

Minute of Meeting Jobs & the Economy Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 16 February 2017	10:00	Tweedie Hall, Ardlamont Square, Linwood, PA3 3DE

PRESENT

B Grant, Chamber of Commerce; M Crearie, A Morrison, R Cooper and S Graham (all Renfrewshire Council); I McLean, Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering our Communities; H Cunningham, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and A Dick, West College Scotland.

CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Glen it was agreed that Mary Crearie chair the meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE

C MacDonald, Renfrewshire Council.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Glen, Renfrewshire Council; N Shields, Scottish Enterprise; and J McLaughlin, DWP

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minutes of the Jobs & the Economy Thematic Board held on 5 September 2016 and the Joint Safer & Stronger, Jobs & the Economy and Children & Young People Thematic Boards held on 10 November 2016.

DECISION: That the Minutes be agreed.

2 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

(a) That actions J&E.27.03.13(2.3iii) and J&E.09.01.14(6) be removed from the Action Log as they were now complete; and

(b) That the Rolling Action Log be otherwise approved.

3 **SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2026 RELEASE: RENFREWSHIRE RESULTS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy & Commissioning, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council relative to an overview of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD).

The report indicated that a new release of the SIMD was issued on the 31 August 2016 providing new data on relative deprivation across Scotland at local authority and small area level. The report highlighted the key findings of the new release for Renfrewshire in terms of jobs and the economy, partnership engagement and current and planned programmes of work.

DECIDED:

(a) That the publication of SIMD 2016 and the summary information provided at a Renfrewshire and national level in the report be noted;

(b) That it be noted that the SIMD 2016 information released would inform the development of Renfrewshire's Strategic Needs Assessment and Local Outcome Improvement Plan which would be developed in early 2017; and

(c) That it be noted that information available from SIMD would inform service and corporate planning activities going forward, particularly in relation to the Tackling Poverty and Raising Attainment programmes of work.

4 COMMUNITY PLANNING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Commissioning, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council relative to the proposed new Community Planning governance arrangements.

The report advised that following discussion with Conveners and Lead Officers of the Community Planning Thematic Boards and agreement by Renfrewshire Council Community Planning Partnership Board, community planning structures in Renfrewshire would be changed from the second quarter of 2017. The review of community planning arrangements recognised that much good work had been achieved through the community planning Boards since they were established in 2013. The purpose of the changes to the community planning structures was to build on existing strengths of the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership, take account of changes to the partnership landscape since 2013 and further strengthen and streamline community planning meeting arrangements. A report detailing the new governance arrangements had been agreed by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 7 December 2016 and was attached as an appendix.

The new arrangements would commence from May 2017, with an early focus on delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and associated Locality Plans by 1 October 2017. Engagement with communities on development of the LOIP/Locality Plans would take place in February/March and May/June 2017. The LOIP and Locality Plans would require to be signed off by all community planning partners by September 2017 prior to publication by 1 October 2017.

It was noted that the remaining meeting of the existing Community Planning Board structure would play a key role in shaping the priorities of the new LOIP and would ensure that the positive elements of existing partnership working and delivery would transition effectively to the new working arrangements. In particular, the Jobs & the Economy Renfrewshire Thematic Board had been successful in developing joint working to improve job opportunities for young people. The Board was asked to consider at its next meeting key questions which were detailed within the report.

In terms of the Jobs and Economy Board, it was recognised that significant progress had been made in delivering the outcomes of this theme. The three year performance report submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016 recorded particular progress in a number of areas. These included an increase in the number of VAT/PAYE registered businesses and an improvement in the survival rate of businesses.

Work would take place over the first six months of 2017 to finalise the detail of new arrangements to ensure an effective transition to the new arrangements in the second quarter of 2017.

DECIDED:

(a) That the changes to the governance structure of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership and, in particular, the arrangements for discontinuing the Jobs and Economy Thematic Board and continuing the remit of the Board through the new governance arrangements be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that the Board would participate in work taking place during the first six months of 2017 to finalise details of the new arrangements and ensure an

effective transition to new working arrangements for activity within the current Jobs and Economy Action Plan to the new arrangements under the new governance arrangements.

5 RENFREWSHIRE ECONOMIC PANEL UPDATE

A verbal report was given by the Head of Regeneration, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the proposed Renfrewshire Economic Panel.

The establishment of the Renfrewshire Economic Leadership Panel would act as a forum for collaboration, integration of ideas, actions and resources from the Renfrewshire business community. It was anticipated that the Panel would play an important role in overseeing the implementation of the Economic Framework and its priorities; facilitate collaborative working and coordination of activities among those across Government and from the private and community and voluntary sectors; would ensure transparent and open communications and identification of opportunities, or the unblocking of any obstacles to growth for Renfrewshire, and develop in partnership the longer term economic strategy for Renfrewshire.

It was noted that the Panel was currently being set up and would likely commence after the summer recess.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

6 RENFREWSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - QUARTERLY ECONOMIC INDICATOR

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce relative to the Quarterly Economic Indicators in respect of Scotland and the Renfrewshire Area.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

7 RENFREWSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

A verbal update was given by the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce on the recent activities of the Chamber.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

8 REGENERATION UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on some of the key regeneration initiatives which were currently underway or planned within Renfrewshire.

The report advised that the new Renfrewshire Economic Framework, which had been presented to the Board in June 2016, emphasised the importance of economic and social

regeneration to the future of Renfrewshire. Over a number of years the Council along with its community planning partners, the private and third sectors had planned and undertaken a wide variety of regeneration initiatives to support local communities and boost the local economy. The report drew out some of the current initiatives and future plans that the Council aimed to co-ordinate the delivery of in the next few years.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9 **RENFREWSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2017**

There was submitted a newsletter by Economic Development which provided an overview of employment activity and economic development in Renfrewshire to January 2017. The newsletter illustrated the Renfrewshire labour market position and advised how Renfrewshire fared in comparison to the rest of the country.

DECIDED: That the newsletter be noted.