

To: **Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities**

On: **15 March 2017**

Report by:

Lead Officer, Forum for Empowering Communities

### **UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS**

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities draws members from local Third Sector and community operated organisations within Renfrewshire. It has been developed to reflect organisations that have a spread of knowledge, important resources, operate as local employers and can help support general communication to a wide community of service users within the communities of Renfrewshire.
- 1.2 The Forum deploys a member to attend each of the other 5 Community Planning Partnership Thematic Board meetings. Each Forum member is supported by a member of Engage Renfrewshire staff and is required to update the Forum on the progress/activity of their respective nominated Board.
- 1.3 The updates are attached as Appendix 1.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board note the updates.



## UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

**NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:**

**John Wilby, Iain Cunningham**

**NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board**

**DATE OF MEETING: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE/SUSTAINABLE ACTION PLANS (SEAPs)**

A presentation was given by C Dunn and J Kaczmariski from Keep Scotland Beautiful in relation to Climate Change/Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the Sustainable Scotland Network;

- Highlighted Renfrewshire Council's strengths
- Detailed the Climate Change Plan and the background of SEAPs
- Outlined the next steps in the process and discussed why Renfrewshire Council should pursue a SEAP.

### **PHOTO VOLTAIC CARPORT RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE**

A presentation was given by C Thorpe, Corporate Energy & Asset Manager, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council in relation to a proposed Solar Carport project.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the project; detailed the proposed solar Carport project; highlighted examples of PV panels; and outlined details of the PV system and the possible annual savings.

### **PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING 2015/16**

- All 32 local authorities in Scotland have signed up to the Scotland's Climate Change Declaration.
- All have acknowledged the importance of climate change and are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and working in partnership with their communities to respond to climate change.
- All local authorities play a key role in helping to tackle the challenges and have committed to preparing an annual report detailing progress in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Following discussion with Conveners and Lead Officers of the Community Planning Thematic Boards and agreement by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board and Renfrewshire Council;

- Community planning structures in Renfrewshire would be changed from the second quarter of 2017.
- The review of community planning arrangements recognised that much good work had



been achieved through the community planning Boards since they were established in 2013.

- Take account of changes to the partnership landscape since 2013 and further strengthen and streamline community planning meeting arrangements
- The new arrangements will commence from May 2017, with an early focus on delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and associated Locality Plans by 1 October 2017.
- Engagement with communities on development of the LOIP/Locality Plans would take place in February/March and May/June 2017.
- The Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans would require to be signed off by all community planning partners by September 2017 prior to publication by 1 October 2017.

The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board had been successful in developing shared leadership of the Greener agenda among partners and the contribution of the three sub-groups was recognised. It was envisaged that the work programme of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board would be mainstreamed across the work of the other groups in the structure.

### **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S AIR QUALITY STRATEGY CLEANER AIR FOR SCOTLAND – THE ROAD TO A HEALTHIER FUTURE (CAFS)**

The purpose of CAFS was to provide a national cross-government strategy which set out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations proposed to achieve further reductions in air pollution in order to fulfil Scotland's air quality responsibilities as soon as possible. The strategy outlined a series of actions across a range of policy areas and introduced a number of important initiatives. These included;

- National Modelling Framework intended to provide a standard air quality assessment methodology for use across Scotland
- National Low Emissions Framework which would assist local authorities in determining effective measures for addressing air quality issues within their areas
- National air quality public awareness campaign.

The actions that local authorities would be expected to deliver included;

- The production of corporate travel plans which were consistent with air quality action plans and the encouragement of Freight Quality Partnerships.

### **RENFREWSHIRE CYCLING STRATEGY 2016/2025**

The current local cycling policy position had evolved in response to the initial Cycling Strategy for Renfrewshire, produced in 2004, and the Renfrewshire Local Transport Strategy 2007

- In addition mention was made within the report of the increased focus on cycling within a national context, with national targets set for cycling and a Cycling Action Plan published
- The Scottish Planning Policy, which strongly supported cycling, and the SPT Regional Transport Strategy 2014/17



- City Deal had been a step change for the partnership authorities and that the Renfrewshire projects included substantial elements of cycling infrastructure

Against this background, the proposed Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy 2016/25, the link to which was detailed in the report, reviewed the context and performance of cycling uptake and infrastructure, set objectives for moving forward and achieving 2020 targets and made a number of recommendations in respect of actions required to achieve a step change.

