

To: **Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities**

On: **1 February 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: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

### **CITY DEAL PROJECTS**

A presentation was given by L Barlow and K Simpson from SWECO relative to an update on the sustainability elements of the City Deal Projects.

The presentation gave a brief recap on the sustainable goals and objectives; summarised the City Deal stages; highlighted the methodology of the carbon assessment; outlined the carbon output for each of the options and the preferred route; and detailed the next steps.

### **CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an update on the Renfrewshire Council Carbon Management Plan 2014/15 to 2019/20. The report indicated that carbon emissions was one of the principle measures to address climate change and was a key priority for all Local Authorities. As a consequence, the Carbon Management Plan, which was approved by the Planning & Property Policy Board in 2014 set a target reduction of 36% carbon emissions from the 2012/13 baseline by March 2020. This covered a number of sectors across the Council. The report provided an update on the achievements of the Carbon Management Plan.

### **SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2016: RENFREWSHIRE BRIEFING**

The Data Analytics & Research Officer, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council, gave a presentation relative to an overview of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD).

The presentation gave a brief overview of the main points; drew attention to the Data Zones within the application; highlighted the areas of deprivation within Renfrewshire; and outlined the next steps.



## **STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Stalled Spaces Scotland project. The report provided a summary of the first phase of Renfrewshire's Stalled Spaces Scotland programme and intimated that the £20k budget for the first phase of the programme had now been exhausted, although Architecture & Design Scotland (A&DS) had advised that an additional £10k had been made available for projects within Renfrewshire. It was noted that this additional funding did not require to be match funded but would be administered through A&DS and had a requirement for all applications to be submitted to them for approval which had previously been approved in principal through the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board. 3 applications for projects have been submitted; WEGGA phase 2, Carbrook Street growing grounds & Kilbarchan phase 2.(Total - £9,160.00)

A presentation was given by J Wilby of the West End Stalled Spaces Projects. The presentation gave a brief overview of the various projects and the stages of development; outlined the goals and objectives; and detailed the next steps.

## **GREENER RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN - REMEDIAL ACTION ON YEAR 3 PROGRESS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the remedial action on the Year 3 Progress for the Greener Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

The report advised that at the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016 the progress made by each Thematic Board in the three years since the Renfrewshire Community Plan 2013-23 was scrutinised and it was agreed that a further report be submitted to the December meeting which included details of improvement actions to mitigate the key challenges which had been identified. A number of Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board measures were highlighted as not achieving target and the report provided detail on the progress and remedial actions on the indicators which were not achieving target.

## **GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP: MINUTE OF MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER 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 20 September 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

## **LOW CARBON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HUBS FUNDING APPLICATION**

A presentation was given by the Development Manager, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Low Carbon Active Travel Hub funding application.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the Low Carbon Travel and Transport programme; highlighted the key targets; outlined the European Development Fund rules; detailed the workshop participants; highlighted the draft proposal and the Feasibility Scope; and summarised the next steps.



## **GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP: MINUTE OF MEETING OF 22 SEPTEMBER 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 22 September 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

### **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.

### **ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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

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

**NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:**  
Safer & Stronger

**DATE OF MEETING:**  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Presentation on the recently released SMID Report from Scottish Government.**

- On-line resource for Renfrewshire
- Data-zones changed so no comparison with previous data
- Research carried out during 2014/15 so not recording good work currently being carried out in Renfrewshire.
- Health is biggest issue, with related problems of alcohol/drug misuse and mental health problems.
- Increase in legal high 'drugs'
- Crime increase in rural locations. Johnstone police working with locals.
- Renfrewshire Community Plan will take into consideration figures from SMID.

**Discussion on the 'Grey-Space Tension Monitoring Group'.**

To help address hate crime Police Scotland has established the Grey Space Group. This was put in place to:-

Enhance community cohesion

Police getting a better picture of what is happening locally in communities

Members are across faith and minority communities

Way to connect with specific communities before problems arise.

Not being done anywhere else in Scotland.

Scottish Government taken not and fully supportive.

Considering an event to bring all concerns and worries into one place.

As a consequence of the work being done by the group it is envisaged that people will feel more able to report hate crime. This may have a roll on effect on targets and action plans related to hate crime.

