |

4. Legal Implications

None.

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact
None.

List of Background Papers

- (a) Giving our Children the Best Start in Life: Renfrewshire's Strategy for the Early Years
- (b) Glasgow University Evaluation of Families First
- (c) Action Plan to Tackle Poverty

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**Renfrewshire Families First Evaluation
The Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change**

SUMMARY APRIL 2015

Renfrewshire Families First Evaluation

SUMMARY

The Robert Owen Centre for Educational Change
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Renfrewshire Council
Jennifer Macmillan-Currie

April 2015

The Integrated Children's Services Plan indicates how we will work towards delivering this long term vision and explains how services working with children, young people and their families will provide support to achieve improved outcomes for Renfrewshire's children over the next three years.

The most significant influence on children making the best start in life is the care and nurture of their parents. Our universal services of education and health work to support parents to make a positive impact on children and young people. It is our aim to prevent problems or difficulties from arising where at all possible, but when they do, we want to act with parents to resolve issues as quickly and effectively as possible.

Reach for a Better Future outlines our approach based on prevention and early and effective intervention.

The prevention approach means that parents, with the support of services when needed, will continue to focus on positive outcomes for most children by stopping problems before they arise.

The second element of our approach is to identify and intervene early when problems do occur. Evidence and research shows that early and effective intervention improves outcomes for children, young people and their families.

Using these approaches will help services support families, children and young people to achieve the outcomes that all of our children deserve.

Councillor Jacqueline Henry

Chair of the Children and Young People Thematic Board
Renfrewshire Council

Key findings

The findings presented here are based on 71 interviews with parents/carers and 56 interviews with professionals in the Linwood and Ferguslie neighbourhoods.

Overall, findings from the major stakeholders in the Families First neighbourhood projects; parents, Core Team members, and partner organisations have been overwhelmingly positive. Interviews with parents have clearly demonstrated that the initiative has had a positive, and in some instances a profound, impact on the lives of families in the Linwood and Ferguslie neighbourhoods. For many of these families referral, from partner agencies or by self-referral, has brought immediate support from dedicated Core Team members. Often, initial presenting problems have represented the tip of an iceberg and many of the families that the project has worked with have, over a period of time, revealed a series of additional and often complex underlying problems and difficulties. Yet even in these situations the Core Teams have shown themselves able to cope, both with the range of issues and with the complexity of some family situations. Many of the partner agencies that the project has engaged with over the last two years have reported that the Project's presence has resulted in benefits to their organisations. For some this has been the result of referring families onto a service that they believe is best placed to deal with their clients' issues, for others it has meant an improvement in their working environment. For example, class teachers spoke about how, with Core Team support, disruptive children have become more settled in class and better able to learn. Consequently, teachers then spend more time thinking about teaching rather than worrying about class control. Social work and health visitors noted that support from the Core Team had frequently prevented situations and issues from becoming more serious.

If the *Core Team Initiative* is as successful as the evaluation indicates then there are important implications for local authority services. It is clear that the nature of the project has resulted in a service to local families which is proactive and responsive to a wide range of needs. Indeed, parents often contrasted their 'positive' experience of the team with their 'negative' experiences of other local and central government authority services. The messages from this evaluation are clear, to better meet the needs of families, services should be:

- Faster in response and more able to devote time to building up and maintaining relationships with families. Initial presenting issues may just be one of many that families face and it takes time to understand parents and children's, often complex, situations
- Willing to model appropriate behaviour for families rather than merely 'instructing them what to do'
- Building relationships with families based on mutual respect and relating to them on their terms
- Prepared to 'go the extra mile'. Services which are able to operate in a flexible manner and go beyond families expectations of what is required are held in high esteem by the community

- Reducing the number of agencies families have to deal with at times of crisis. Having a one-stop service with an emphasis on building strong professional client relationship helps maintain parental confidence at times in their lives when self-belief and self-esteem is often low. At such times families are often ill prepared to cope with the demands imposed on them by any number of professional agencies.

Findings from Core Team staff, parents and representatives of partner services indicated broad agreement on the impact of the project.

Core Team Staff

- The Core Team have helped many local families deal with a wide range of issues, from financial difficulties, through parent and child health issues, relationship difficulties and child behavioural problems.
- The financial advice workers have brought an added dimension to the work of the Project, so much so, that benefit checks for families have become routinised into the work of the project. Between November 2013 and March June 2014 the project secured over £573,000 in additional income for local families. They also helped local people manage more than £25,000 of debt.
- The Project's approach to working with families, adopting a 'walking with them' ethos while encouraging parents to take increasing responsibility for dealing with the issues appears to have been highly successful and there is little evidence of families becoming dependent on family workers.
- Staff highlighted the benefits of having a locally based team operating in a flexible and responsive manner with an ability to deal with a range of issues and difficulties.