## **RENFREWSHIRE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP STRATEGY**

The strategy recognised that the significant majority of dog owners were responsible and that having a dog could be a hugely rewarding experience, but also recognised that owning a dog came with responsibilities.

- Across Scotland there continued to be a persistent minority of dog owners who adversely affected communities through their lack of control over their dogs' behaviour. As well as causing welfare issues for their pet
- Irresponsible dog owners allowed their dogs to cause a nuisance or even a danger to others.

Particular reference was made to the significant number of complaints received annually related to dog fouling and the significant work undertaken locally to tackle dog fouling and irresponsible dog ownership.

- The introduction of legislation during 2016 had provided an opportunity for a review of the Council's procedures in relation to dog controls.
- A key outcome of this review was the development of a strategy for promoting responsible dog ownership, which brought together successful elements, including education, communication and enforcement campaigns, into a single planned co-ordinated approach to promote and support responsible dog ownership in the area.

The proposed strategy focused on four priorities which had been highlighted following consultation;

- enhanced partnership working
- promoting responsible behaviours
- tackling persistent offenders and improved enforcement
- tackling out of control dogs and the delivery of a number of key outcomes

These key outcomes included increased awareness among dog owners and the general public regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership and control;

- Reduction in the number of stray dogs or dogs under investigation that had not been micro-chipped,
- an increase in the number of dog owners who adhered to the responsible dog ownership pledge,
- Increase in the number of dogs in Council rented properties that had been microchipped



- Reduction in the number of complaints regarding dog control issues, a reduction in the number of dog owners who failed to pick up after their dogs
- Increase in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling

Subject to approval it was proposed that the strategy be implemented throughout 2017 in three key phases;

- Phase 1: Initial Communications and Enforcement Activities,
- Phase 2: Partnership Engagements, and
- Phase 3: Targeted Campaigns and Enforcement.

The strategy would be reviewed during December 2017 and March 2018 to determine the success of the approach and the key priorities for 2018/19.

### **SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY (SEPA): ONE PLANET PROSPERITY – OUR REGULATORY STRATEGY**

The strategy established a clear purpose for SEPA which sought to support and create both social and economic benefits for Scotland by devising and delivering environmental improvements. It was highlighted that this approach was a step change from SEPA's previous focus, which had been purely on environmental issues. In addition it reflected the Scottish Government's commitment to better regulation and was consistent with the approach adopted by the Council. The report outlined the principles and organisational objectives which SEPA were committing to with their regulatory strategy, together with the anticipated benefits for communities, businesses and stakeholders.

### **GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP MINUTE**

The report provided details of the meeting of the Greener Transport Sub-Group which took place on 19 January 2017.

### **OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE**

The report by the Head of Public Protection provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.

### **ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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## UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

<b>NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:</b> Stuart Miller
<b>NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:</b> Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
<p><b>Presentation by Police Scotland.</b> Provided overview of their key objectives for the Policing 2026 programme. This is a collaborative and strategic programme of work which aims to transform the police service over the next 10 years. A new operating model will come into operation from 4<sup>th</sup> April. This will include police officers being dedicated to small geographical areas to create a consistent local identity. These changes have been put in place after a on-line survey called “your views count” and looking at new implications affecting policing in Scotland, for example The Empowerment Act, changing population demographics, changing workforce and driverless cars.</p> <p><b>Counter Terrorism &amp; Corruption</b>          This is very different and distinct from the strategies and plans running in England &amp; Wales. Renfrewshire has recruited a Cyber Security Officer. Exercise Agora Archway is planned for later this year in the Renfrewshire area. This will be the first of its type in the UK.</p> <p><b>Community Planning Partnership</b>          Stuart Graham provided an overview of the agreed changes to the CPP. Safer &amp; Stronger to consider what areas of focus the new mechanism will look like.</p> <p><b>Community Justice</b>          Community Justice Renfrewshire was created in response to the Community justice Scotland Act 2016. This will replace the Community Justice Authorities. Engagement with people with convictions has identified employment as a significant factor that would support a positive lifestyle. Engagement with Recruit with Conviction has led to the establishment of the Engagement Employability Network, with events and workshops planned with local employers during 2017.</p>
<b>ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>  10 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 Paisley was confirmed as having successfully achieved Purple Flag status.
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**NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:**

Lynne O'Brien & Karen Miller

**NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:**

Children & Young People Thematic Board

**DATE OF MEETING:**

9 February 2017

- **Community Planning Governance Arrangements**  
Report by Head of Policy & Commissioning, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council.
- **Health & Wellbeing Survey**
- **Dartington update** that will influence the future Children's Services Delivery. There will be key meetings to cascade the information from the study. Engagement with the 3rd sector is key in the Children's Services planning processes.

