

To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

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TITLE:
Local Partnership Conferences 2019

1. Summary

- 1.1 As reported to Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities previously, the seven Local Partnerships are now in operation throughout Renfrewshire and are engaged during June 2019 in considering grant applications and allocating funding.
- 1.2 A series of Local Partnership conference events, one for each area, will take place during September 2019. Dates will be finalised by the end of June 2019.
- 1.3 The conference events will be an opportunity for Local Partnerships to engage with the wider community and voluntary sector and with local people.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities:
 - (a) Note that Local partnership conference events will take place during September.
 - (b) Agree to support and publicise the events to encourage wide participation in the conferences.
 - (c) Note the broad outline of the community conference events as set out in section 3.3.

3. Background

3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership regularly hold conference events attended by local residents, community groups, third sector groups, the private sector and the public sector.

3.2 Seven Local Partnerships have been established in Renfrewshire in 2019 and conferences in each area will enable connection to be built between the Local Partnerships and the wider communities in each area.

3.3 The 2019 conferences will focus on:

- Local priorities for each Local Partnership area and how partners can work together to deliver these.
- Activity taking place during 2019 in each Local Partnership area. This will include information about projects receiving Local Partnership funding in 2019 and a look back at the impact of projects supported by the previous Local Area Committees.
- Exploring how groups and organisations working within an area can work together to progress their own projects and support those of others. This will include opportunities to support organisations that applied for Local Partnership grants, but were not awarded funding.
- Informing Local Partnerships about the nature and extent of community activity within each area to build knowledge and understanding of current operation and future projects.

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