

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Tuesday, 24 February 2015 | 18:00 | Rashilea Primary School, North Barr, Erskine, PA8 6EX |

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Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Board Membership

Councillor Maria Brown: Councillor Audrey Doig: Provost Anne Hall: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor Michael Holmes: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor James McQuade: Councillor Iain Nicolson: Councillor Allan Noon (Member)

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Langbank Community Council; Houston & Killellan Kirk; Brookfield Community Council; Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; Erskine Community Council; Crisis; Erskine Youth Council; InBishopton Community Web Site; Bridge of Weir Community Council; Bishopton Scout Group; Bishopton Primary School Parent Council; Our Lady of Peace Parent Committee Nursery; Erskine Youth Football Club; Bishopton Parish Church; Bridge of Weir Tenants' & Residents' Association; Renfrewshire Youth Voice; Renfrewshire Early Years Forum for the Voluntary Sector; Linwood Community Childcare; Bridgewater Housing Association Limited; Erskine Community Association; Linwood Community Council; Linwood Tenants' & Residents' Action Group; Erskine; Bishopton Community Council; Inchinnan Community Council; Houston Community Council; Linwood Friendship Group; Brighter Bridge of Weir; and Cairellot Day Nursery.

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Items of business

During consideration of the following items of business, the meeting will be open to the press and public.

Apologies

Apologies received from members of the Board.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

1 Community Planning Partner Update

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Note that the next meeting of the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee will be held on 26th May, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.



**To: HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE AND ERSKINE
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

On: 24 FEBRUARY 2015

Report by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Heading: COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION,
PROGRESS UPDATE**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a progress update on some of the activities the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership have carried out in the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside area in quarter 3 (1 October – 31 December 2014). Statistical information has been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service as well as Community Resources (Community Safety and Wardens Service). The report provides general information on the work of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership and includes a spotlight focus on a particular area of public protection activity related to tackling Gender Based Violence.
- 1.2 Overall, during quarter 3 levels of recorded crime decreased within the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside area when compared with the same period in the last year.
- 1.3 Youth disorder has increased and this has subsequently increased the number of youth cases that the Community Safety Youth Team is currently managing.
- 1.4 The number of fires recorded remained at a similar low level and is significant achievement during the driest recorded winter ever.

- 1.5 Street Stuff continues to deliver with total attendance within the LAC area of 1099 participants.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Local Area Committee note the content of this progress update report.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership brings together key resources to tackle and address issues to sustain and maintain safer and stronger communities. The Partnership consists of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SF&RS) and other community safety agencies.
- 3.2 Our Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership long-term vision is that: 'Renfrewshire is known as a safe and tolerant place where residents and visitors enjoy a high level of personal safety and public protection and are free from crime. A culture of fairness, respect and equality exists and vulnerable children and adults are well looked after and protected'
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4. Key Areas of Progress

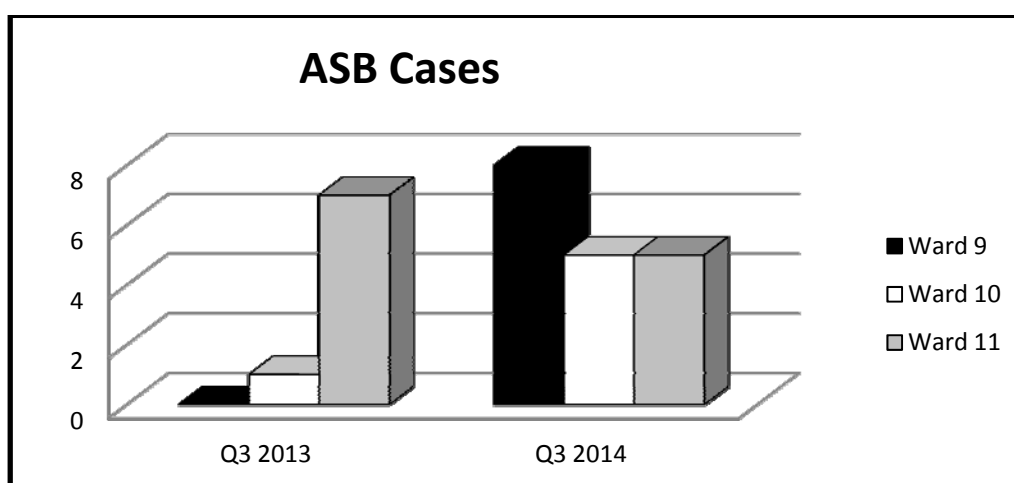
- 4.1 During this quarter, antisocial behaviour (ASB) decreased Renfrewshire wide from the corresponding period in 2013. However, there are hotspot areas where a higher number of crime and ASB incidents are reported. The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership has continued to target resources into these hotspots:
- Within Ward 9, reported incidents of ASB reduced by 15% in comparison to the corresponding quarter of 2013/14. Public Nuisance calls were most prevalent.
 - Within Ward 10, reported incidents of ASB increased notably (up 45%, from 66 to 96). As with the previous reporting quarter of this year, this increase continues to remain entirely attributable to an ongoing situation involving several partner agencies, and which accounted for exactly half of all calls within this Ward during the most recent quarter.

- There has been an increase of around 11% in reported ASB incidents within Ward 11 during the most recent quarter. As with Q2 of 2014/15, the highest tariff area remains Park Mains, where the majority of calls related to Public Nuisance, with peaks days/times identified as Fridays and Saturdays between 7pm and midnight.

4.2 During this quarter, increases were noted in Drug Crime and Vandalism within both Wards 9 and 11. Slight increases in drug crime remain consistent with both the wider Renfrewshire and National picture, whilst it was also noted that the increases in vandalism within Wards 9 and 11 were very small (both Ward areas increasing by 3 incidents during the reporting period).

| Crime Type | Q3 2013/14 | | | Q3 2014/15 | | | Change | | |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Ward 9 | Ward 10 | Ward 11 | Ward 9 | Ward 10 | Ward 11 | Ward 9 | Ward 10 | Ward 11 |
| Serious Violent Crime | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | - | 1 | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| Minor Assault | 20 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 5 | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| Drug Crime | 5 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 10 | ↑ | ↓ | ↑ |
| Disorder and ASB | 175 | 66 | 105 | 148 | 96 | 117 | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ |
| Vandalism | 14 | 8 | 14 | 17 | 8 | 17 | ↑ | ↔ | ↑ |

4.3 During October to December 2014, the number of ASB cases referred to ASIST & the Youth Team increased significantly in Ward 9 & 10. There is no obvious reason for this rise as ASB overall is decreasing Renfrewshire wide. So the increased ASB in this LAC area appears to be due to more reporting by residents rather than more ASB.