There is a dedicated Voluntary Sector Forum meeting to discuss the Dartington findings. Lynne O'Brien is happy to provide joint input into a future meeting re this alongside Karen Miller and Joe Ferrie.

**ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

- Police Scotland Event took place 22 February 2017 @ Tannahill Centre Paisley to celebrate the success of 23 Police Scotland Youth Volunteers receiving Saltire Awards. In addition Special Constables & Adult Volunteers received Saltire Summit Awards. Police Scotland also presented Bronze Awards.

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<b>NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: A MCNIVEN</b>
<b>NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: CPP BOARD</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING: 15 FEBRUARY 2017</b>
<p><b>KEY POINTS:</b></p> <p><b>RENFREWSHIRE ALCOHOL &amp; DRUG PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p>The presentation outlined the quality principles and the strategic priority outcome areas; highlighted the Community Planning Partnership outcomes and accountability arrangements; detailed performance and health and wellbeing statistics; gave a brief overview of intervention strategies and tools used; and indicated the Alcohol &amp; Drug Partnership priorities and challenges.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the performance statistics and in particular statistics pertaining to the Renfrewshire Council area. It was agreed that the Renfrewshire Health &amp; Social Care Partnership would submit to a future meeting a more detailed breakdown of the performance statistics.</p> <p><b>POLICE SCOTLAND RENFREWSHIRE &amp; INVERCLYDE NEW SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL</b></p> <p>The presentation gave an overview of the key objectives; highlighted the factors driving the changes; outlined projected statistics of population and workforce for 2026; indicated the implications for policing; and outlined the details of changes to the delivery model.</p> <p><b>RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN –TIMELINE PROGRESS UPDATE</b></p> <p>The report and presentation updated members on the development of the Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plans which would be signed off by all community planning partners by September 2017 prior to publication by 1 October 2017.</p> <p>The presentation detailed the timetable of events; highlighted the second phase of engagement; and gave a brief indication of finalisation and publication.</p> <p>The report advised that data analysis had been carried out to inform an initial set of community engagement meetings during February/March 2017 through Local Area Committees, the Community Councils Forum and other meetings of community groups. It was noted that further survey and engagement work with communities would take place electronically throughout spring 2017, with public engagement events scheduled for June 2017. A timeline of the timetable for development of the LOIP and Locality Plans was outlined within the report.</p> <p>A number of partner engagement strategies had been put in place in relation to the strategic needs and transition to the new governance structures which were approved in December 2016. The Partnership Board, through the remaining meetings, would be invited</p>



to discuss the role that the Executive Group and Oversight Group would wish to play in the development of the LOIP; engagement with partners to ensure the positive elements of existing partnership working and delivery transitioned effectively to the new working arrangements; and a separate session on strategic needs analysis for community planning partners would be arranged for spring 2017.

## **RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN - COMMUNITY JUSTICE**

The report advised that the Community Justice Scotland Act 2016 required statutory partners to work together to prepare a plan for their local authority area, to be submitted to Community Justice Scotland by March 2017. A National Strategy for Community Justice and Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework was published on 24 November 2016 which partners had a duty to regard in their planning process.

Community Justice Renfrewshire had produced a Community Justice Local Outcomes Improvement Plan a copy of which was attached as an appendix. The plan set out their assessment against national outcomes and identified local priorities for action, along with a participation statement detailing actions taken to involve community bodies and third sector bodies in community justice and the preparation of the plan. It was noted that the draft had been sent for consultation to Community Justice Scotland and wider community consultation was also planned.

A McNiven indicated that discussion had taken place at the Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board relative to the Community Justice approach and it was agreed that this approach would be shared with the local housing associations through the FLAIR group.

## **JOINT INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

The report advised that currently, no further details on the shape, focus and specific arrangements for the joint inspection had been shared and Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership was seeking clarification on the joint inspection and how this would work in practice. The joint inspection of services for adults would encompass the work of a number of community planning partners and so part of the purpose of this report was to raise awareness of the upcoming inspection of fieldwork.

