

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 07 November 2016	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, S MacDougall, J Cameron, J Lynch, C Thorpe, L Feely and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; D Shannon, Forestry Commission Scotland; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; R Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; G Tarvit, Keep Scotland Beautiful; J Downie, Police Scotland; J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; M MacLaren, Scottish Water; K Boag, SEPA; J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; A Ritchie, West College Scotland; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

Chair

Councillor E Devine.

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 29 August 2016	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors E Devine; O Reid, J Lynch, C Thorpe and L Feely (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Graham, J Brown and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); K Hughes, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; G Burgess and A Kinnear, Renfrew Development Trust; and G Scoular, Kilbarchan Community Council.

APOLOGIES

J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; Renfrewshire Council; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 23 May 2016.

DECIDED: That the Minute be noted.

2 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3(a) **RENFREW DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

A presentation was given by G Burgess and A Kinnaird from Renfrew Development Trust relating to their Stalled Spaces project.

The presentation gave a brief overview of what the project involved and the people who took part; outlined the objectives; and highlighted the benefits for Renfrewshire residents from the project.

A short video was shown relating to the project and after discussion the Chair thanked Renfrew Development Trust for their presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

3(b) **KILBARCHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A presentation was given by G Scoular from Kilbarchan Community Council relating to their Stalled Spaces project.

The presentation gave a brief overview of what the project involved and the people who took part; outlined the objectives; and highlighted the benefits for Kilbarchan residents from the project.

A short video was shown relating to the project and after discussion the Chair thanked Kilbarchan Community Council for their presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

3(c) **STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided a further update on the Stalled Spaces Scotland: Renfrewshire programme.

The report advised that a budget of £20,000 had been allocated to the programme which had funded nine projects which included growing and planting; live music; art; and

filming. Although the vast majority of the funding had been distributed, there was a slight underspend on the budget.

As it had been agreed at the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board of 9 November 2015 that final details of level of award and content be remitted to the Lead Officer and Convener, an additional sum of £335 was awarded to the Kilbarchan Community Council project, which had created a community garden on the site of a disused petrol station. The purpose of this additional funding was for the purchase of a strimmer in order to allow the ongoing maintenance of the site.

DECIDED: That it be agreed that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board homologate the action of Oliver Reid, Lead Officer of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic, in liaison with the Convener of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to award the additional sum of £335 to Kilbarchan Community Council's Stalled Spaces Scotland project.

4 GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 JUNE 2016

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Communities Sub-Group which took place on 29 June 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5(a) GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 JULY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Transport Sub-Group which took place on 12 July 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5(b) LOW CARBON TRAVEL & TRANSPORT CHALLENGE FUND

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Greener Transport Sub-Group's bid for funding for £10,000 to carry out a scoping or feasibility study outlining proposed plans for the creation of a Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub within Renfrewshire.

The report indicated that Transport Scotland had been awarded up to £25m under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2014-2020 programme, namely the Low Carbon Travel and Transport (LCTT) Challenge Fund, to deliver projects relating to low carbon travel and transport hubs. It was noted that the hubs could take the form of active Travel Hubs; low Carbon Transport hubs; or a combined hub covering both.

To assist in the development of bids for the LCTT Challenge Fund, a pre-application support fund opened for applications which offered funding of up to £10,000 to assist organisations in carrying out scoping or feasibility studies and associated activities. The report advised that the Greener Transport Sub-Group had completed an application for the funding which outlined proposed plans for the creation of a Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub within Renfrewshire.

DECIDED: That it be noted that a further report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board with more details on the programme, should the application for Pre-Application Support Funding be successful.

6 CARBON MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to a workshop which was held in July 2016 to identify the key priorities of the Carbon Management Sub-Group and to create a strategic action plan.

The report advised that the workshop was held with Community Planning Partners with assistance from various national organisations. Participants at the workshop were asked to identify actions they considered necessary to enable the Sub-Group to achieve the priorities. A draft action plan was drawn up from the output of the workshop and was circulated to Community Planning Partners to ensure that a focussed, strategic action plan was developed which would ensure the delivery of the key priorities of the Sub-Group and help drive the agenda of the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Renfrewshire Community Plan. A copy of the draft action plan was attached as an appendix.

It was noted that a further meeting of the Sub-Group had been arranged for 11 October 2016 at which time the action plan would be refined and would be brought to a future meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board for approval.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the content of the draft action plan of the Carbon Management Sub-Group be noted;
- (b) That it be noted that representatives from the Community Planning Partners had been invited to participate in the activities of the Carbon Management Sub-Group; and
- (c) That it be noted that a report providing a more detailed action plan, together with any progress achieved, would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

7 RENFREWSHIRE TRANSPORT OUTCOMES REPORT 2016/17

There was submitted a report by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport relative to Renfrewshire's Transport Outcome Report (TOR).

The report summarised the SPT activities and investments delivered in 2015/16. It also provided detailed information on the agreed SPT/Renfrewshire joint workstreams for

2016/17 which included key issues; progress to date; and a look at the year ahead.

The TOR highlighted the role of transport in achieving positive outcomes at the local level by noting the supporting relationship between the joint workteams agreed between SPT and Renfrewshire and the targets set out in the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

DECIDED: That the contents of the report be noted.

8 RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL'S FUEL POVERTY STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Asset and Energy Manager, Finance & Resources, Renfrewshire Council which presented the most recent revisions to Renfrewshire Council's Fuel Poverty Strategy for 2016.