**Paisley First - Purple Flag submission**

The flag is an accreditation process distributed by the Association of Town and City Management. It is similar to the Blue Flag for beaches. An application was submitted during October 2016. To achieve this improvements made include



- The introduction of the Rapid Response Team
- Expansion of CCTV
- Daily Tasking has allowed for early intervention of problem areas
- Deep clean of the town centre/purple flag area
- Improvements in street lighting
- Introduction of Street Stuff in certain areas.

**Report provided on Policy to support Third Party Applications to the Private Rented Housing Panel.**

The Housing Act 2016 specifies a minimum living standards for private rented properties and landlords have a legal obligation ensure property meets this. In recognition that many tenants are unwilling to make an application on their own behalf, powers were provided to Local Authorities to make a Third Party application to the Private Rented Housing Panel on behalf of tenants.

**Presentation on the Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival 2016**

- Public arts show – poems on show around Renfrewshire
- 30 events happening across Renfrewshire
- This years theme “TIME”
- Graduate intern recruited to assist with organising events
- Feed-back from events very positive.

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**NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: L O'BRIEN AND K MILLER**

**NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD**

**DATE OF MEETING: 10 NOVEMBER 2016**

**KEY POINTS:**

**FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP**

The Head of Health & Social Care Services (West Renfrewshire), Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership submitted a report relative to an update on the progress of the Family Nurse Partnership (East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde) (FNP). The report outlined the data gathered to date in relation to specific core model elements and fidelity goals and provided information on FNP going forward across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and to what extent FNP was embedded within the local authority area.

**SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION**

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**CORPORATE PARENTING - PART 9, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

The Head of Early Learning and Inclusion submitted a report relevant to an update on Corporate Parenting. The report outlined the Corporate Parenting duties under Part 9 of the Act and set out the corporate parenting responsibilities which extended to all looked after children from birth to when they ceased to be looked after. The public bodies to which Corporate Parenting responsibilities applied were highlighted in Appendix 1 of the report. The Corporate Parenting Plan was also summarised and the report detailed the responsibilities which were set out in the Act. The report also outlined the Corporate Parenting Plan, the reporting procedure and the procedure for complaints and disputes.



The report indicated that partners in Renfrewshire were committed to closing the attainment gap between our most able and most vulnerable students and as a result a working group on “Improving Education Outcomes for Looked After Children” had been set up and chaired by the Head of Early Years and Inclusion. The focus of the group was to identify and share best practice across establishments in Renfrewshire. The working group had representatives from establishments in Renfrewshire, Children’s Services, Development and Housing, West College Scotland, the University of the West of Scotland and the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland.

It was noted that Appendix 2 of the report related to the Care Leavers Covenant and contained information on the progress of the partners in delivering the commitments contained within the Covenant and the areas where further progress was required. The delivery against the Covenant commitments were monitored on a regular basis and further reports on progress and areas for development would be brought to a future meeting.

Renfrewshire’s Champions Board was highlighted as a forum for care experienced young people which enabled them to meet with and express their views to their Corporate Parents and influence policy and practice for other looked after young people.

D Ford and J McTaggart from Who Cares? Scotland spoke to the Board and gave a brief overview of their organisation; the services they provided; how their services integrated with the Council and the Community Planning Partners; and gave a brief overview of the Communities that Care project.

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**NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:** JOINT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE, SAFER & STRONGER AND JOBS & THE ECONOMY THEMATIC BOARD MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** 10 NOVEMBER 2016

**KEY POINTS:**

**PRESENTATION BY CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD**

J Trainer, Head of Early Years and Inclusion gave a presentation relative to Corporate Parenting. The presentation gave a brief overview of the Corporate Parenting duties under Part 9 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and highlighted the corporate parenting responsibilities which extended to all looked after children from birth to when they ceased to be looked after.

N Davidson, Development Officer (GIRFEC) gave a brief overview of the Children's Champions Board and intimated that it provided a platform for young people to talk directly to local authority staff, elected members and service providers to ensure that decisions which affected their lives were informed by their own experiences. It was noted that through the Champions Boards, care experienced young people themselves could influence improvements in the services and support available to them and Renfrewshire had been developing its Champions Board for several years and had already created strong partnerships with care experienced young people.

