

Minute of Meeting Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 31 May 2023	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Graeme Clark, Councillor Anne Hannigan, Councillor Alec Leishman, Councillor Marie McGurk

Apology

Councillor Paterson

Chair

Councillor J Cameron, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Partnerships, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnerships & Inequalities Manager and D Dunn, Social Renewal Lead Officer (all Chief Executive's); and L Belshaw, Democratic Services Manager, C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer, D Cunningham, Assistant Committee Services Officer and D Pole, End User Technician (all Finance & Resources)

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Sub-committee would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

1 **Fairer Renfrewshire Programme Update**

There was submitted an update report by the Chief Executive relative to an overview of key context and evidence around current pressures on household finances.

The report intimated that these regular updates were provided to the Sub-committee to provide a snapshot of recent changes in economic factors, policy and supports, which had a significant effect on the pockets of Renfrewshire residents. The report set out the key priorities of the Fairer Renfrewshire programme for March to June 2023 and provided an update on activities to progress these priorities. The report provided information on the UK inflation rate, energy prices, housing costs, advice services in Renfrewshire, Fair Food Renfrewshire, and the Lived Experience Panel. The report also referred to the Local Child Poverty Action report which would be considered by the meeting of the Leadership Board to be held on 14 June 2023.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 **Evaluation of Winter Connections Programme**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an evaluation of the Winter Connections Programme. The report intimated that the Leadership Board at its meeting held on 22 September 2022 agreed that a Winter Connections Programme was to be developed which would provide a network of local places and spaces where people could connect to others in their community during the winter and £50,000 was allocated to support local groups and organisations to participate; this was then followed by an allocation of a further £20,000 and £10,000 to OneRen to deliver Winter Connections across the library network.

The key messages from the evaluation were set out in the report, together with a series of recommendations to be considered as part of any future programme.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 **Child Poverty Data ‘Deep Dive’ Update**

The Strategic Partnerships & Inequalities Manager gave a presentation on the work being undertaken relative to understanding child poverty data, including the development of a cost of living dash board and the current picture of child poverty locally.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 **Holiday Childcare and Activities**

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-committee held on 22 March 2023, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the

review of current holiday childcare and activity provision in Renfrewshire. The report noted that officers had engaged with Council services and partners in relation to gaps in provision and the priorities that the Fairer Renfrewshire programme should help to address going forward. It was noted that it was clear from this process that there was a significant amount of further work to be done and the report proposed that the Summer 2023 programme be delivered on an interim basis, subject to more developed proposals coming forward in Autumn 2023 and set out the key principles on which the summer 2023 programme would operate.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.