The report advised that the Strategy document, which was attached as an appendix to the report, detailed the actions that had been taken by Renfrewshire Council to mitigate the levels of fuel poverty within Renfrewshire. It was noted that the strategy was subject to annual review and revision.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that Renfrewshire Council had one of the lowest levels of Fuel Poverty in Scotland;

(b) That it be noted that although the levels of fuel poverty within Renfrewshire were low, relative to other authorities, that there were many households in the area that struggled with domestic energy issues;

(c) That it be noted that the actions outlined in the fuel poverty strategy were practical and supported the on-going delivery; and

(d) That it be noted that any comments or feedback with regard to the Strategy should be returned the Energy Management Unit.

9 GREENER RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN - PROGRESS AGAINST YEAR 3 TARGETS

There was submitted a report by the Lead Officer which provided detail on the three year progress for the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

The report indicated that Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership was committed to ensuring that resources were deployed wisely to achieve best value. An open and rigorous performance culture had been embedded within the partnership which promoted collective responsibility for achieving the outcomes. It was noted that clear accountability and reporting was an important aspect of the approach being taken.

The report advised that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board had three sub-groups, each led by relevant partners and supported by key officers: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management. Action plans and performance measures were in place to ensure that the sub-groups delivered the key priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Community Plan and

Local Outcome Improvement Plan. The performance of impact measures presented within the report linked directly to actions undertaken by the partners under each sub group.

The report also highlighted the key achievements, areas for improvement and remedial action; revisions to Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan in respect of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board element; and key areas of prevention.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the strong performance and strategic focus achieved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board be noted;
- (b) That the progress on the year 3 targets of the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan be noted;
- (c) That the issues and challenges the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board required to address to enable its priority outcomes to be achieved be noted;
- (d) That the contribution the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board in progressing the prevention agenda in Section 8 be noted;
- (e) That the changes to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan as detailed within the report be submitted to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board for approval; and
- (f) That it be agreed that the report would be included as part of the Annual Community Planning performance report to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 21 September 2016.

10 RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT - (DECLARATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS & REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE INDICATOR FOR REPORTING ON AIR QUALITY) & PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS

Under reference to Item 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 1 February 2016 there was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the findings of the council's most recent air quality reports detailing monitoring and modelling work which had been undertaken in 2014/15 which confirmed exceedances of air quality objective levels at Johnstone High Street and Renfrew town centre.

The report set out options and recommendations for the establishment of wider or multiple Air Quality Management Areas within Renfrewshire. Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the options considered and the assessment undertaken of each option.

The report advised that the Environment Policy Board on 24 August 2016 approved the recommendations outlined within the report, the Air Quality Management Areas would be designated by means of the Orders which were indicated within Appendix 2 and the Scottish Government and other statutory consultees would be notified thereafter.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the options for declaration of Air Quality Management Areas within Renfrewshire being considered by the Environment Policy Board, as detailed within the report be noted;
- (b) That the Air Quality Management Area Orders for each area of exceedance being considered by the Environment Policy Board as detailed within the report be noted;
- (c) That the review of air quality performance indicators being considered by the Environment Policy Board, as detailed within the report be noted;
- (d) That it be agreed that the Local Outcome Improvement Plan would be updated in line with the recommendation of the Environment Policy Board; and
- (e) That it be noted that the proposal to develop quality management areas for a range of environmental issues based on evidence of need was being considered by the Environment Policy Board.

11 PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on feedback to Renfrewshire Council on Public Bodies Climate Change Duties 2014/15.

The report advised that the overall aim of the feedback analysis was to assess the completeness of the reports and not the performance of the organisation. A copy of the feedback to Renfrewshire Council was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the content of Sustainable Scotland Network's Feedback Report to Renfrewshire Council on the submission of the 2014/15 Climate Change Duties Report be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that a summary of the 2015/16 Climate Change Duties Report submission would be presented to the next Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

12 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE

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

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

13 **TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD - JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017**





There was submitted a proposed timetable for meetings of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board for the period January 2017 to June 2017.

DECIDED: That the timetable of meetings until June 2017 be approved.





RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

ROLLING ACTION LOG

	Action is on track
	Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed.
	Action required to bring up to satisfactory level
	Past deadline date and action required.

KEY

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
GR.17.12.14(6) – Building Greener/Safer Communities	(a) Relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership to work up proposed options for submission to the National programme; and (b) Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.			Future meeting		GR.05.03.15(5) Progress update noted.
GR.01.02.16(3)	<u>Active Travel Plans Across Renfrewshire</u> Agreed that this action be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group with resource implications also to be explored with the Chief Executive's Service.					GR.01.02.16(6) – <u>Multi-Agency Approach</u> Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board. GR.15.08.16(5b) – <u>Low Carbon Travel & Transport Challenge Fund</u> Progress Report to be submitted to a future meeting
GR.01.02.16(5)	<u>Renfrewshire's Local Air Quality Management 2015 - Updating And Screening Assessment And Detailed Assessments For Johnstone, Renfrew And Montgomery Road, Paisley</u> That a further report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board incorporating comments from the Environment Policy Board.	Lead Officer				GR.15.08.16(10) A further report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board with more details on the programme, should the application for Pre-Application Support Funding be successful.
GR.01.04.16(4)	<u>Streets For All: Street Audit For Moss Street, Paisley to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley</u> Appropriate officers of Renfrewshire Council to be contacted to discuss in detail with Renfrewshire Access Panel the findings of the report and the potential solutions suggested by UWS students in order to agree a set of design principles to promote accessibility.	Lead Officer/ SG		Future meeting		



To: Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 7th November 2016

**Report by:
Director of Finance & Resources**

Renfrewshire Council Carbon Management Plan 2014/15 – 2019/20, Update 2014/15

1. Summary

Reducing Carbon Emissions is one of the principle measures to address climate change and is a key priority for all Local Authorities.

The Carbon Management Plan was approved by the Planning & Property Policy Board on 11th November 2014. The Plan sets a target reduction of 36% carbon emissions from the 2012/13 baseline by March 2020. This covers a number of sectors across the Council.

