

**To: Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership**

**On: 14 November 2019**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**ERSKINE, INCHINNAN, BISHOPTON AND LANGBANK GRANT FUNDING  
UPDATE**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership held on 19 June 2019, the Local partnership considered a number of grant funding applications. Nine projects in total were awarded funding, with two subject to specific conditions and one project was continued for further information.
- 1.2 Fusion Youth Ministries (application FR1262) applied for £5,300 to fund an outdoor ticketed event. The Local Partnership decided at the meeting on 19 June to award the grant to underwrite the cost of the event, with the award to be refunded to the Local Partnership if ticket sales covered event costs. It is proposed that officers contacts Fusion Youth Ministries following the event to establish if some or all of the funding is to be returned to the Local Partnership, and provides a verbal update to the meeting as appropriate.
- 1.3 The Breastfeeding Network (application FR1250) applied for £6091 to fund breastfeeding support to local women. The application was continued on the basis that further information would be sought from the group about the local impact of this project. The following update was received by the Breastfeeding Network:

"We recently held a pop up breastfeeding group event at Erskine sports centre which was very well attended by mums. Many of the mums in the areas you mention currently attend the group we run in Johnstone and this pop up group was to give them something more local to come along to and to look at start to talk about the possibility of us setting up at new group in the Erskine area. We have also spoken to the local health visiting team and done various activities on social media to try and build relationships with mums and families in the area. We haven't yet had conversations with other local groups but this is something we would do once we heard about the funding outcome to try and build relationships and find out what is needed locally."

- 1.4 Following the response, the opinion of members of the Local Partnership was sought by email. Of the 14 members of the Local Partnership, 11 people responded. 8 members indicated agreement for release of the funding, 3 members disagreed with release of the funding and one proposed granting half the funding. As the outcome was not unanimous, the Local Partnership is asked to decide its response to the application at the meeting on 14 November.
- 1.5 Lamont Farm Project (application FR1272) was awarded £4,000 to provide educational opportunities about animal husbandry and welfare. It was further decided at the meeting that Lamont Farm should be asked to produce a strategic plan. Since the Local Partnership meeting Lamont Farm Project has been working with staff members from Renfrewshire Council and Engage Renfrewshire to work towards business sustainability and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership:
- (a) Considers the award of £6,901 to The Breastfeeding Network, which was continued for further information from the meeting held on 19 June 2019.
  - (b) Should the Local Partnership decide not to award funding to The Breastfeeding Network, members are asked to consider the allocation of the Local Partnership's remaining balance.
  - (c) Note the updates provided in relation to applications from Fusion Youth Ministries and Lamont Farm.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 The following infographic has been developed to give a flavour of some of the key projects funded by the Local Partnership and to indicate how these relate to Local Priorities for Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan and Langbank.

# ERSKINE, INCHINNAN, BISHOPTON & LANGBANK

## Local Partnership Grant Funding

**£32,541** awarded to **8** community projects

**£9,806**

### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT



**£9,806**

**Erskine Community Allotments**  
- increased growing space  
and wheelchair access



**£8,490**

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING



**£2,239**  
**Renfrewshire  
Access Panel**



**£1,251**  
**Shopmobility**



**£5,000**  
**Lapwing Lodge**  
- new facility for activities  
for young people (with 40  
funded places!)

**£5,300**

### COMMUNITY IDENTITY

**£5,300**

**Fusion Youth Ministries**  
- community event for young  
people and local bands



**£4,595**

### COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT



**£4,095**

**Cornerstone Drop-in**  
- kitchen improvements  
for community venue

**£500**



**Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum**  
- to support visually impaired people to  
be active and included

**£4,000**

### INTERGENERATIONAL WORK

**£4,000**

**Lamont Farm**  
- to provide a local community  
facility and hands-on animal  
care and welfare



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