

Minute of Meeting Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 24 February 2016	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors M Macmillan and Holmes; M Crearie, S MacDougall, P MacLeod and D Amos (all Renfrewshire Council); F MacKay (Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership); A McNiven (Engage Renfrewshire); and A Cumberland (West College Scotland).

CHAIR

Councillor M Macmillan, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Trainer, Y Farquhar and D Low (all Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

S Black (Renfrewshire Council); D Leese (Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership); M Gordon (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); G Hunt (UWS); E Crighton (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde); and B Grant (Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 9 December 2015.

DECIDED: That the Minute be noted.

2 **SCOTTISH CARE LEAVERS COVENANT**

With reference to the meeting of the Children and Young People Thematic Board held on 4 February 2016, there was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to the development of the Scottish Care Leavers Covenant by a wide range of organisations detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Covenant set out an ambitious agenda for agencies to ensure that outcomes for care leavers were improved in terms of six key areas, described in the Covenant as 'pillars': health and wellbeing; housing and accommodation; education and training; employment; youth and criminal justice; and rights and participation. The Children and Young People Thematic Board had indicated strong support for the Covenant and had referred it to this Board with a recommendation that the Covenant be endorsed. A copy of the Covenant and its anticipated outcomes were attached as Appendices 2 and 3 to the report.

DECIDED:

(a) That the publication of the Scottish Care Leavers Covenant be noted; and

(b) That the Scottish Care Leavers Covenant be endorsed and the commitments contained in the Covenant be aspired to by this Board.

3 **RENFREWSHIRE: FULL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE PROPOSAL**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the proposed further reduction of youth unemployment and the elimination of structural unemployment for young people in Renfrewshire.

The report intimated that in June 2015 the level of youth employment in Renfrewshire had risen to 68.3%, the 4th highest level out of 32 local and representing a 54.6% from the 2012 figures. A key element of the Invest in Renfrewshire programme, which had been launched in June 2012, was to create new and additional local jobs, traineeships and internships to increase the paid opportunities for local young people. Since the launch of Invest in Renfrewshire over 1,000 paid posts have been created for young people in Renfrewshire. A total of 4,500 more young people were in employment in Renfrewshire in June 2015, compared to June 2012 and the additional 1,000 posts created through Invest in Renfrewshire have made a real difference to local unemployed young people, to Renfrewshire companies and to the performance indicators for Renfrewshire.

To build on this success, the report proposed that the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership support an initiative to further reduce youth unemployment and work towards full employment for young people. There were 85 young people in Renfrewshire who

had been unemployed for six months or longer. A full partnership approach would be required to push forward this programme and the report proposed that a Community Planning Partner Working Group be established to oversee this.

DECIDED:

(a) That the current youth employment levels and the significant increase in youth employment in Renfrewshire over the last three years be noted;

(b) That it be agreed that Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership should introduce an initiative to further reduce youth unemployment and strive to eliminate structural unemployment for young people in Renfrewshire;

(c) That a CPP partnership group be established to take this forward; and

(d) That further updates on progress for this area of service provision be provided to this Board on a regular basis.

4 COMMUNITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT 2016

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, relative to the organisation of a series of community engagement events during the first six months of 2016.

The report detailed events that had either been held or were planned in the near future and detailed arrangements for larger scale community planning conferences, each of which would have a specific focus.

DECIDED: That the proposals to develop further community planning events in response to local demand be approved.

5 FINANCIAL SETTLEMENTS

D Amos introduced a round-table discussion on the budget settlements 2016/17 for partner organisations.

DECIDED: That the position be noted.

6 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

D Amos highlighted the strength of the relationship between the Council and the Higher and Further Education sector in Renfrewshire. He proposed that this item of business be continued to the next meeting. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That this item of business be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership.

7 IMPLICATIONS OF COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 AND REVIEW OF CPP ARRANGEMENTS

The Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, led a presentation on the implications of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and the review of Community Planning Partnership arrangements.

He advised that no guidance had been issued relative to the implications of the Act. The asset transfer element of the Act was intended to improve communities, tackle inequalities and provide opportunities. The process for transfer would require to be transparent and flexible. Other areas of the Act discussed related to service provision and procurement for community benefit.

The Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, outlined four main discussion points: defining the service areas the community could become involved in; the ways community planning partners, as individual agencies, could best commit to resourcing and supporting requests for transfers; the management of the participation process between partners; and the response by partners to participation requests and service challenges.

He suggested that many of the challenges arising from the Act could be encompassed into a bespoke community planning toolkit which would be supported by key lead officers.

DECIDED: That the position be noted.

8 **COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP THEMATIC BOARD MINUTES**

There were submitted and noted the Minutes of meetings of the following Thematic Boards:- (a) Community Care, Health and Wellbeing Thematic Board held on 21 January 2016; (b) Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 1 February 2016; and (c) Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 3 February 2016.