This Report provides an update on the achievements of the Carbon Management Plan.

2. Recommendations

That the Report be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Council recognises that climate change will have far reaching effects on Renfrewshire's economy, its people and its environment and is determined to lead by example in tackling the causes of climate change.
- 3.2 The Carbon Management Plan (CMP), quantifies the Councils CO₂ emissions from an established baseline for the financial year 2012/13. In the baseline year 2012/13 the Council generated carbon emissions of 53,514 tonnes of CO₂ from buildings, fleet, waste, street lighting and staff travel.
- 3.3 The Council identified a target to reduce these carbon emissions by 36% by March 2020, which equates to 19,397 tonnes of CO₂ over the same period. All services contribute to the achievement of the carbon reduction targets.

- 3.4 The programme of carbon reduction activities contained within the Plan not only deliver carbon reductions in line with the Climate Change Declaration and deliver significant cost savings for the authority, but also positions the council well for the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) – Energy Efficiency Scheme. The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme is a mandatory UK scheme aimed at improving energy efficiency and cutting carbon dioxide emissions in large public and private sector organisations.

4. Update

- 4.1 As detailed in the CMP, Renfrewshire Councils 2019/20 target equated to a reduction of 36% from the baseline position. Current progress after 2015/16 shows a reduction of 20.4%, considerably more than anticipated.
- 4.2 A full breakdown of the target is provided below:

	2012-13 Baseline	2015-16 Actual	2015-16 Actual
	CO2 Emissions (tonnes)	CO2 Emissions (tonnes)	% Reduction
Electricity (buildings)	12,505	11,021	11.9%
Gas (buildings)	14,479	10,488	27.6%
Oil (buildings)	1,735	451	74.0%
Water (buildings)	395	387	2.0%
Transport (Council Fleet)	3,521	3,534	-0.4%
Street Lighting	7,016	7,204	-2.7%
Waste	13,348	9,038	32.3%
Staff Mileage	516	488	5.4%
Total CO2 Actual	53,515	42,611	20.4%

The transport (council fleet) figure was updated to reflect more accurate baseline data.

- 4.3 This target has been achieved through a variety of measures, including:
1. Building Management Systems and plant room controls have been installed to provide a greater control over the operation of our heating systems within public buildings and provides remote access to the majority of our larger consuming properties.

2. Photovoltaic Panels have been installed on the roofs of the following buildings:

Castlehead HS,	Gryffe HS,
Johnstone HS,	Trinity HS,
Renfrew HS,	Parkmains HS,
Montrose Care Home,	Renfrew Care Home,
Weaver Linn Respite,	Hunterhill Care Home,
St James PS,	Johnstone Town Hall,
Houston PS,	St Peters PS,
Williamsburgh PS,	St Charles PS,
Ralston PS,	St Marys PS,
West PS,	Heriot PS

3. Boiler upgrades have been installed at St Catherine's PS, St Fillans PS and Wallace PS.
4. Oil to Gas Boiler Conversion in Brediland PS. Building Services have recently completed the installation of new gas boilers at Howwood PS.
5. Biomass Boiler complete at Bridge of Weir PS and St Anthony's PS.
6. Hot water energy efficiency equipment has been installed throughout our estate to reduce gas consumption caused by inefficiently running the secondary pumps when not required. This has resulted in significant gas savings.
7. LED external lighting has been installed in all our PPP school car parks and external lighting.
8. The council has achieved its target to provide 5% of its fleet from electric vehicles.
9. New and cleaner fossil fuelled cars
10. The diversion of waste from landfill has greatly reduced the tonnage of carbon from waste and is presently exceeding target by creating energy from waste through combustion.
11. The street lighting consumption has increased from the baseline year. However, an acceleration of the LED replacement programme has been agreed and commenced at the start of 2016 and is due for completion in May 2017.
12. Water consumption increased on the baseline year and reduced on the previous year. This is due to 1 major water burst which has since been repaired.

- 4.4 A multi-disciplinary Working Group within Property Services has been created with a view to reviewing and updating the Sustainable Building Design Guide that forms part of the Carbon Management Plan Appendix. The updated guide will be complete and included in the next CMP update report.

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To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 7 NOVEMBER 2016

Report by:

Oliver Reid, Lead Officer
Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council

STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the first phase of Renfrewshire's Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. This initiative supports and enables community groups to take temporary ownership of underused open space or stalled development sites for community use. The budget for this first phase of the programme was £20,000 - this comprised of £10,000 from Architecture and Design Scotland (A&DS), match funded by Renfrewshire Council. Across Renfrewshire, nine projects were funded to a total of £19,882 including: growing and planting; live music; art; and filming.
- 1.2 The £20k budget for the first phase of the programme has now been exhausted, although A&DS have advised that additional funding has now been released and around £10k has been made available for projects in Renfrewshire. This additional funding does not require to be match funded and will be administered through A&DS but they still have a requirement that all applications submitted to them for approval have previously been approved in principal through the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
- a. notes the detail of the projects completed in the first phase of Renfrewshire's Stalled Spaces Scotland programme.
 - b. note the applications which have been received for funding in the second phase of the programme, being administered through A&DS.



