To: **Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board**

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Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016

1. Summary

1.1 A new release of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) was issued on the 31st August 2016 providing new data on relative deprivation across Scotland at local authority and small area level. A report was submitted to Renfrewshire Council's Leadership Board on 14 September 2016 on the SIMD 2016 release, which is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

1.2 While one datazone within the Ferguslie Park area was ranked as the most deprived in the country, Renfrewshire as a whole saw its share of the most deprived areas nationally decrease.

1.3 The number of people in Renfrewshire identified as income and employment deprived decreased by 6% and 15% respectively on the 2012 release. These reductions were mirrored in Ferguslie Park where there were 6% fewer income deprived and 17% fewer employment deprived people identified. Key findings are highlighted within section 3 below.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

a) Notes the SIMD 2016 release and the key related findings in relation to Renfrewshire

b) Considers the initial information available in light of existing priorities and partnership actions

c) Agrees that the thematic boards will consider the available data and review existing programmes of work in relation to these findings

d) Agrees that SIMD 2016 informs the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017.

3.   Key findings

3.1   The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation is one of a number of datasets used by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership to identify the needs of the local population and subsequently areas for partnership level focus and prioritisation. The last release of the index was in 2012.

3.2   As outlined in the report to Renfrewshire Council's Leadership Board on 14 September 2016, it is suggested that the information should be interrogated and analysed, noting the following key points:

- SIMD identifies deprived areas and not people ie not everyone in an area which is deprived will be deprived or experience a certain level of deprivation.

- There is growing evidence that area based ways of looking at poverty no longer give us a full picture of where poverty is being experienced.

- SIMD boundaries have changed significantly since the 2012 release – the most significant example of this is the fact the area in Ferguslie deemed as being the most deprived datazone in 2016, is infact a different geographical area than in 2012.

- The methodology or indicators that underpin the measurement of deprivation have changed in a number of domains.

3.3   Key findings from the available data are highlighted within the Appendix as follows:

- The number of people in Renfrewshire identified as being income deprived fell by 6% since 2012 and the number of people who are employment deprived fell by 15%.

- This was mirrored in Ferguslie where there are 6% fewer people who are income deprived and 17% fewer employment deprived.

- Renfrewshire's national share of Scotland's 5% most deprived datazones fell from 4.3% in 2012 to 3.7% in 2016.

- Renfrewshire's national share of Scotland's 20% most deprived datazones fell from 4.6% in 2012 to 4.4% in 2012

- Our local share of deprived datazones is also improving. This is calculated as the % of Renfrewshire's datazones that are in the 5% or 20% most deprived:

  o 5.8% of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the 5% most deprived (fall from 6.5% in 2012)

- 27.1% of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the 20% most deprived (fall from 28% in 2012)

3.4 In terms of key findings by domain:

Health
- 1 in 3 of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the top 20% most health deprived in Scotland

- We have 25 datazones in the 5% most health deprived

Crime
- 16 datazones in Renfrewshire are in the 5% most deprived by crime

- 1 in 4 of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the top 20% crime deprived in Scotland

Employment
- 14 datazones in Renfrewshire are in the 5% most employment deprived

- 1 in 4 of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the top 20% employment deprived in Scotland

Income
- 10 datazones in Renfrewshire are in the 5% most income deprived (this is 1 in 25 in Renfrewshire)

- 1 in 4 of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the 20% most income deprived in Scotland.

Education
- 8 datazones are in the 5% most education deprived in Scotland

- 1 in 5 of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the 20% most education deprived

Housing

- Renfrewshire has 4 datazones in the 5% most housing deprived in Scotland (1 in 50 datazones in Renfrewshire)

- 1 in 4 of Renfrewshire's datazones are in the 20% most housing deprived in Scotland.

Access

- Renfrewshire has 1 datazone in the most access deprived 5% - Rural North and Langbank.

- Under 1 in 5 of Renfrewshire's datazones are part of the 20% most access deprived in Scotland.

3.5   A datazone within the Ferguslie Park area has been ranked the most deprived area in Scotland, as was the case in the 2012 release. As described above, datazone boundaries have changed between the 2012 and 2016 releases and the area within Ferguslie identified as the most deprived is not the same. However, using a best fit to map to the new datazones, five of the seven datazones within Ferguslie have improved in rank with two declining. Ferguslie Park as a whole saw a 6% decline in the number of people identified as income deprived and a 17% decline in the number identified as employment deprived. Appendix Three within the Leadership Board report shows the ranking and domain scores for each datazone in Ferguslie in 2012 and 2016.

4.   Next steps

4.1   The SIMD 2016 is one of a number of datasets used by the Council and its partners to identify key priorities for action within local communities, targeting outcomes and resources to make a positive difference. There are a number of findings arising from SIMD 2016 where partners may wish to review current priority areas for action as part of the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017.

4.2   Thematic boards will require to consider the information available and to discuss and agree required action to thematic board actions and activities going forward.

4.3   Locality level analysis will also be undertaken by the Policy and Commissioning Service, with information presented to each Local Area Committee.

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