**PRESENTATION BY JOBS & THE ECONOMY THEMATIC BOARD**

A presentation was given by R Cooper, Economic Development Manager relative to the employment challenges for young people in the transition from school to progression routes and vocational pathways. The presentation summarised a comparison of the annual participation measure by age and gender between the local authority and Scotland; highlighted additional resources for priority groups; gave a brief overview of the Renfrewshire employability pipeline; detailed targeted programmes and priority groups; summarised claimant count rates for 2013/16; and outlined the key issues and challenges.



## **PRESENTATION BY SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

A presentation was given by C Robertson, Warden Services Manager relative to the Street Stuff, a partnership divisionary programme. A short DVD was shown which gave a brief overview of the programme and highlighted the strong partnership working within Renfrewshire; the presentation then outlined the difference the programme had made to the young people and the communities they lived in; detailed some of the underlying causes and symptoms and what had been achieved; and indicated the challenges for the programme going forward.

There then followed a general discussion which centered around the issues of the three presentations; what were the likely challenges the partnership faced; and what was seen as the way forward.

Particular concern was raised with regard to young people with learning and/or physical disabilities who were attempting to gain employment and the difficulties that they faced. Project Search, an employability programme for young people between 17 and 26 years old with a learning disability or autism was discussed and it was noted that the programme could be enhanced by working with the Children's Champions Board and the Economic Development team from Renfrewshire Council.

It was highlighted that helping young people with physical disabilities was a significant challenge and it was agreed that funding and tailored programmes, both within the public and private sector, for young people with disabilities would be investigated with a view to ensuring that young people with physical disabilities gained meaningful employment in their local area.

Discussion turned to the "Family Firm" approach which was a model of employment for looked after young people and a working framework for Community Planning Partners and employers to support all looked after young people and care leavers into positive destinations. It was agreed that the Children's Champions Board would develop a model on what the family firm model would look like and submit a report to a future meeting of the Children & Young People Thematic Board.

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

**NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: CPP BOARD**

**DATE OF MEETING: 7 DECEMBER 2017**

**KEY POINTS:**

During the approval of the Minute discussion took place on possible implications for Renfrewshire of the Vote to Leave the European Union. It was noted that the Brexit Working Group had now been established and the Director of Finance & Resources would chair the Group.

It was further noted that in relation to Item 3 – Paisley Town Centre – 10 Year Action Plan, the consultation had closed and the action plan had been agreed at Leadership Board on 30 November 2016.

### **2 BEST VALUE – A NEW APPROACH**

The Head of Planning & Commissioning submitted a report relative to a new approach to best value which had been developed by the Accounts Commission. It was noted that the Accounts Commission had allocated an audit team to assess the Council against financial, sustainability, financial management, governance and transparency and value for money dimensions. Their work programme commenced in November 2016 and would lead local best value audit activity. The audit team had been invited to attend a number of partnership and policy board meetings as part of their introduction to Renfrewshire, and they had planned to conduct some fieldwork activity in early 2017 with a view to a final best value assurance report being published in Summer 2017. It was noted that while the scope of the new best value audit and assurance arrangements did not specifically include a review of community planning arrangements, the audit team were keen to establish the outcomes that the Council was achieving for local citizens and communities through effective joint working with other partners and the progress that was being made locally in terms of implementing the provisions of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.



### **3 RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN – THREE YEAR PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE**

A report and presentation was given by the Head of Planning & Commissioning relative to a further update on the Local Outcome Improvement Plan Three Year Progress Report. The report provided further information on the outcomes and indicators where progress had not been achieved as was anticipated and recommended revised targets for indicators where required. Appendix 1 provided an explanation of performance for each relevant indicator and in some circumstances a replacement for the relevant indicator was proposed with justification provided for the change.

A presentation was given by P Macleod, A McNiven, S Graham, M Crearie and S MacDougall which further detailed the remedial work being undertaken across the range of outcome areas.

Discussion took place on the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board indicator relating to the percentage reduction in car journeys to school. It was agreed that the current measures were too high level and that local measures should be developed.