3. Background

- 3.1 Community groups were invited to apply for grants of between £250 - £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based and applications were approved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities sub-group.
- 3.2 The application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix were made available on the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com). The scoring matrix was used by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to assess each application.
- 3.3 In August 2016, A&DS advised that additional funding for the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme had been released with around £10k available for projects in Renfrewshire. A&DS requested that details of applications for this additional funding be submitted by early October.
- 3.4 Information on this additional funding was shared with community groups across Renfrewshire and notes of interest were received from a number of organisations.
- 3.5 Three applications have now been received for this additional funding and have been submitted to A&DS for approval:

Applicant	Project	Funding Requested
Kilbarchan Community Council	2nd phase of the community garden at the disused petrol station	£2,900
Paisley West & Central Community Council/West End Growing Grounds Association	2 nd phase of the Brown Street/Sutherland Street and Underwood Land projects	£1,160
Paisley West & Central Community Council/West End Growing Grounds Association	Creation of community garden at Carbrook Street, Paisley	£5,000



- 3.6 A&DS have been developing a toolkit to provide advice and guidance to groups looking to take on a stalled space. Due to the success of the Renfrewshire programme, they asked if a focus group could be held with some of the community groups in Renfrewshire which delivered successful projects, to help refine the guidance within the toolkit; road-test the publicity materials; and create case studies. This event was hosted in the offices of Engage Renfrewshire on 31 October 2016 with representation from the groups concerned. The finalised toolkit and guidance will be shared with future applicants.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 The community groups and projects which were funded through the first phase of the Stalled Spaces programme cover a wide range of communities and different age groups. Details of the projects are shown in the table below:

Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire	Development of disused site next to ROAR's premises
Paisley West & Central Community Council	Improve and clear two derelict sites in the West End of Paisley
Loud n Proud	Series of music events on unused ground near Sma' Shot Cottages in Paisley
Environmental Training Team	Revamp Alexander Wilson Park and install benches etc at site at St James' Street Paisley
I Am Me	Film making at derelict Coats site in Johnstone
Renfrew Development Trust	Artwork created on disused toilet block in Renfrew
Kilbarchan Community Council	Creation of a community garden at the old petrol station, Cartside Terrace, Kilbarchan
Erskine Music and Media	Pop up arena to host music events in the Erskine area
Star Project	Art work at the old St Mirren site in Paisley

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To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 7 NOVEMBER 2016

Report by:

Oliver Reid, Lead Officer
Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council

**GREENER RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN
REMEDIAL ACTIONS ON YEAR 3 PROGRESS**

1 Summary

- 1.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board has responsibility for co-ordinating and driving multi-agency activity to ensure the achievement of the long term vision that: 'Renfrewshire will be a clean and attractive location, providing a healthy, inviting and pleasant environment in which to live, work and do business through the promotion of sustainable patterns of travel and development, the efficient management of energy and the treatment of waste as a valuable resource.'
- 1.2 The Greener Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan clearly sets out our agreed outcomes together with the one, three and ten year targets for each of the impact measures. The performance of impact measures presented in this report links directly to actions undertaken by the partners under each sub group. This report provides detail on the progress and remedial actions on the indicators not achieving target, as reported on the report which was submitted to the community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016, showing year three progress.
- 1.3 The report will also be considered as part of the combined Community Planning Partnership Annual Community Planning Performance Report.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board discusses the progress being made against the red and amber impact measures as detailed in section 3 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is committed to ensuring that resources are deployed wisely to achieve best value. An open and rigorous performance culture has been embedded within the partnership and promotes collective responsibility for achieving outcomes. Clear accountability and reporting is an important aspect of the agreed approach.
- 3.2 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board has three sub-groups, each led by relevant partners and supported by key officers: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management. Action plans and performance measures are in place to ensure the sub-groups deliver the key priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Renfrewshire Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- 3.3 In August 2016, a report was submitted to the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board showing the progress of the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, against the targets sets.
- 3.4 A number of measures were highlighted as not achieving target and an update on current progress on these measures is detailed in the table below.

Impact Measure	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual	Remedial Action
Greener Transport			
Reduce the amount of CO2 emitted by the public vehicle fleet	3,170 Tonnes of CO2	3,535 Tonnes of CO2	A further 5 electric vehicles will be purchased in the current financial year to replace small diesel vans. Advances in technology for alternative fuels for larger vehicles are closely monitored.
Progress including action to date and milestones			
<p>The amount of CO2 emitted from the Council fleet reduced from 3,570 tonnes in 2014/15 to 3,535 in 2015/16, which has been achieved through an increase in electric vehicles included within the fleet, efforts to improving styles of driving and new cleaner fleet delivered through the vehicle replacement programme. This is expected to improve further as more electric vehicles are brought into the fleet along with cleaner emissions technology being developed for other types of vehicle;</p> <p>A new vehicle tracking system is currently being procured and should be implemented prior to the end of the financial year. This new system will enable vehicle usage to be closely monitored, identifying where reductions can be made to the fleet.</p>			

Impact Measure	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual	Remedial Action
Greener Transport			
Percentage reduction in car journeys to school (The percentage of children in Renfrewshire who are driven to school)	18.4%	22.3%	<p>The Active Schools Team is establishing 'Train the Teachers' training to enable teachers to deliver Bikeability training within their own schools.</p> <p>Partnership work with Road Safety Scotland delivers theatre productions in primary and secondary schools across Renfrewshire, promoting road safety and active travel..</p>
Progress including action to date and milestones			
<p>This data is taken from the annual Sustrans National Hands-up Survey which takes place in schools in September of each year. The percentage of pupils confirming they travel to school by car has shown very little change since the baseline figure of 22% in 2012/13. There is no scientific methodology to this measure as it relies on the co-operation of schools to participate and pupils to put their 'hands-up' when asked about their method of travelling to school.</p> <p>Walk to School Weeks are also encouraged as well as other individual schemes in schools which fit into health and eco schools projects.</p> <p>During 2015/16, a total of 691 Bikeability awards were issued to Renfrewshire's schools, covering P5-P7 across 17 schools. Renfrewshire Leisure, Renfrewshire Council and Cycling Scotland are working to set targets for Bikeability programmes in Renfrewshire's schools for 2016/17.</p>			