4.4 In the same quarter, 16% of all complaints to Community Resources (Community Safety) were related to Dog Fouling which continued to be the

most common complaint. Our response to these complaints was 637 community safety patrols and the following actions:

| Dog Issues dealt with by actions | Ward 9 | Ward 10 | Ward 11 |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Dog Warden Visit/ Patrol | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Dog fouling sign erected | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Dog returned to owners | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Animal Education | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dog taken to SSPCA | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Visit re out of control dog | 3 | 4 | 16 |
| Warning letter issued | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Monitoring visit (DCN) | 3 | 1 | 3 |

4.5 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service recorded no change in the number of fires in this LAC area, during the period from October to December 2014. There was only 3 fires in each category - Fires involving domestic property, Secondary fires and Deliberate fire setting. This was a significant achievement because we had the driest recorded winter ever which automatically increases the likelihood of more fires.

4.6 The SF&RS has implemented bonfire resilience arrangements in partnership with Renfrewshire Council and Police Scotland to help prevent and reduce the number of unauthorised bonfire sites in Renfrewshire. Joint working arrangements were implemented over the bonfire season to reduce the risk to fire crews and fire related anti social behaviour. These arrangements included:

- Sharing community intelligence reports regarding neighbourhood hotspots, problem premises and fly tipping locations across Community Policing Teams, Neighbourhood Management Teams, Community Wardens and Public Space CCTV centres as part of local Tasking Coordinating & Action Planning arrangements.
- Distributing leaflets and letters to high activity areas. Housing Services also issued letters to target areas with increased bin fires.
- Undertaking safety talks along with Police Scotland and local wardens in Renfrewshire schools. In total 24 secondary schools and all S1 pupils across Renfrewshire were covered.
- Issuing press releases to all local media, including free papers and third sector bulletins highlighting the need for vigilance and safety.
- Targeting local fire setters in partnership with ASIST through the Young

Fire-Setters intervention project.

- Introducing a newly created SF&RS Liaison Officer post to improve communication with partners within Local Authority areas at community safety meetings including MATAC (multi agency tasking and coordination) and Hub meetings.

4.7 While the weather was very mild and dry throughout Renfrewshire for a period of around 2 weeks leading up to Bonfire Night - which would normally have led to increased incidents – the days themselves, Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th November, and for a few days from the weekend before, the weather changed to strong winds and much wetter conditions. There was no significant fire incident recorded during the Bonfire Night period.

4.8 The Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership's main diversionary project is Street Stuff. This project has now been operating across Renfrewshire for the last 6 years and continues to contribute significantly towards reductions in youth disorder and antisocial behaviour.

The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Houston, Crosslee and Riverside LAC area from October to December 2014:

| | | Attendance | |
|------------------|----------|------------|-----|
| Venue | Sessions | Football | Box |
| Bargarran | 70 | 679 | 394 |
| Inchinnan PS | 7 | 26 | |
| Total | 77 | 705 | 394 |
| Total Attendance | | 1099 | |

4.9 The table below shows the calls to Police Scotland relating to vandalism & youth disorder.

| Vandalism & Youth Disorder | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Ward | Q3 2013/14 | Q3 2014/15 | % Change |
| 9 | 17 | 26 | 53%↑ |
| 10 | 10 | 10 | ↔ |
| 11 | 14 | 21 | 50%↑ |

Increases were noted in incidents of Vandalism and Youth Disorder (VYD) within both Wards 9 and 11, whilst overall numbers remained static within Ward 10. Within Ward 9, the increases were attributed to an increase in youth disorder specifically in the area of Napier Street, Johnstone (entrance to Morrison's Supermarket), whilst the increase already highlighted in overall ASB and Disorder for the Park Mains area of Erskine has been reflected in increased VYD within this area also. Most of the perpetrators have been

identified, these youths will now be monitored by the Community Safety Youth Team until they are not involved in any ASB incidents for 3 months.

- 4.10 The Street Stuff timetable attached as Appendix 1 shows the locations and dates of activities that are being held during January to March 2015 across Renfrewshire.
- 4.11 During October 2015, as a warm-up for the traditional Street Stuff Friday night session at St Mirren's indoor dome, young players received an instructional talk on the dangers of misusing fireworks. The talk was delivered by Police Scotland, SF&RS and Renfrewshire Council. The young footballers were also joined for the session by players from St Mirren's Junior Academy.
- 4.12 In December, Street Stuff won 2 awards at the 2014 Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Police Divisional Recognition Awards. Stephen Gallacher, Street Stuff Manager won the 'Partnership' category and Morgan Friel, a sessional worker and volunteer, won the 'Young Person' category. Both won their awards for making a real contribution to 'keeping people safe' in their local area.
- 4.13 During the Christmas holidays, Street Stuff hosted a festive football programme for girls and boys aged 10-18 at the St Mirren's indoor dome. There were 9 sessions of football in the evenings from 23rd December to 3rd January which were attended by over 400 young people.

5. General Activities

- 5.1 The Your Home, Your Street, Our Community event was held at Paisley Town Hall on 27 October. This 1-day event was designed by Community Resources to showcase services whose aim is to make the area "safer, stronger and greener". 700 residents attended and were able to walk through a series of home, garden and street model exhibits, receiving expert information and advice on their journey. Advisers included Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, SF&RS and other Community Safety agencies.
- 5.2 Workshops were also attended by local school children to explore various issues around staying safe such as 'Alcohol & Drugs' and 'No Knives Better Lives'. The University of West of Scotland filmed the event to create a promotional video which will be used for public information and to promote future events. An evaluation of the event is being collated and a report will be prepared detailing findings, however initial responses were extremely positive. Once the evaluation is completed, it is anticipated that this event will be rolled out to other Town Halls and community facilities at a local level.