In relation to the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board's indicator on the percentage reduction in the perception of the local drug dealing/use in neighbourhoods, it was agreed that a different way to measure the outcome would be developed.

#### **4(a) COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT: LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND LOCALITY PLANS – NEXT STEPS**

A report was submitted by the Head of Planning & Commissioning relative to the progress of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plans. The report intimated that the next phase of the development of the LOIP would commence in early 2017 through a high level strategic needs assessment which would involve undertaking analysis of emerging data such as the 2016 data release of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and All Children Health and Wellbeing Survey being lead by Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership. The process would be supported by the Data Analytics and Research Team within Renfrewshire Council, in partnership with data officers and teams across community planning organisations. It was noted that discussions had commenced with several partners to discuss the data that was currently available across sectors and organisations at a Renfrewshire level.

An intensive programme of work would require to be undertaken in spring/summer 2017, specifically focusing on consultation and engagement with local communities, wider community groups, third sector organisations and Community Planning partners. A further update on the development of the LOIP and locality plans would be submitted to the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board.

At a local level, progress had been made in developing proposals for new governance arrangements that would enable partners to take forward development of the LOIP and Locality Plans. It was noted that subject to approval of full Council on 15 December 2016, the proposed new governance arrangements would be implemented in 2017.



#### **4(b) UPDATE ON ALL CHILDREN'S STUDY**

A presentation was given by the Director of Children's Services relative to an update on the ChildrenCount Well-being survey.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the online school based child report survey (P5-S4); detailed the strategy that had been developed; highlighted some of the innovations within the Renfrewshire area; outlined the timeline; summarised the data products; and indicated the difference that the study had made.

#### **5 TACKLING POVERTY PROGRESS UPDATE**

A presentation was given by the Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty & Welfare Reform) relative to an update on the Tackling Poverty programme.

The presentation outlined a number of the project highlights; detailed relevant statistics; highlighted the strong partnership working within Renfrewshire; drew attention to the Campbell Christie Award for Public Sector Reform; and summarised the achievements to date.

A short dvd was shown which noted the Tackling Poverty event held in Paisley Town Hall on 4 October 2016 to celebrate one year of Tackling Poverty projects and the journey so far.

#### **6 COMMUNITY PLANNING GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Head of Policy & Commissioning submitted a report relative to the review of existing Community Planning governance arrangements. The report advised that as a result of the significant statutory changes introduced through the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 a review of existing Community Planning governance arrangements had been undertaken by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board over the past six months. The review considered the views of key stakeholders including members of the Partnership Board, Chairs of the Thematic Boards, Lead Officers within the Partnership and Engage Renfrewshire as the third sector interface organisation for Renfrewshire.

Stakeholder feedback highlighted the need for the existing governance structure to be significantly streamlined to ensure the time invested by partners was focused on joint strategic priorities and that flexibility was built in to adapt to new strategic priorities as they emerged. Feedback also highlighted the need to achieve a better balance across partner organisations in relation to the allocation of lead roles for the development and oversight of work programmes aligned to the shared community planning partnership priorities. A common view expressed by the conveners and participants within the Thematic Boards, was that it was often difficult to gain an appropriate level of oversight between the Thematic Boards and to make appropriate linkages between areas of work.





Following consideration of the findings of the review, a proposed revised governance structure had been developed in consultation with community planning partners which was outlined within Appendix 1 of the report. It was noted that the proposed structure would require a degree of change to existing structure and would utilise all appropriate opportunities to streamline and refocus existing partnership activities, groups and formal structures. The revised proposed structure would facilitate enhanced political scrutiny and strategic leadership through the establishment of a Community Planning Oversight Group chaired by the Leader of Renfrewshire Council, with a Community Planning Executive Group chaired by the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Council.

It was noted that the report would be submitted to the Council meeting to be held on 15 December 2016 and, subject to approval, Council officers would work with partners to plan for the implementation of the revised governance arrangements in the second quarter of 2017. Council approval was also being sought to carry out a review of the Council's Local Area Committee arrangements to consider opportunities to strengthen mechanisms for engagement with local communities, complement the proposed new Community Planning governance structures and facilitate the new legislative requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. This review would be carried out in consultation with Community Planning partners.

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