Impact Measure	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual	Remedial Action
Carbon Management			
Percentage of household waste recycled	52%	43.9%	A year-round garden waste collection service was introduced in October 2016, comingled with food waste collection. It is hoped this will contribute to an improvement in recycling rates.
Progress including action to date and milestones			
<p>The targets for the percentage of household waste which is recycled are set by the Scottish Government. Local authorities experience different types of challenges in achieving these national targets dependent on housing stock, profile and demographics. Renfrewshire has a large percentage of tenemental properties within its housing stock which presents a number of challenges in the collection of waste. Communication and awareness activities are planned to ensure residents are recycling the correct materials, avoiding contamination.</p> <p>The progression of the Clyde Valley shared services work stream for the procurement of a residual waste treatment and disposal solution is on target to be operational by December 2019. This will ensure compliance with the landfill ban which will be introduced in January 2020 and will improve the recycling rate through the extraction of heavy metals and heavy plastics, prior to processing.</p> <p>In June 2016, it was agreed that Renfrewshire Council sign up to the Charter for Household Recycling in Scotland. This Charter identifies a number of waste collection strategies which are considered to best meet the overall objectives to help improve recycling performance and develop a consistent national system.</p> <p>A supporting Code of Practice contains a more detailed set of outcomes that will deliver the principles and aspirations of the Charter. It is considered that Councils will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict residual waste through reducing capacity; • Stimulate inward investment and associated jobs in recycling and reprocessing industries; • Retain and enhance existing employment opportunities in waste and recycling collections; • Generate and retain the best value from waste streams whilst increasing recycling performance; • Work together to communicate to the public the value in recycling, and the benefits that good recycling practice can bring to communities. 			

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To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 7 NOVEMBER 2016

Report by:

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**GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2016**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group which took place on 20 September 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.2 A key point of discussion at the meeting was the successful funding application for pre-application support funding (PASf) from Transport Scotland for their European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Low Carbon Travel and Transport hub funding.
- 1.3 It was noted at the meeting that, as well as the Greener Transport group's successful application for PASf funding, other organisations which are represented in Renfrewshire have also been awarded this funding: Clyde Muirshiel; NHS GGC; University of Strathclyde; and SPT.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub-groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction. The Greener Housing and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction groups have since been merged due to the cross cutting priorities and a single group under the priority of Carbon Management has now been formed.
- 3.2 The Greener Transport sub-group was established in 2015 led by Ross Nimmo, Head of Planning and Development at Glasgow Airport, assisted by Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council. The first meeting of the group was held in May 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to come together to ensure the community planning partners and community groups work in collaboration, ensuring improved communication and information sharing takes place to help achieve the priority outcomes and impact measures of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Transport sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow Airport; SPT; University of the West of Scotland; Sustrans; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; West College Scotland; Scotrail; Intu Braehead; Renfrewshire Leisure Limited; Hillington Park; University of Strathclyde; and Westway. Invitations are submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.
- 4.2 It was agreed at the meeting that the organisations which had been successful in securing pre-application support funding (PASf) from Transport Scotland for the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub ERDF would meet to discuss the possibility of pooling resources and to determine if partnership working would provide a better solution for Renfrewshire.
- 4.3 A subsequent meeting was held with representation from these organisations and it was agreed that the approach be taken to carry out a joint scoping exercise to submit a bid for the ERDF funding based on a joint scope which includes everyone's individual requirements.

4.4 This approach can only progress if agreement is reached with: Transport Scotland and is acceptable to each of the individual organisations' procurement and governance arrangements.

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Appendix 1

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD
GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP
HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2016
RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE, COTTON STREET,
PAISLEY**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ross Nimmo (Glasgow Airport); Gareth Evans (INTU); Louise O'Connell, Hillington Park; Jim Blythe, Renfrewshire Leisure; Katharine Brough, NHS; Roddy Yarr, University of Strathclyde; Claire Roxburgh, University of the West of Scotland; Marcelle McLaughlin, West College Scotland; Mark Higginbotham, Alastair Scott, Kate Cuthbert, Karen McIndoe, Stuart Graham, Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council.

APOLOGIES

Allan Dick, West College Scotland; Lucy Clarke, Sustrans; Scott Duncan LEAP; John Binning SPT; David Burnie, Colin Hunter, Elaine Lorimer, all Renfrewshire Council

1	MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING The minute of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group of 12 July 2016 was submitted.	Agreed
2	FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD OF 29 AUGUST 2016 A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted	Noted



3	<p>LOW CARBON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HUBS</p> <p>MH confirmed that the application for Pre-Application Support Funding (PASf) application to Transport Scotland, prior to the final ERDF funding application, had been successful with an award of £10K. MH confirmed that the funding will be used to appoint a consultant to refine the detail of the project and seek opportunities for the 60% match-funding which is required for a successful final submission – this will involve seeking third sector funding opportunities. MH confirmed that Clyde Muirshiel had also been successful in obtaining PASf and had been in contact with a view to working in co-operation with the Greener Transport application. KB confirmed that NHS had been successful in an application for PASf, for a project covering Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. RY also confirmed that University of Strathclyde had also been successful in an application, for LCTT projects covering Glasgow as well as their Inchinnan facility. It was noted that SPT had also received PASf funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that a meeting be set up with the organisations which had been successful in obtaining PASf funding relating to Renfrewshire to determine if partnership working would provide better results. An approach is also to be made to Transport Scotland to ensure this approach would be acceptable.</p>	MH
4.	<p>MEMBER UPDATES</p>	
4a	<p>NHS</p> <p>KB confirmed that a recent travel survey had been carried out and identified that RAH was the most popular site for staff walking to work. There are now 42 car share teams in place at RAH comprising of 93 members of staff. Neilston Development Trust had delivered training on cycling and cycle maintenance to staff.</p> <p>KB advised that IT services are to be centralised in Paisley town centre, which will provide more opportunities for greener travel with the proximity to Gilmour Street Station.</p>	
4b	<p>INTU BRAEHEAD</p> <p>GE confirmed that INTU had applied for Cycle Friendly Employer status with Cycling Scotland – discussions have been taking place with Nextbike to participate in cycle hire, even though it is outwith the Glasgow boundary (this is currently out to tender but it is anticipated that Nextbike will, again, be successful). GE confirmed that their Travel Plan is due to be refreshed in 2017, incorporating a travel survey, the results of which will be shared with the group.</p> <p>It was noted that the Fastlink project is back on the table and will include Braehead.</p>	