- 5.3 In November 2014, Renfrewshire Wardens Service undertook a 2 day Vehicle Emissions patrol in Paisley town centre in partnership with Police Scotland. Police Officers were responsible for pulling over the vehicles from traffic. The wardens checked whether vehicle emissions were within the legal requirements. 332 vehicles were tested including 17 taxis / private-hire vehicles, only 5 failed and were issued with £60 fixed-penalty notices. The police also immediately impounded a vehicle with no insurance, and another car was identified with no valid MOT.
- 5.4 During October to December extra Renfrewshire Wardens patrols were in operation at a number of key events including Paisley Halloween Festival, Bonfire Night and Christmas Lights Switch On events in Paisley, Johnstone, Renfrew and Linwood. Paisley Lights Switch On was especially busy with 32,000 people in attendance. Here wardens provided a community safety role that included a lost children area. Wardens also identified several unofficial bonfires which were removed by StreetScene services before the 5th November. On Bonfire Night itself, wardens with bodycams were based at fire stations to provide back up to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service when on call outs.
- 5.5 In December, the Festive Safety Campaign in Paisley town centre was implemented – this included:
- Additional patrols by police officers;
 - An increased focus on the town centre by the Renfrewshire Wardens. The wardens also carried out their normal duties including operating CCTV vans, and issuing fixed penalty notices;
 - The reintroduction of Taxi Marshals on Christmas Eve and Hogmanay at the County Square rank;
 - A safe bus accompanied by a paramedic vehicle, which was at New Street on 12, 13, 19 & 20 of December from 8pm until 4am. A police officer, warden and paramedics were available at the bus for anyone who was injured, felt threatened or needed safety advice. People under the influence of alcohol regularly attended the safe bus. In general, they were well-behaved and accepted health & safety advice (i.e. drank available bottled water, recharged their mobiles allowing them to phone taxis, etc). An evaluation of safe bus is currently being produced but early indications are that this is a successful initiative that should continue.

- Street Pastors were also available to help, including directing people to the safe bus.

5.6 In December 2014, the Community Safety and Wardens Services improved their operating hours to allow them to better tackle antisocial behaviour when complaints are most prevalent. Renfrewshire Wardens now operate:

| New hours of work | Monday – Thursday | Friday & Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Summer | 8am - 11pm | 8am - 12midnight | 12am – 11pm |
| Winter | 8am - 10pm | 8am - 12midnight | 11am – 10pm |

- The 'Out of Hours' Noise Enforcement service has also been extended on Friday & Saturday nights from 2am to 4am.
- Youth Officers have changed their working pattern to allow them to work evenings to directly support the Wardens Service and the Street Stuff programme. This allows them to work when youth disorder complaints are at their peak.

5.7 More details on these extended services can be viewed in the Housing & Community Safety Policy Board Report, considered on 20 January 2015.

6. Public Protection Spotlight – Gender Based Violence

6.1 Public Protection covers issues such as Hate Crime, Gender Based Violence, Adult Protection, Child Protection and the Management of Violent and Sexual Offenders. In this report we will highlight a different area of Public Protection every quarter. In this edition, we will focus on the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV). The term 'gender based violence' was first defined by the United Nations in 1993. This international agreed definition is still used today and centres on violence that targets individuals or groups on the basis of their gender.

6.2 This is mainly violent acts carried out by men, where women and children are victims. Violence against women encompasses but is not limited to physical, sexual and psychological violence including: domestic abuse; rape; sexual assault; childhood sexual abuse; stalking; sexual harassment and intimidation; commercial sexual exploitation, including prostitution, trafficking and pornography; dowry related violence; female genital mutilation; forced and child marriages; and 'honour' crimes. Violence against women has its roots in gender inequality. However, this does not mean that all acts against

a woman are gender based violence, or that all victims of gender based violence are female.

6.3 Renfrewshire's Gender Based Violence Strategy Group is an inter-agency strategic partnership responsible for the overview of gender based violence. The group plan to achieve a 15% reduction in the number of reported incidents of domestic abuse. In 2014, the GBV Strategy Group focused on several key actions:

- Creating a gender based Violence Network Forum to develop specific areas of work;
- Investigating opportunities to expand educational programmes within schools and communities;
- Developing a programme which encourages people to challenge attitudes and inappropriate behaviours (bystander approach)
- Expanding the sensitive enquiry approach and providing appropriate support and training to staff who work with children and young people.

6.4 In 2013, 2276 residents in Renfrewshire were reported victims of domestic violence, a 44% increase from 10 years ago when 695 residents reported an incident of domestic violence. Reporting of domestic violence has been trending upwards in recent years which corresponds to the national trend. This is most likely due to more reporting rather than an increase of domestic violence. Anti domestic violence media campaigns and reporting strategies have been giving victims of violence the confidence to report and providing mechanisms for third parties to also report incidences of violence.

6.5 Responding to incidents of domestic abuse involves a number of multi agency partners including the police, social work, ASSIST (Advocacy, Support, Safety, Information, Services Together) and the Children's Reporter (SCRA). Following an incident of domestic abuse to which the police have responded, onward referrals are routinely made to social work in respect of child care concerns and to ASSIST in respect of concerns for the victim's well being. 2849 referrals of domestic abuse with a child in the household were received by Social Work during 2013/14. Police Scotland make up approx 82% of referrals at present. The Social Work Department will make inquiries into these referrals and if necessary investigate concerns received. There are a range of interventions available to support women and children who are subject to gender based violence. These include Renfrewshire Women and Children First and Renfrewshire Reconnection (Renfrewshire Council), Renfrewshire Rising, Renfrewshire Women's Aid, ASSIST and Barnardos.

- 6.6 16 Days of Action is an international campaign started by the United Nations to draw attention to violence against women (1 in 3 women worldwide will experience physical and/or sexual violence by a partner, ex partner or stranger). Renfrewshire Council worked with local and national community and volunteer groups to create a variety of events for our version of 16 Days of Action. Renfrewshire's campaign began on 25 November with The Reclaim the Night procession to signal an end to violence against women. Hundreds of residents attended the procession which started at West College Scotland at 6pm. It progressed through the streets of Paisley to finish at the Town Hall.
- 6.7 Other 16 Days of Action events included, Renfrewshire Women's Aid Open Day, Black & Ethnic Minority Women Workshop and Beechwood Women and Arts Group Coffee Morning. The 16 day campaign ended with a men's march, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. Here, men walked a mile in red high heels to raise awareness to stop rape, sexual assault and gender based violence.
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Implications of this Report

1. **Financial** – none.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan**

Safer and Stronger – Community Safety Services activities and outcomes contribute to making Renfrewshire a Safer and Cleaner place to live.

Greener – Community Safety Services contribute toward improving the air quality of Renfrewshire through vehicle Idling initiative.
4. **Legal** – none.
5. **Property/Assets** – none.
6. **Information Technology** – none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.

