

Review of Local Area Committees 2017

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Purpose Of The Review

To review Local Area Committees (LACs) as a model of community level governance, and make recommendations for future form and function of community level governance.

The review includes the assessment of the provision of community grants and the number and geographies of Local Area Committees.

What are we looking at?

- ❖ The purpose of Local Area Committees – what should they be for?
- ❖ Looking to strengthen Local Area Committees.
- ❖ The size, shape and boundaries of Local Area Committees.
- ❖ How Local Area Committee meetings are run.
- ❖ Effectiveness of grant funding arrangements.

What's been done so far

- ❖ Looked again at information from previous reviews.
- ❖ Looked at other Councils' local engagement models.
- ❖ Started consultation with people with an involvement in Local Area Committees.

Consultation

- ❖ Important to hear from as many people as possible, with different perspectives.
- ❖ Survey issued to people attending Local Area Committees.
- ❖ Dialogue with the Community Council Forum Local Area Committee sub group.
- ❖ Survey issued to community grant applicants.
- ❖ Initial closing date of 16 August, but will take responses to the end of August.

Consultation – Next Steps

- ❖ Focus groups will be set up early September 2017.
- ❖ Open invitation to get in touch to give views about LACs.
- ❖ Analyse results and feed back – around 50 submissions so far, wide range of views.

Timelines

- ❖ Timeline for completion of review extended from September to December 2017 – additional time to take views into account and develop proposals for effective arrangements.
- ❖ Formal agreement through Renfrewshire Council by December 2017.

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