4c	<p>HILLINGTON PARK</p> <p>LO confirmed that discussions were ongoing with Nextbike to extend into Hillington Park, with a plan for 5 new stations – 2 of which would fall within Glasgow and 3 in Renfrewshire (dependant on Nextbike winning the tender).</p> <p>Liftshare is being promoted amongst businesses in the park and a Liftshare Week is planned but there are difficulties due to the vast number of companies working represented the park.</p> <p>The findings of the Esprit Electric Vehicle consultation are to be published soon and will be shared with the group.</p>	LO
4d	<p>RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE</p> <p>JB confirmed that Bikeability training is again being rolled out this year in conjunction with Cycling Scotland and Renfrewshire Council. A co-ordinator is to be appointed and it is hoped that the number of primary schools participating will be increased from 2015/16.</p> <p>The Active Schools Team are establishing 'Train the Teachers' training to enable teachers to deliver the Bikeability training within their own schools.</p> <p>JB confirmed that mountain biking activities are carried out with secondary pupils, rather than the Bikeability training.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Planning outcome to reduce the number of car journeys to school is based on the Sustrans 'Hands Up' survey which is carried out annually – the most recent results are to be shared with the group.</p> <p>It was noted that it would be useful to find out if schools had travel plans in place.</p>	<p>JBrown</p> <p>JBlythe</p>
4e	<p>COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>SG confirmed that a children's health and wellbeing survey is currently being carried out in schools, with the results due in January. These will be shared with the group.</p> <p>SG also advised that Renfrewshire Access Panel had carried out an audit of street in Paisley Town Centre and an action plan is being developed and will be brought to the group for information. SG confirmed that consideration should be given to disabled access when designs for the LCTT hubs are being agreed.</p>	SG



4f	OUTDOOR ACCESS <p>KC confirmed that the Core Path Plan is due to be reviewed – a lot of the plan will still be about recreational access and active travel routes but it is planned to link this with walking to work routes.</p> <p>SG advised that Sustrans have been successful in recruiting volunteers to improve paths through rural walkways.</p>	
4g	RENFREWSHIRE CYCLING STRATEGY <p>The Cycling Strategy is due to be approved at Policy Board in November. It was noted that Development Control are already considering the priorities of the Strategy and external funding has already been achieved for the design phase of some of the routes within the Strategy.</p>	
4h	AIR QUALITY <p>KM confirmed that Air Quality Management Areas have now been declared in Johnstone and Renfrew, giving a total of 3 AQMAs across Renfrewshire (Paisley town centre being the other).</p> <p>A 12/18 month process will now take place to produce an action plan. KM confirmed that she will consult with the group looking for potential ideas/measures to help develop the plan. The plan will cover all of Renfrewshire but have a focus on the 3 AQMAs. It was noted that the declaration of an AQMA opens up access to certain Scottish Government funding streams.</p> <p>JB to provide KM with contact details of the group.</p>	JB
4i	WEST COLLEGE SCOTLAND <p>MM confirmed that the college is planning to apply for Cycle Friendly Status and is now in partnership with Bikestation who provide cycle training and maintenance assistance through their Dr Bike service.</p> <p>There are plans to relaunch the Liftshare scheme with 'floorwalkers' promoting the scheme throughout the campuses (it was noted that the floorwalking scheme had brought success at the airport).</p> <p>The college is also looking at ways to minimise cross-campus travel between the college sites.</p>	



4j	UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE RY was welcomed to the group. He confirmed, in his role of Assistant Director (Sustainability and Environment Management), travel planning comes within his remit. Work is ongoing to improve connectivity at the Inchinnan campus where around 200 people are based, with views to expand. The University was also successful in obtaining PASF funding for the ERDF LCTT funding with plans to improve infrastructure for electric vehicles and the creation of an electric car club.	
4k	UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND CR confirmed the university now has a total of 770 members in their Liftshare scheme. They have also rolled out Bike Buddy and Walk Buddy schemes where people can arrange to walk and cycle together. UWS are also part of the Uni-cycle Scheme which offers bike maintenance through Dr Bike and offered social cycling during freshers' week. All new students received a sustainable travel guide. The university was successful in obtaining funding from Cycle Scotland for a small cycle compound at the Paisley campus. They have also been successful in gaining funding for the appointment of a 6-month intern post to help achieve cycle friendly campus status – the intern has brought experience relating to cycling from other countries. He is to be invited to come along to the next meeting. CR confirmed the university has a further bid in for an additional electric vehicle.	
5	AOCB It was noted that a new National Transport Strategy is planned by the Scottish Government, part of which is to look at bus travel and how this is regulated.	
6	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The building was evacuated before this could be discussed. JB to send out proposed date.	JB



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 7 NOVEMBER 2016

Report by:

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**GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Communities sub-group which took place on 22 September 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub-groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction. The Greener Housing and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction groups have since been merged due to the cross cutting priorities and a single group under the priority of Carbon Management has now been formed.

- 3.2 The Greener Communities sub-group was established in 2015 led by John Wilby of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities, assisted by Iain Cunningham of Engage Renfrewshire. The first meeting of the group was held in April 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to network, share information, and discuss Greener initiatives being carried out by community groups across Renfrewshire.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Communities sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Forum for Empowering Communities; Engage Renfrewshire; Environmental Training Team; The Forestry Commission; Royal Horticultural Society; Sustrans; LEAP; Eadha Enterprises; and Kibble. Invitations are submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.