- 8. **Health And Safety** – none.
 - 9. **Procurement** – none.
 - 10. **Risk** – none.
 - 11. **Privacy Impact** – none.
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List of Background Papers

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STREET STUFF

Timetable 19th Jan 2015 to 31 Mar 2015

| | Renfrew & Gallowhill | HCRLE | Paisley South | Paisley North | Johnstone & the Villages |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Monday 6.30pm 9.30pm | | | | <u>Beechwood Community Centre- The Box Mossvale PS Indoor Football</u> | <u>Thorn PS – Indoor Football</u> |
| Tuesday 6.30pm 9.30pm | <u>Gallowhill Community Centre The Box + Football</u> <u>St Catherine's PS Indoor Football</u> | | <u>St Peter's PS Indoor Football + Dance</u> | | <u>McMaster Centre - The Box West Johnstone Campus – Indoor Football</u> |
| Wednesday 6.30pm 9.30pm | | <u>Our Lady of Peace Indoor Football + Dance</u> | | <u>Williamsburgh PS Indoor Football</u> | |
| Thursday 6.30pm 9.30pm | | | | <u>Beechwood Community Centre- The Box Mossvale PS Indoor Football</u> | <u>McMaster Centre - The Box West Johnstone Campus – Indoor Football</u> |
| Friday 6.30pm 9.30pm | <u>Gallowhill Community Centre The Box + Football</u> <u>St Catherine's PS Indoor Football</u> | <u>Bargarran PS – Indoor Football</u> <u>Bargarran PS - The Box</u> | <u>St Peter's PS Indoor Football + Dance</u> | <u>St Fergus PS – Indoor Football</u> | |
| Saturday 5.30pm 8.30pm | <u>Gallowhill Community Centre The Box</u> <u>St Catherine's PS Indoor Football</u> | <u>Bargarran PS – Indoor Football</u> <u>Bargarran PS - The Box</u> | | <u>St Fergus PS – Indoor Football</u> | <u>Thorn PS – Indoor Football</u> |

Safer and stronger Renfrewshire

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To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee

On: 24th February, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE & ERSKINE
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

1 Summary

1.1 The Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee Annual Report 2014/15, attached as an appendix to this report, sets out a number of the LAC's key achievements over the last 12 months. In particular, it makes reference to:

- The number and level of grants awarded by the LAC
- Community Planning Partner reviews for 2014/15
- Feedback from a number of the key projects supported by the LAC

1.2 Members of the LAC are requested to note the draft annual report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee Annual Report 2014/15, attached as an Appendix to this report, be noted.

Implications of this report

- 1. Financial Implications**
None.
- 2. HR and Organisational Development Implications**
None.

3. **Community Plan/Council Plan Implications**
Empowering our Communities -
 4. **Legal Implications**
None.
 5. **Property/Assets Implications**
None.
 6. **Information Technology Implications**
None.
 7. **Equality and Human Rights Implications**
 - (a) The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all venues are fully accessible and dates/times of meetings are recommended with a view to maximising attendance. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health and Safety Implications**
None.
 9. **Procurement Implications**
None.
 10. **Risk Implications**
None.
 11. **Privacy Impact**
None.
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List of Background Papers

None

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Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee Annual Report 2014-15



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| <p>The year in figures.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately £112,000 of funding was awarded for projects and grant applicants during 2014/15 • 44 grant applications and projects were approved <p>Elected Members:</p> <p>Stuart Clark (Convener) Audrey Doig Provost Anne Hall Alan Noon Maria Brown Michael Holmes James MacLaren Jim Harte James McQuade Sam Mullin (Vice Convener) Iain Nicolson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <p>Community Representatives</p> <p>Helen Martin (Bridge of Weir Community Council) Hugh Cameron (Erskine Community Council) David Woodrow (Bishopton Community Council) Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council) Mary McElhinney (Linwood Community Council) Neil Barrington (Langbank Community Council) John Ross (Inchinnan Community Council) R Finnie (Houston Community Council) Mary McFadyen (Linwood Community Childcare) Linda Gillies (Bishopton Primary Parents Council) John Taggart (Erskine) Iain Cameron Houston & Killellan Kirk) Robert McNally (Erskine Community Association) Maureen Henderson (Bishopton Parish Church) Gordon Lethorn (Bridge of Weir Tenants' & Residents' Association) Ian McLean (Bridgewater Housing Association Limited) Iain Wilson Allan Haldane (Erskine Youth Football Club) Nan McBride Renfrewshire Early Years Forum for the Voluntary Sector)</p> |
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Renfrewshire CHP

Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership – LAC Annual Review 2014

In 2014, the Community Health Partnership (CHP) provided the Local Area Committees with updates on:

- Older People's Services;
- Renfrewshire Development Programme/Clinical Services Review; and
- Health and Wellbeing Survey of Secondary School Age Young People in Renfrewshire.

This report provides a further update in these three areas.

1. Older People

In October 2014, the CHP and partners hosted an event on Dementia: Mid-life Approaches to Prevention. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the key behavioural and medical risk factors which are directly associated in delaying the onset/prevention of dementia. Feedback from the event was positive and the key message was that "What's good for your heart is good for your head". Drinking in moderation, exercise, healthy diet and stopping smoking reduce your risk of developing dementia. Community Planning Partners are keen to work towards Renfrewshire becoming a dementia friendly community.

2. Renfrewshire Development Programme/Clinical Services Review

The Renfrewshire Development Programme (RDP) is underway in Renfrewshire which sees the whole medical and social care community working together to test more effective ways to deliver care in hospitals and community settings. The RDP is already creating better links between hospital and community health and social care services. We are also ensuring that senior medical staff and a range of allied health and care at home staff are available as soon as possible after a person attends A&E or is admitted into hospital.

The project is a partnership between the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH), Renfrewshire Council Social Work Services, GP practices and Community Health Services. To ensure that local people and communities are engaged in the project, the team are also working closely with the third sector including Engage Renfrewshire.

Over the next 12 months local health and social care teams will be testing and developing ways to improve the provision and accessibility of community health and social care services, ensure that only people who need to attend A&E do so, prevent avoidable hospital admission and reduce the length of time a person stays in hospital.

Four of the key developments being put in place are:

Anticipatory care planning - all 13 Paisley GP practices will be working with adults and older people with long term and end of life conditions, to develop individual 'anticipatory' care plans. These plans are developed with the person and their family or carers by their GP with input from other health and social care services and sets out exactly what the person wants to happen in the event of a 'crisis' in and out of hours.

A New Chest Pain Assessment Unit at the RAH - the New Chest Pain Assessment Unit is staffed by specialist cardiology nurses, with support from senior Cardiologists. The aim of the unit is to improve the journey for people for whom the initial diagnosis is not clear and ensure specialist cardiology input into their care at the very earliest opportunity, allowing a diagnosis to be made more quickly and preventing avoidable hospital admissions and follow on support.