Parents/Carers

- The *Core Team Initiative* quickly established itself in the Ferguslie and Linwood neighbourhoods and built trusting relationships with local families.
- The project has made a notable positive impact to the lives of families in the two communities. In some instances, the support has had an immediate impact on families lives, for example, in preventing eviction and securing additional benefits. In other instances, impact may take longer and, in the case of families with mental health problems, may require cyclical support from the project.
- There is good evidence that the approach used by workers in modeling behaviour, advocacy and 'walking' parents through issues has begun to build the skills and resilience of those in vulnerable families and, therefore, contribute to the wider social capital of their communities.

- Many parents contrasted the positive ethos and approach of the Core Team with that of other public services including; social work, health visitors and the jobcentre where personnel were regularly viewed as patronising and judgmental.
- Parents also commented on the fact that Core Team members were able to spend more time with them than they had experienced with other public services where engagement time was more limited.
- Parents who had engaged with the energy advice service spoke positively about the help they had received. Among the encouraging outcomes were instances where families had switched to more economical tariffs, been supported to apply for insulation grants, or been informed on how to manage their heating systems more efficiently.
- Those parents who had been matched with a Homestart volunteer were very pleased with the support they received and were particularly appreciative of the fact that the volunteers had given up their own time to help other families.

Partner Agencies

- Partner agencies regularly reported the *Core Team initiative* as an asset for supporting families in the communities in which they worked.
- There was little evidence of service overlap between the Core Team and other public services.
- Referral systems from other agencies had grown over the life of the project. Local schools, nurseries, and health visitors had become regular referrers.
- A number of partners suggested that the *Core Team project* was playing a role in building the social capacity and resilience of the communities.
- The *Core Team project* was having a positive impact on the work of other services in the neighbourhoods.

Conclusion

Renfrewshire Council's *Core Team Initiative* represents a bold investment on the part of the Council to develop a locally based early intervention approach. It is clear that the success of this project will influence the future development of Council services including Education and Social Work. Findings from the evaluation indicates that the project has had a substantial impact on the lives of many parents and children living in the Ferguslie and Linwood areas. Moreover, in terms of measurable impact the project has secured more than half a million pounds in additional benefit income for families in the localities.

To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC

On: 25 November, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Timetable of Local Area Committee Meetings to February 2017

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council at its meeting held on 14th February, 2008 agreed its scheme of decentralisation, which included reference to the cycle of local area committee (LAC) meetings as follows:

“10.1 Local area committees will meet at least on a quarterly basis. This will allow sufficient time for progress on action to be reported on local strategies and issues. Local area committees should meet in suitable local venues to enhance community participation.”

- 1.2 The Council's Standing Orders apply to LACs. Standing Order 53 allows the convener of a LAC to call a special meeting of that committee by notifying the Director of Finance & Resources. In these circumstances, special meetings require to be held within 14 days of the Director of Finance & Resources receiving the notification. This mechanism allows the convener to call a special meeting should any matters of particular urgency arise or if there is a general need for a meeting to consider matters such as outstanding grant applications.
- 1.3 Taking into consideration the ability of the convener to call special meetings if the need arises, it is suggested that meetings of this LAC be programmed on the basis of a quarterly cycle, with meetings being held on 31 August and 23 November, 2016 and 22 February, 2017.
- 1.4 Members are also invited to consider the time of Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee meetings. In the past, meetings of this LAC have been scheduled for 6.00 p.m.

- 1.5 The choice of venues for local area committee meetings is limited as a result of practical considerations such as size and accessibility. Suitable accommodation will be arranged for these meetings at the earliest opportunity.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That meetings of this local area committee be programmed for 31 August and 23 November, 2016 and 22 February, 2017; and
- 2.2 That consideration be given to the time and venue of local area committee meetings.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

None.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

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- This report suggests that LACs meet at times and venues most suitable for community representatives.

4. Legal Implications

None.