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**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD
GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP
HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2016
ENGAGE RENFREWSHIRE,
10 FALCON CRESCENT, PAISLEY**

IN ATTENDANCE

Iain Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; John Wilby, Lead Officer, Forum for Empowering Communities; William Pollock, Environmental Training Team; Véronique Obike-Preud'homme, Erskine Community Park Group; Susan Boath, Maria Corrigan, Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council

APOLOGIES

Scott Duncan, LEAP; Angela Smith, Royal Horticultural Society; Steven Thomson, Sharon Marklow, Steve Edwards, Allison Scott, Mark Faichney, Ken Gray, Kate Cuthbert all Renfrewshire Council

1.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING MC confirmed she still awaited contacted details re the dog agility group	ST
2.	FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD (29-08-16) A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted. IC confirmed that good feedback had been received on the presentations delivered by Renfrew Development Trust and Kilbarchan Community council on their Stalled Spaces projects	Noted
3.	MEMBER UPDATES It was noted that due to lack of attendance at the group that the membership be extended. All members to send JB contact details for appropriate community groups so they can be invited to attend the meetings. JB to send information on the group and an invitation to these representatives as well as to all community council representatives, to join the group.	All JB



	<p>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>SB, Assistant Manager Funding and Development, Renfrewshire Council, provided information on LEADER funding which offers funding for rural projects in Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. 50% grant funding is available for projects, to a maximum of £125K</p> <p>SB confirmed she had held a training session with community council representatives last year, providing information on funding opportunities. She has also met with head teachers of Renfrewshire's secondary schools and a few had identified areas of land where they want to carry out outdoor projects. SB confirmed she would be happy to deliver similar training to a future meeting of the group.</p>	
	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING TEAM</p> <p>WP confirmed that work on the two Stalled Spaces projects had been delayed due to the weather but the necessary equipment had been purchased. He confirmed that he would ensure that an event was held as soon as the projects had been completed, perhaps linking to a Hallowe'en theme.</p> <p>ETT continue to be involved with the settlement of the Syrian refugees and have been in contact with Mary Russell school to involve the pupils in some of ETT's projects.</p>	
	<p>TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>MC confirmed that the application for Purple Flag status for Paisley town Centre is due to be submitted on 14th October 2016.</p> <p>A report on a Responsible Dog Strategy is being submitted to Board for approval in November – this involves promoting responsible dog ownership and control and not just the issues relating to dog fouling. Work is underway to engage community partners to become involved, such as housing associations.</p> <p>A Town Centre Litter Strategy is being developed through funding from Keep Scotland Beautiful. This involves communication activities and issues have been identified with night time litter. A litter bin trial is being carried out on one bin in Causeyside Street in Paisley with the bin being monitored for usage with changing signage e.g. fines if you don't use the bin; donations to charities if you do. The outcome of this trial will be reported back to the group.</p>	



	<p>ERSKINE COMMUNITY PARK GROUP</p> <p>VO-B confirmed that work had been carried out to cut down trees in the piece of land in Erskine between the sports centre and the river – she will share a further update on other activities with the group.</p> <p>IC confirmed he is to meet with Heather Clisset from Erskine. IC and VO-B confirmed they would find out how links could be made with the active community groups in Erskine which have similar priorities.</p>	VO-B
		IC/VO-B
	<p>WEST END GROWING GROUNDS ASSOCIATION/PAISLEY WEST AND CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL</p> <p>JW confirmed that a celebration event had been held relating to the Stalled Spaces projects in the West End. This event was attended by around 30 people and provided an opportunity for local people to share what they would like to see happening in their community in the future. As part of the Stalled Spaces funding a small marquee was purchased and this will be made available to the community to hold events on the Stalled Spaces site. WEGGA was successful in obtaining funding of £1,000 from the Flightpath fund, for the purchase of a polytunnel for the Sutherland Street site.</p> <p>JW confirmed that 2 applications for the additional Stalled Spaces funding had been submitted – one for the second phase of the project at Brown Street and another for development of a site at Carbrook Street. A representative from A&DS had already visited the Carbrook Street site.</p> <p>JW advised that a litter pick was planned on 27 September, organised by Connect Church and they are seeking volunteers to help.</p>	
4	<p>STALLED SPACES</p> <p>It was noted that the presentations delivered by Renfrew Development Trust and Kilbarchan Community Council had been extremely well received at the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting in August.</p> <p>It was noted that all funds had been distributed from the first cycle of the Stalled Spaces Programme with final projects due for completion over the next few weeks.</p> <p>IC confirmed that A&DS has advised that further funding of around £10K has been made available for Renfrewshire projects – this will be administered by A&DS on the receipt of applications approved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board with initial applications requiring to be submitted in early October. Interest in additional funding has already come from Kilbarchan Community Council; West End Growing Grounds Association (2 projects); Paisley First; and LEAP. IC to keep in touch with groups to ensure applications are submitted on time.</p>	