A new Community in-reach Out of Hours service at the RAH - a new health and care at home in-reach team will be based in the RAH A&E, in the evenings and weekends. The team's role will be to prevent avoidable admission to hospital following A&E attendance by ensuring that patients receive the right community health and social care they need at home as soon as they leave hospital. For those who need it transport and settlement at home will also be provided.

A new Older Adults Assessment Unit at the RAH - the aim of this new unit is to provide a rapid care plan for older adults which takes into account all of their health and social care needs not only the medical issue which has brought them to the hospital. Through new ways of working the team can rapidly identify what community support is required and, working with colleagues in the community, can get that in place so the person can go home and be supported in a much more comfortable and familiar setting.

3. Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey

The results of the Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey were presented to the Local Area Committees in November 2014. The Survey was launched on 4th December 2014 with 125 attending the event. Around 70% of attendees were school pupils, a number of whom had participated in the survey. Many attendees found the session enjoyable and informative and told us the information given in the presentation was interesting; some said they were surprised at some of the results. People thought there was good representation of all age groups, backgrounds and professions at the launch and this worked well in the discussion groups.

Athletes Louise Renicks and Gregg Wylde joined us on the day and the audience appreciated this part of the session and enjoyed having the opportunity to ask Louise and Gregg questions on how they got into their particular sport and the wider discussion on health and wellbeing issues.

Looking ahead to 2015, we expect to be able to share with LACs the information on community health profiles. Some of this information is available at intermediate zone level, providing LACS with more local data.

Houston, Crosslee and Riverside Local Area Committee Annual Report

1. **Community Safety Summary**

- 1.1 Police Scotland reports that crime has reduced this year, especially serious assault and domestic housebreakings.
- 1.2 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service reports that fires decreased, with educational activities and interventions 'Cooksafe' and 'Fire Reach' contributing to the reduction.
- 1.3 Reductions in antisocial behaviour were reinforced by Community Safety initiatives such as Safe Kids, the Festive Safety Campaign, School Talks and the Your Home, Your Street, Our Community event.
- 1.4 The success of the youth diversionary programme 'Street Stuff' continues as annual attendances are at a 6 year high which corresponds to a 6 year low in youth disorder.

2. **Police Scotland**

- 2.1 Police Scotland's priorities for Houston, Crosslee and Riverside in 2014 were as follows:

| Priorities | Ward 9 | Ward 10 | Ward 11 |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Drug Dealing / Use | Drug Dealing / Use | Road Safety & Road Crime |
| 2 | Violence and ASB | Dishonesty | Violence and ASB |
| 3 | Dishonesty | Road Safety & Road Crime | Dishonesty |
| 4 | Road Safety & Road Crime | Violence and ASB | Drug Dealing / Use |

- 2.2 In order to address these priorities the following actions have been taken:

- **Working With Partners** – Police Scotland worked closely with elected members to identify and understand emerging local issues and take robust action where necessary to prevent crime and disrupt those responsible for causing community harm.
- **Violent Crime & Antisocial Behaviour** – The focus on violent crime and anti-social behaviour has increased, particularly at key times of activity.

The powers of stop search have been used to keep streets safe and arrest offenders.

- **Visibility** - To increase public confidence Police Scotland has increased its visibility in the community and made the best use of resources to target the right people, at the right place and the right time.
- **Intelligence & Partnerships** – Police Scotland has cultivated, developed and acted on community intelligence, particularly in relation to drug dealing and has taken swift action to arrest offenders and take them to court. Effective partnership working arrangements to ensure evictions and antisocial behaviour orders are pursued where possible.
- **Housebreaking, Acquisitive and Bogus Crime** – Police Scotland constantly review their approach to tackling housebreaking, acquisitive and bogus crime and ensure that crime prevention advice is provided to protect the most vulnerable, improve property security and deter offenders.
- **Road Safety** – Division wide roads safety initiatives have been introduced focussing on education and the enforcement of road traffic legislation - in particular speeding, insurance, mobile phone and vehicle defect offences.
- **Alcohol Abuse** - Alcohol abuse has been targeted through the use of test purchase agents and the identification of local retailers who fail to comply with licensing laws. In partnership with divisional and council licensing enforcement departments, identified premises have been robustly dealt with and prosecuted where appropriate.
- **Intelligence and Forensic Opportunities** - Best use has been made of forensic opportunities to identify offenders and focus attention on compliance regimes within second hand dealers and retail premises - as well as increasing intelligence on those suspected of resetting stolen property.
- **Road Safety** – Police Scotland focus on roads safety and use specialist resources to patrol high risk areas of concern and target speeding and dangerous motoring. Partnership working with Renfrewshire Community Safety Wardens has tackled dangerous and unlawful parking.

2.3 So far this year in this LAC area, incidents of violent crime have reduced by nearly one-quarter. This amounts to four fewer victims than the corresponding period last year. There were also three fewer victims of

serious assault, and a reduction of around one-third in the number of domestic housebreakings.

3. **Scottish Fire & Rescue Service**

3.1 The Local Fire & Rescue Plan for Renfrewshire (2014-17) identifies the priorities for Renfrewshire as:

- Local risk management and preparedness;
- Reduction of accidental dwelling fires;
- Reduction in fire casualties and fatalities;
- Reduction of deliberate fire setting;
- Reduction of fires in non-domestic property;
- Reduction in casualties from non-fire emergencies;
- Reduction of unwanted fire alarm signals.

3.2 As part of the vision to make our communities a safer place to live, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SF&RS) offer free home fire safety visits to everyone in the area. There were 503 Home Fire Safety visits carried out by the Johnstone Fire Station between Apr-Dec 2014.

3.3 Fire incidents within Houston, Crosslee and Riverside local area committee area are shown below:

| | Apr-Dec 2013 | Apr-Dec 2014 | Variance |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Fires Involving Domestic Property | 10 | 12 | -2 |
| Secondary Fires | 21 | 14 | -7 |
| Deliberate Fire Setting | 10 | 10 | 0 |

3.4 Overall fires have reduced in Apr-Dec 2014 when compared to the corresponding period in 2013. SF&RS educational activities and interventions contributed to this decrease:

- **The Fire Reach Programme**– Delivered by SF&RS and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Youth Team, this targets young people who had come to the attention of the Community Safety Hub for fire related offences. This intensive course is focussed on raising the awareness of the impact of deliberate fire raising, antisocial behaviour and team building.
- **Bonfire/ Fireworks Campaign** – SF&RS, alongside Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Community Safety Youth Team, delivered safety presentations to all S1 pupils in Renfrewshire High Schools. As part of a

partnership approach to prevent and reduce the number of unauthorised bonfire sites in Renfrewshire. This included Renfrewshire Wardens' presence at fire stations on Bonfire Night.

