



To: Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board

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**Report by:
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Development of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board agreed in December 2015 to review its working arrangements to ensure that they remain fit for purpose in order to deliver the outcomes agreed in the Renfrewshire Community Plan 2013-23.
- 1.2 Arrangements have now been made for initial visits by Renfrewshire Council, Chief Executive's officers to discuss the views of key community planning partners on the current arrangements and opportunities to strengthen these in the future and ensure that they add value for the strategic priorities of each partner.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - i) the Board agree the programme of visits and the topic areas outlined in the report, and
 - ii) partners identify any additional topic areas they would like to be included in these initial round of review meetings.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership agreed in at its meeting on 9 December 2015 to review its community planning working arrangements in order to maintain focus on achieving strategic outcomes. It is recognised that given the pressures on public sector finances, it is important to ensure that partner's resources are being used effectively and that the collaborative work being taken forward by the community planning partners is adding strategic value for each partner and achieving the priority outcomes for Renfrewshire.

- 3.2 An initial round of meetings between the Renfrewshire Council's Head of Policy and Commissioning and senior managers of the key community planning partners are being arranged to discuss partners views on the current arrangements and the strategic value being achieved. The meetings will also discuss the implications for partners of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and seek partners' views on the most appropriate way of meeting the requirements of the act and taking advantage of this important legislative development.
- 3.3 The meetings will also provide an opportunity for those partners not currently developing Strategic Partnership Agreements (SPAs) with the Council, to find out more about this approach and whether it could add value for their organisation and help strengthen the strategic focus of community planning. As reported to the Community Planning Partnership Board in February 2016, the Council and the University of the West of Scotland recently concluded an SPA and the Council and West College Scotland are currently working towards concluding an SPA in June 2016. As the largest private sector employer in Renfrewshire and a major strategic asset within the local economy, Glasgow Airport will also be included within the review meetings, with a specific focus on the SPA approach. The next set of initial discussions will be held beginning in May 2016 with others to follow during June, as highlighted below.

Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce	Monday 9 May
Glasgow Airport	Thursday 19 May
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Monday 21 May
Police Scotland	Wednesday 25 May
Scottish Fire and Rescue	Friday 27 May
Engage Renfrewshire	Date being arranged
University of the West of Scotland	Date being arranged
West College Scotland	Date being arranged
Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Date being arranged"

- 3.4 Proposed topics for discussion at the review meetings are outlined below and partners views on these and any other areas they would like to include in the discussion would be welcome:
- The effectiveness of the current community planning arrangements for achieving the community planning outcomes for Renfrewshire and options for improvement;
 - The effectiveness of the current community planning arrangements to support the delivery of individual partners' strategic priorities and options for improvement;
 - The requirements of partners arising from the Community Empowerment (Scotland) 2015 Act and the opportunities for partners to work together to maximise the benefits that can be achieved from the new provisions;

- iv) The potential to strengthen partnership focus on preventative activity which could reduce demands on partnership resources in the future;
- v) The identification of areas of specific resources/expertise available within partners which could support the delivery of community planning outcomes and opportunities for partners to lead on specific activity; and
- vi) An overview of the Strategic Partnership approach and interest in exploring this for individual partners.

3.5 The findings and conclusions from this initial round of review meetings will be reported to a future meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) for discussion and agreement on the most appropriate next steps for CPP development.

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