



To: **Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board**

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Report by:
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GREENER COMMUNITIES UPDATE ON PROGRESS

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report records progress made so far in delivering actions endorsed by the December Greener Thematic Board meeting.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Thematic Board notes the update on progress of the Greener Communities Sub-Group.

3. New Sub-group Members

- 3.1 The Greener Communities sub-group is in the process of identifying potential new members from groups such as the Forestry Commission and Leap, to join the sub-group which will set up regular meetings to address the actions endorsed by the previous Greener Thematic Board meetings.

4. Greener Audit

- 4.1 An audit has been conducted of greener led community groups, working in Renfrewshire within the Engage Renfrewshire membership, which highlights current activity and future greener plans.
- 4.2 A baseline data information tool/process is being developed to gather data and monitor greener activity from greener led community groups and Renfrewshire schools.



- 4.3 Baseline data from Schools in Renfrewshire has started to be collated. A survey has been sent to all High Schools and Primary Schools asking about what greener activity they are involved in. So far 33 out of 63 schools have replied that they contribute to the Greener agenda by undertaking activities such as school clean ups, recycling and waste minimisation, upkeep of school grounds and growing grounds, use of sustainable transport and the teaching and learning of biodiversity.
- 4.4 The survey that was sent to schools is now going to be adapted and sent to greener led community groups in order to gain more data and information on their current activities and future plans.

5. The Greener Pledge

- 5.1 A single Greener Pledge document has been produced with over 70 signatures and email addresses. Those signed up to the pledge will receive updates on the Greener agenda.
- 5.2 An e-newsletter template is to be created which can be filled with highlights on greener activity around Renfrewshire and sent to those signed up to the pledge, the frequency of which will be determined by the Greener Communities Sub-Group.
- 5.3 As well as the newsletter, the signups will receive news updates and notifications of upcoming conferences and greener focused events.

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