- **Cooksafe** – SF&RS deliver the Cooksafe programme throughout Renfrewshire to ensure safe cooking and fire safety information is available for vulnerable groups within the community.

4. **Renfrewshire Community Safety Services**

4.1 Community safety partners meet on a daily basis to ensure that early intervention strategies are used to tackle issues relating to youth disorder, anti social behaviour and crime. Incidents are discussed at the daily tasking meeting to determine behaviour which interventions are most appropriate for (ie early intervention from the noise teams, Youth Team and Housing, etc). This has contributed considerably to the reductions in antisocial behaviour and youth disorder in 2014. Renfrewshire Community Safety Partners have also implemented several initiatives to help reduce antisocial behaviour, including:

- **Safe Kids** – This multi-agency experiential learning programme aims to reduce the number of accidents in young people, promote positive behaviour and eliminate risks. The Safe Kids programme has been running in Renfrewshire for more than 10 years, and has proven to be very successful. Every primary 6 pupil within Renfrewshire has the opportunity to learn vital life skills through participation in a variety of safety workshops delivered by Community Safety Partners, including Police Scotland, SF&RS, Community Safety Team, Renfrewshire Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (RADAR) and St Mirren. Last year's workshops focused on physical safety and online safety.
- **The Festive Safety Campaign** – This campaign was delivered in Paisley town centre, featuring a Safe Bus in New Street/High Street at peak dates and times over the festive period. A police officer, warden and paramedics were available at the bus for anyone who was injured, felt threatened or needed safety advice. Taxi marshalling also took place at County Square, organised by Renfrewshire Wardens, who along with police colleagues, also increased their patrols in the town centre.
- **School Talks** - Following on from Safe Kids talks delivered to P6 pupils, the Community Safety Youth Team deliver talks to Primary 7 and First Year pupils about antisocial behaviour in the community, including environmental crime.

- 4.2 Renfrewshire Community Safety Services, working with partners, continued to win awards in 2014. For the third year running they were successful in winning the Community Risk category of the National ALARM Risk Management Awards.

5. **Street Stuff**

- 5.1 Street Stuff is a diversionary programme aimed at young people between the ages of 10 and 18 diverting them away from antisocial behaviour into more meaningful activities. Street Stuff is managed and coordinated by Renfrewshire Council's Community Resources and delivered in partnership with St Mirren FC, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Engage Renfrewshire and other Council departments.

- 5.2 Street Stuff is anticipating their best year ever. Projected annual attendances are at a 6 year high which corresponds to a 6 year low in youth disorder and antisocial behaviour. During Apr-Dec 2014, over 20,000 young people participated - which is already more than the total attendance for the whole of last year 2013/14. Projected 2014/15 youth disorder statistics indicate an average reduction of around 75% across Renfrewshire since the project began in 2009.

| Year | 2013/14 | Apr-Dec 2014 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Street Stuff Attendance | 20,164 | 20,916 |
| Youth disorder Incidents | 1393 | 1028 |
| % change previous year | ↓34% | - |

Education and Leisure Services

Education and Leisure Services in 2014 included library services, arts and museum services, youth and sport services and the adult learning and literacies services.

This report details the key successes achieved by these services and future developments during 2014 which ensure that the communities of Renfrewshire are experiencing and engaging in high quality initiatives.

Key highlights for services in 2014 include: free wi-fi in all libraries; e-books & e-audio books available to download; introduction of self-service library kiosks; developing skills for learning, life & work, for young people; provision of quality youth information; development of Sports Hubs to increase participation in sports locally; involvement of school pupils across Renfrewshire in over 190,000 visits to Active Schools supported sport and physical activity sessions.

Youth Services

A new Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) group at Linwood High has been established and a new open (non-school based) award group based at Erskine is to start soon to help meet the growing demand for the Award. The young DofE leaders supporting the Park Mains High School DofE group have been recently been trained to deliver smoking cessation, No Knives Better Lives and first aid sessions to other young people. New outdoor learning programmes have been delivered with pupils from Park Mains High School. Young people have been taking part in Forest School Education and learning bushcraft skills at Boden Bo to develop their confidence and self esteem, communication skills and working with others. After months of practice, LADDS and CLASS ACTS in Linwood (dance and drama youth clubs) performed a musical show at Christmas time. A new volunteer champion project based at Linwood and Park Mains High Schools involves young leaders promoting the benefits of volunteering to other young people. Community based youth provision based at Bargarran in Erskine includes the junior and senior youth clubs and a new mountain bike club. Although now an independent organisation, Youth Services continues to support Erskine Music and Media Studios at Bargarran.

Sports Services

The Active School and Sports Development Team's are continuing to support and develop the recruitment of volunteers, supporting young coaches. Provide opportunities for young people to participate in sport in breakfast, lunchtime, after schools clubs and evening community sport clubs.

- 17 schools are within this LAC – 4 high schools, 14 primary and one special school
- 104 breakfast clubs, 196 lunchtime clubs and 421 afterschool clubs were available January – June 2014
- 10,6274 participant sessions were delivered within the schools in this area with 53,795 being female only participant sessions.
- 29,605 male participant sessions took place in the primary schools, 20,475 in the secondary and 2,399 in the ASN schools. Similarly the female sessions were 32,583, 20,490 and 722 respectively.
- There were 22 different activities available to pupils
- 6,637 sessions were delivered by unpaid coaches and 2,943 sessions delivered by paid coaches.
- 59 school club links were established ranging from advertising to coaching
- 538 males and 563 females participated.

Adult Learning/ Literacies

Bargarran Community Centre in Erskine continues to offer a wide range of community based learning opportunities for adults. Courses include Literacies, English of Learners of Other Languages (ESOL), Workclubs and Employability Classes, Computing and IT Skills, Gaelic, as well as Health and Wellbeing Programmes. In Linwood a partnership between Adult Learning and Literacies Service, Our Lady of Peace Primary School and the Polish Little Angels Club

(POLAC) has been developed in Linwood. As a result there is now a very busy ESOL session taking place in the school every week. The aim is to help parents develop their English language skills to support their children with homework and school or club activities. At the same time the children are also taught Polish language and culture by local volunteers. Other adult learning venues include Tweedie Hall, Linwood Library and Bridge of Weir Learning Centre.

Libraries

The new library opened in the Tweedie Hall, Linwood in May and is the first to introduce self service kiosks for customers. These kiosks allow customers to issue and return items, pay any library charges and manage their own accounts. Feedback has been very positive, with customers enjoying the modern environment which has comfortable seating and is light and airy. The installation of the self service kiosks has enabled staff to spend more time to interact with customers, ensuring a customer focused service. The children's area is well used and the number of items issued have risen significantly.