S Black reminded Members of the role that Partners had played in the Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People and advised that this Joint Inspection should also have a focus on the role of the wider Community Planning Partnership and not just the Services for Adults in Renfrewshire. In that respect it was important to prepare for the Inspection and it was agreed that a report detailing an action plan for Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership in respect of the Joint Inspection of Services for Adults be submitted to a future meeting.

S Black also intimated that she would be contacting the Local Area Network to discuss concerns relative to the timing and notice given to Renfrewshire Council and Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership in respect of the Joint Inspection.



## **PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE THIRD SECTOR**

A presentation was given by the Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire relative to promoting and supporting the Third Sector.

The presentation outlined the purpose of the initiative to support and promote the third sector; indicated the type of professional support that was required; outlined the options available; and detailed the next steps.

## **COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ASSET TRANSFER GUIDANCE**

The report advised that the Community Planning Guidance, (Part 2) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, provided a summary of expectations for community planning partnerships in achieving their purpose of improving outcomes and tackling inequalities. Detailed supporting guidance was also provided in terms of the principles of effective community planning, development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans. The summary of expectations was attached as an appendix to the report and a link to the Community Planning Guidance in relation to Relevant Authorities and Community Transfer Bodies was provided within the report.

It was noted that each relevant authority would require to consider the implications of the Guidance within its own organisation and in this respect Renfrewshire Council would present a paper on Asset Transfer to the full Council meeting on 23 February 2017.

Although each individual Community Transfer Relevant Authority would require to take decisions on individual cases where asset transfer was requested by a Community Transfer Body, it was proposed that Renfrewshire Community Planning partners would work together to share experience and best practice on asset transfer, in association with Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities. It was proposed that a paper for developing a common approach by relevant authorities in Renfrewshire to asset transfers be submitted to a future meeting of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board or its successor Executive Group.

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<b>NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: S GRAHAM AND I MCLEAN</b>
<b>NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: JOBS AND THE ECONOMY THEMATIC BOARD</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING: 16 FEBRUARY 2017</b>
<p><b>KEY POINTS:</b></p> <p><b>SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2026 RELEASE: RENFREWSHIRE RESULTS</b></p> <p>The report indicated that a new release of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) was issued on the 31 August 2016 providing new data on relative deprivation across Scotland at local authority and small area level.</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY PLANNING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS</b></p> <p>The report detailed the proposed new Community Planning governance arrangements.</p> <p>In terms of the Jobs and Economy Board, it was recognised that significant progress had been made in delivering the outcomes of this theme. In particular, the Jobs &amp; the Economy Renfrewshire Thematic Board had been successful in developing joint working to improve job opportunities for young people. The three year performance report submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016 recorded particular progress in a number of areas. These included an increase in the number of VAT/PAYE registered businesses and an improvement in the survival rate of businesses.</p> <p><b>RENFREWSHIRE ECONOMIC PANEL UPDATE</b></p> <p>The verbal report advised that the establishment of the Renfrewshire Economic Leadership Panel would act as a forum for collaboration, integration of ideas, actions and resources from the Renfrewshire business community. It was anticipated that the Panel would play an important role in overseeing the implementation of the Economic Framework and its priorities; facilitate collaborative working and coordination of activities among those across Government and from the private and community and voluntary sectors; would ensure transparent and open communications and</p>



identification of opportunities, or the unblocking of any obstacles to growth for Renfrewshire, and develop in partnership the longer term economic strategy for Renfrewshire.

It was noted that the Panel was currently being set up and would likely commence after the summer recess.

#### **RENFREWSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – QUARTERLY ECONOMIC INDICATOR**

The Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce submitted a report relative to the Quarterly Economic Indicators in respect of Scotland and the Renfrewshire Area.

#### **RENFREWSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – RENFREWSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

A verbal update was given by the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce on the recent activities of the Chamber.

#### **REGENERATION UPDATE**

The report advised that the new Renfrewshire Economic Framework, which had been presented to the Board in June 2016, emphasised the importance of economic and social regeneration to the future of Renfrewshire. Over a number of years the Council along with its community planning partners, the private and third sectors had planned and undertaken a wide variety of regeneration initiatives to support local communities and boost the local economy. The report drew out some of the current initiatives and future plans that the Council aimed to co-ordinate the delivery of in the next few years.

#### **RENFREWSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2017**

The newsletter by Economic Development provided an overview of employment activity and economic development in Renfrewshire TO January 2017. The newsletter illustrated the Renfrewshire labour market position and advised how Renfrewshire fared in comparison to the rest of the country.

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