5	<p>ACTION PLAN</p> <p>Any updates for the action plan to be forwarded directly to JB for updating. JB confirmed she would update the action plan based on the contributions from today's meeting.</p> <p>IC confirmed he would forward the Eadha newsletter which has relevant information for the action plan.</p>	<p>ALL/JB</p> <p>IC</p>
6	<p>PERFORMANCE SCORECARD</p> <p>All group members were asked to consider the targets on the scorecard and pass any comments to JB.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
7	<p>GREENER NEWSLETTER</p> <p>JB confirmed that the next quarterly Greener Renfrewshire Newsletter will be published by mid-October - all members are asked to send contributions for the Newsletter and the Renfrewshire 2023 website to JB for publishing.</p> <p>It was agreed that information relating to the litter toolkit be included on the next newsletter.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JB</p>
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>MC confirmed she will share details of a contact at NG Homes with the group, in relation to the good community work they are carrying out.</p> <p>It was noted that good work was being carried out in the community Neighbourhood Challenge with some pictures already published on the 2023 website. It was agreed that their organiser be invited to join the group.</p> <p>IC confirmed he had met with representatives from Education to encourage the roll out of the Young Reporters scheme in schools to tie in with the number of Eco projects which are currently underway.</p> <p>VO-B noted that at a recent community clear up event in Erskine that trees were being cut back which seemed healthy and wondered who could be contacted for advice on this. Michael Fowles' details were passed on as being the most appropriate contact within the Council on this matter.</p> <p>It was noted that if community clean-ups come across Japanese knotweed then specialist advice should be sought.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>JB</p>
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 19 January 2017 at 10am in the offices of Engage Renfrewshire</p>	<p>JB</p>



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 7 NOVEMBER 2016

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OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland. It takes account of the emerging work streams and actions identified by the Board.
- 1.2 A similar update will be provided for each Board to stimulate awareness and decisions about the wider Greener theme and agenda. If any Board member has any information they would like included and circulated in future issues of the update, please forward to the report author.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 In order to provide the Board members with support, policy advice and consistency of approach, this report explores communication received from the Scottish Government and other statutory bodies, good practice examples from other local authorities as well as national and local initiatives and projects. Where available, a local view has also been provided on the topic.



4. Resources

- 4.1 Information on funding streams which have been identified and which Community Planning Partners can apply for in relation to the Greener agenda are included in the appendices of this report.

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Appendix 1

Good Practice Examples

Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Plans to create Scotland's largest urban heritage and nature park have been given a major boost thanks to a £4.5m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). [The Seven Lochs](#) Wetland Park project is a partnership between Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council, Forest Enterprise Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage and The Conservation Volunteers Scotland, working alongside local communities, to bring together 16km² of lochs, parks, nature reserves and woodlands between Glasgow and Coatbridge. The £6.8m project sets out how the area's heritage buildings, wildlife habitat and archaeology will be improved, protected and brought together to create a new attraction of national significance.

The Seven Lochs Wetland Park will become a major new hub for heritage conservation and learning and engagement, and will leave an important legacy for the communities within and neighbouring the park. When complete, the project will enable local people and visitors to experience the natural and cultural heritage of the Seven Lochs area like never before and help local communities to take ownership of the park for generations to come.

Aberdeen City Council

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Aberdeen City Council recently won two awards at a national transport awards ceremony in recognition of their H2 Aberdeen initiative. H2 Aberdeen brings together a strategy and series of projects to create a cleaner transport system in the city, and will cut emissions from public transport, the council fleet and other vehicles through the introduction and operation of hydrogen fuel cell electric buses, vans and cars.

H2 Aberdeen has introduced Europe's largest fleet of hydrogen fuel cell buses, as well as the UK's largest hydrogen production and bus refuelling station provided by BOC. The bus companies using the technology – First and Stagecoach - report that the vehicles are proving to be extremely efficient compared to their diesel equivalents



The result of good partnership working is a success story which has seen this green fleet travel the equivalent distance of 10 times around the world, reducing carbon emissions in the city and introducing the travelling public to a new, environmentally friendly form of public transport

Edinburgh City Council

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New sensory technology has been installed in over 300 litter bins by the City of Edinburgh Council as part of a trial to ensure that they are emptied before they reach capacity. The sensor sends data via a mobile network to staff who can then predict which bins are almost full. It is hoped that the data gathered will also help to identify any improvements required in the collection of bins and routes. The information collected also allows staff to prioritise collections at busier spots as some bins may not need to be emptied as often as others.

The success of the pilot is attracting a lot of attention from other major cities particularly in the US, where the authorities in Washington DC have contacted Edinburgh City Council to share their experiences with them

Sustrans

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Sustrans Scotland's National Director has written to key Holyrood committee members reminding them of the major health, social and economic benefits that active travel can bring to communities. The briefing for members of the health committee argues that by making walking and cycling a part of daily journeys we can overcome one of Scotland's major public health challenges - physical inactivity. Physical inactivity contributes to nearly 2,500 deaths annually, costing the NHS around £94 million a year.

Sustrans Scotland's National Director stated that 'By providing information on our work we hope to see this support translated into positive debate this parliament so that more of Scotland can enjoy the benefits of walking and cycling as healthy, economically viable, clean and cheap ways to get around.'



Appendix 2

Funding Opportunities

Central Scotland Green Network

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The Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) is inviting applications for green projects to bid for a share of £400,000 to enhance woodlands and green infrastructure, boost active travel and encourage community growing in the Central Belt. The CSGN aims to transform the Central Belt into a place where the environment adds value to the economy and enriches the quality of people's lives. Since 2010 more than 150 projects have benefitted from a share of £6.2 million.

The closing date for applications to the CSGN Development Fund is 21 November. For further information and eligibility criteria visit the [development fund webpage](#). The fund is supported by Forestry Commission Scotland, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government Food and Drink and Scottish Natural Heritage.

Greenspace Scotland

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Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme, which is administered in Scotland through greenspace scotland, is now permanently open for applications. Projects that can be put forward for funding include both physical improvements to outdoor spaces, greenspaces and parks and activities on them. There is no match funding requirement and no restrictions on existing project funding.

Projects that will now get the green light as a result of the funding will include volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events and sports and leisure activities. Following a public vote in local Tesco stores, three projects in each of the Tesco regions will receive a grant each month, with first place receiving up to £5K, second place up to £2K and third place up to £1K.

Full eligibility criteria and detailed application guidance is available online here <http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp3>.