Arts & Museums

The new Tweedie Hall is now operational and managed by Arts & Museums staff as part of the town halls estate. Feedback from customers has been positive and the staff continue to promote the venue for events, conferences, weddings etc. External signage was installed before the end of 2014, to highlight the new facility within the retail park.

A key objective during 2014 was to improve access to the museum and art galleries. The Victorian building has public areas on a number of different levels which in the 21st century have resulted in significant access issues. Capital works to the building have resulted in improved DDA access to the key exhibition spaces in the museum and art galleries. The work has improved visitor experiences and there has been positive feedback from customers.

Local Green Network Project

Funding from the LAC is being put towards improving access routes in the north of Linwood. Thanks to LAC support, Renfrewshire Council's Planning and Economic Development Service is leading a Local Green Network project in partnership with a number of agencies and the local community group Linwood Active. In 2014/15, the LAC awarded £10,000 to the Linwood Community Woodland Link project. This funding was matched with Renfrewshire Council's Local Green Network budget and helped secure further funding from sportscotland, Renfrewshire Leisure, Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership and Glasgow Airport. LAC funding has

enabled a project with a total value of £145,000 to be progressed for completion within 2015.

The Linwood Community Woodland Link project will improve the path network between the ON-X Leisure Centre and Linwood Community Woodland. The improved paths will offer a safe, traffic-free environment for users of all ages, interests and mobility levels and will link directly into Linwood Community Woodland, a natural playground and classroom. The project will enhance the external facilities of the sports centre and will encourage healthier lifestyles and greater use of the adjacent woodland as a destination for outdoor education and recreation.

Detailed designs are now complete, the procurement exercise is underway and a site start is anticipated for Spring 2015.



Active Communities

Parkour Club

Active Communities worked with local young people in Linwood through its Hearty Lives project to help them set up a Parkour club in Linwood. We were thrilled to receive LAC funding which allowed us to start up a brand new club called Linwood Parkour! The club runs on a Tuesday night in the gym hall of St Benedicts High School and is well attended by local young people varying in ages from P7 to S6! The club launched in September and is staffed by Hearty Lives youth workers and a parkour coach from Glasgow Parkour Coaching. The club wouldn't have got off the ground without LAC funding. The 2 local high schools are thrilled with this new opportunity for young people as are the young people!





I Am Me Project

We have greatly relied on the LAC funding and from the £17,000 we received this year we have worked closely with PACE Theatre Co to design a hard hitting DVD based on the live I Am Me performance that has toured across Scotland. The funding was over 50% of the total we needed to raise to fund this project (other funders were BAA, ScotRail, Foundation Scotland, Co-op, Police Scotland & awards for all)

Once developed, the film will be available as a free resource for any group or school to use. In addition to the film, we have worked closely with a large steering group (Police Scotland, Social Work, Community Resources, Education, Housing, Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Office, Capability Scotland, Quarriers and 8 young people from Castlehead High School). This steering group is working to design a training pack which will accompany the DVD.

Please find attached a link for the DVD

<https://vimeo.com/111655897>

In the last year the project has been finalised for an NDA award in London (National Diversity Award)

Won the public safety award (Police Scotland)

Finalised for ROCCO Award

We are also preparing the Keep Safe for national delivery (already going live in the Borders, Ayrshire and Dundee)

We have also secured funding for an Intern post through Invest in Renfrewshire. We have recently chosen a successful candidate and they will be based in the community safety team and supervised by Police Scotland.

Bishopton Parish Church

Bishopton Parish Church is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the building of the Church building in May 2015. It will publish a book about the Church's history and its involvement with the local community. The Church is grateful to the LAC for grant aid for this publication. Leading up to the Bicentenary Year, during 2014 the Church's Bicentenary Committee organised a number of events involving the local community in the year leading up to the Bicentenary. These included a concert by the Paisley Operatic Society, a Quiz Night, a Celtic Music Night with the "Scott Wood Trio" a group led by a local Erskine musician and a Fashion Evening, all of which were very well supported. It also publicised the Bicentenary at Bishopton Day. Further events planned for 2015 include a concert by the Glasgow Phoenix Choir, a traditional Sunday School outing and an exhibition showing the Church's history and community development involving schools, libraries, museums and local youth organisations. This will be linked to the Renfrewshire Open Doors event. There will also be special church services including a service marking the Bicentenary on Sunday 17th May, planned to be followed by a Renfrewshire Council Civic Reception.

The Bicentenary book, which is at the final editing stage, will cover not only the previous 200 year period but will trace the history of the Church and the village from its earliest time in the 12th century to the present day. It explains how the Church's history has been intertwined with the development of Bishopton from a small hamlet called Kirkton (or Kirkton) of Erskine, located just to the north of the present village, to a community of around 5,000 people. The book details many changes that have taken place in the Church and community over the years. It lists significant events in the Church's life, for example its support of education and its provision of the first Parish school building at Kirkton, its marriage ceremony for Christian Shaw who was not only involved with the Bargarran Witch Trial but also laid the foundations for the Renfrewshire thread industry, its involvement with the establishment of Langbank Church in the 19th century, its union with Rossland Church and the start of its outreach work with Erskine Hospital in the 20th Century. It explains the role of the Church's heritors, essentially the principal local land owners who supported the Church in the community, which came to an end in 1925 and the ways in which the formation of the Free Church in 1843 and its reunion with the Church of Scotland in 1929 affected Bishopton congregations. The book provides information about the Church's present building itself and its architect, David Hamilton, one of Scotland's most famous architects, whose work included the design of Hutchesons' Hospital in Ingram Street in Glasgow. It also describes the development of the Cornerstone, the Church's community hall. The book will form an integral part of the publicity for the Bicentenary and will help to promote Bishopton and the new Dargavel Village as a place where people engage and have a sense of identity and security.

No Substitute for Life

The LAC funding supported the annual 'No Substitute for Life' Memorial Football Event held in Ferguslie. The project was lead by members of the community who had lost loved ones to suicide and it aimed to:

- Educate and raise public awareness of suicide prevention
- Deliver prevention and intervention actions
- Provide practical support to those affected by suicide
- Work with a wide range of partners to ensure that suicide prevention is everyone's business
- Training the general public and key professional groups in suicide awareness and intervention skills.

Activities of the day of the tournament included the football tournament itself, information stands including stress management, alcohol and drugs and national helplines, memorial balloon release, diversionary activities, stress management taster sessions, creative workshops for under-16s, gym bus to promote healthier lifestyles and smoothie bikes to promote healthy eating.