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all venues are fully accessible and dates/times of meetings are recommended with a view to maximising attendance. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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Agenda item 8

To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee

On: 25 November, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Budget Monitoring Report

1. **Summary**

- 1.1. Local Area Committees provide funding through a range of grants under the General Grant Scheme, Youth Challenge Fund and, where appropriate, the Common Good Funds. The attached schedule, Appendix 1 to this report, provides details of the expenditure committed by the LAC to date as well as available budgets and will, as the year progresses, give an indication of remaining balances as projects and grants are approved.
- 1.2 Since the last meeting of this LAC a sum of £480 was returned from Houston Community Council in respect of an used grant allocation. This sum has been added to the LAC's General Grant Fund budget for redistribution.
- 1.3 It was agreed at the last meeting of this LAC that Brookfield Community Council be awarded the balance of the General Grant Fund if required towards the purchase and installation of defibrillator. A total of £1,025 has been allocated towards the cost of this project.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the report be noted.
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1. **Financial Implications:** grants awarded will be contained within allocated funds.

2. **HR and Organisational Development Implications** – none.

3. **Community Plan/Council Plan Implications** - Grants should be disbursed to projects and applications which meet at least one of the Community Plan key objectives.

4. **Legal Implications** – none

5. **Property implications** – none
6. **Information Technology Implications** – none
7. **Equal Opportunity Implications** – The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety Implications** – none
9. **Procurement Implications** – none
10. **Risk Implications** – none
11. **Privacy Impact**
None.

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Renfrewshire Council

Houston, Crosslees, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

Budget Monitoring Report

Period ending August 2015

	Funds Available £	Funds Committed £	Balance to be Committed £
<u>General Grant</u>	71,660.00		
<u>Carry Forwards 2014-15</u>			
Houston Community Council	480.00		
LAC Travel Expenses Carry Forward	499.06	499.06	
Renfrewshire Womens Association grant return	32.26		
Linwood Activity Group cheque return	499		
Cycle 1			
Crosslee Park Improvements		6,000.00	
Bishopton Community Council		1,000.00	
Bridge of Weir Community Council		400.00	
Bridge of Weir Festival Committee		2,000.00	
Bridge of Weir Memorial Committee		1,500.00	
Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association		1,500.00	
Brighter Bridge of Weir		1,500.00	
Erskine Festival Committee		5,500.00	
Houston Old School Trust		2,500.00	
Houston Play Park Improvement Group		499.00	
Lamont Gardens Allotments		4,000.00	
Linwood Activity Group		499.00	
Linwood Community Childcare		1,500.00	
Linwood Community Council		6,000.00	
Linwood Community Dev Trust (Healthy Eating)		9,263.26	
Linwood Community Dev Trust (Linwood in Bloom)		8,000.00	
Linwood Elderly Forum		1,400.00	
Linwood Healthy Living Group		1,250.00	
The Bridge		10,000.00	
Arthritis Care		150.00	
Buddy Beat		500.00	
Food Train		2,000.00	
Greensyde Carers		200.00	
Paisley Cat Rescue		90.00	
Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club		500.00	
Renfrewshire Access Panel		1,000.00	
Renfrewshire Deaf Group		500.00	
RVIF		500.00	
Renfrewshire Walking Network		600.00	
St James Orchestra		340.00	
Linwood Community Childcare - underspend return	50.00		

Cycle 2			
RCA Trust		138.74	
Erskine New Interest Group		405.00	
Brookfield Community Council		1,025.00	
Arthritis Care 2014 Grant return	93.41		
Fund Total	73,313.73	72,759.06	554.67
<u>Youth Challenge Fund</u>	40,180.00		
<u>Carry Forward 2014-15</u>			
LAC Travel Expenses Carry Forward	28.00		
Renfrewshire Street Stuff		5,000.00	
Cycle 1			
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme		10,000.00	
Rainbow Turtle (schools outreach)		1,000.00	
Active Communities - Linwood Parkour		3,000.00	
Basketball Paisley		500.00	
Bishopton Scout Group		1,000.00	
Boys Brigade		400.00	
Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club		380.00	
Feis Phaislig		750.00	
Fitting-in		1,180.00	
Get oot Get Active		900.00	
Girls Brigade Renfrew Division		500.00	
Johnstone Pipe Band		3,000.00	
Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre		2,000.00	
Paisley Pirates		1,600.00	
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s		600.00	
RAMH - No Substitute for Life		950.00	
Linwood Community Dev Trust (Healthy Eating)		736.74	
Cycle 2			
RCA Trust		361.26	
Fusion Youth Ministries		2,000.00	
Erskine Music & Media Studio		3,500.00	
St Convals 2002		850.00	
Fund Total	40,208.00	40,208.00	-
TOTAL	113,521.73	112,967.06	554.67