The event attracted a record number of attendees with numbers significantly up on the 500-600 people who attended the first tournament in 2012.

Since the event, RAMH have been contacted by the Scottish Government (Mental Health Division) who are looking for examples of good practice, as Scottish contributions to a pan European report on Innovation in Mental Health. No Substitute for Life is one of the 5 issues selected in Scotland. As well as the positive impact of the event in the community a number of negative impacts were requested by the Scottish Government as part of their study. RAMH identified these as sustainability / funding; emotional impact and associated vulnerability of participants (bringing back distressing memories); and preparation and developing resilience prior to events (you need to prepare people for something as emotionally challenging).



Stephen McLellan
Chief Executive, RAMH

St James Orchestra

It's been an exciting year for St James Orchestra, celebrating our Golden Jubilee.

The first major event was a tour to Germany in July, performing in three concerts in the Düsseldorf area. The first concert coincided with the World Cup match between Germany and France, resulting in a small audience in spite of the venue showing the match on a large screen to attract as many people as possible. The other two concerts, however, attracted large audiences and Paisley's own amateur orchestra were rewarded with standing ovations.

On November 1st Provost Anne Hall hosted a Civic Reception to mark our 50 years of making music in Paisley, and our Jubilee Dinner and Ceilidh followed this. This was an opportunity for members and friends from long ago to meet up with the present membership on a wonderful social occasion. A number of people who played in the very first concert were present, including four who are still involved in the orchestra today.

November 22nd was the date of our Jubilee Concert. The LAC funding made it possible for us to hold this in Paisley Town Hall, a wonderful venue for such an occasion. A large and appreciative audience heard us perform a programme of popular classics and pieces connected to the history of the orchestra.

St James Orchestra



LAC Grant applications

The five LACs made a total of 284 awards to grant applicants during 2014/15. In terms of feedback, against a target of 90%, 97.78% of applicants were either very satisfied or satisfied with the information they received; 98.44% were either very satisfied or satisfied with the way they were treated; 98.44% were either very satisfied or satisfied with the helpfulness of staff; 98.44% were either very satisfied or satisfied with the knowledge of staff; and 98.44% were either very satisfied or satisfied with the time they waited for a response. The overall satisfaction rating for the LAC grant application process was 98.31%.

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To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee

On: 24th February, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1. Local Area Committees provide funding through a range of grants under the General Grant Scheme, Youth Challenge Fund and, where appropriate, the Common Good Funds. The attached schedule, Appendix 1 to this report, provides details of the expenditure committed by the LAC to date as well as available budgets and will, as the year progresses, give an indication of remaining balances as projects and grants are approved.
- 1.2 This LAC also received one-off funding amounting to £600 from the Renfrewshire Citizens Fund. The LAC will recall that this Fund was utilised fully to meet an application from Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the report be noted.
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1. **Financial Implications:** grants awarded will be contained within allocated funds.
2. **HR and Organisational Development Implications** – none.
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan Implications** - Grants should be disbursed to projects and applications which meet at least one of the Community Plan key objectives.
4. **Legal Implications** – none
5. **Property implications** – none
6. **Information Technology Implications** – none

7. **Equal Opportunity Implications** – The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety Implications – none**
9. **Procurement Implications – none**
10. **Risk Implications – none**
11. **Privacy Impact**
None.

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Renfrewshire Council

Houston, Crosslees, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee

Budget Monitoring Report

Period ending: 31st March 2015

| | Funds Available £ | Funds Committed £ | Balance to be Committed £ |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>General Grant</u> | 71,660.00 | | |
| Cycle 1 | | | |
| LAC Rep expenses | | 350.00 | |
| Street Stuff | | 18,235.60 | |
| On-x Walkways | | 10,000.00 | |
| Active Communities - Bike Buddies | | 1,360.00 | |
| Active Communities - Bridge Buster | | 1,000.00 | |
| Bishopton Parish Church | | 1,500.00 | |
| Bridge of Weir Community Council | | 8,010.00 | |
| Bridge of Weir Festival Committee | | 4,000.00 | |
| Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association | | 2,500.00 | |
| Brighter Bridge of Weir | | 3,500.00 | |
| Erskine Activity Group | | 499.00 | |
| Erskine Community Council | | 2,500.00 | |
| Erskine ROAR | | 1,000.00 | |
| Houston Community Council | | 480.00 | |
| Houston & Killellan Kirk | | 4,465.21 | |
| Inchinnan Garden Association | | 500.00 | |
| Arthritis Care in Scotland | | 313.00 | |
| Combat Cancer | | 2,000.00 | |
| Glenburn Stroke & Disability Group | | 1,240.00 | |
| Greensyde Carers | | 150.00 | |
| Gryffe Camera Club | | 500.00 | |
| Lamont Farm | | 2,000.00 | |
| Paisley Cat Rescue | | 90.00 | |
| Paisley Philharmonic Choir | | 300.00 | |
| RAMH - No Substitute for Life | | 1,000.00 | |
| Renfrewshire Access Panel | | 1,122.19 | |
| Renfrewshire ADP - Sunshine Cafe | | 500.00 | |
| Renfrewshire Womens Association | | 800.00 | |
| Shopmobility | | 500.00 | |
| St James Orchestra | | 400.00 | |
| Wynd Centre Adult Counselling | | 800.00 | |
| Grant return - Erskine Community Council underspend | 204.06 | | |
| Fund Total | 71,864.06 | 71,615.00 | 249.06 |
| <u>Youth Challenge Fund</u> | 40,180.00 | | |
| Cycle 1 | | | |
| Erskine Youth Council | | 2,400.00 | |
| Street Stuff | | 1,764.40 | |
| Active Communities - Parkour Club | | 5,670.00 | |

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|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Erskine Army Cadet Force | | 2,000.00 | |
| Fusion Youth Ministries | | 3,000.00 | |
| Houston Playpark Improvement | | 15,000.00 | |
| Basketball Paisley | | 757.60 | |
| Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club | | 480.00 | |
| Fitting In | | 1,180.00 | |
| I Am Me | | 4,000.00 | |
| Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club | | 1,500.00 | |
| Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s | | 600.00 | |
| Renfrewshire Carers Centre | | 1,000.00 | |
| Wynd Centre - Youth Counselling | | 800.00 | |
| Fund Total | 40,180.00 | 40,152.00 | 28.00 |
| TOTAL | 112,044.06 | 111,767.00 | 277.06 |



To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee

On: 24th February, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Timetable of Local Area Committee Meetings to May 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council at its meeting held on 14th February, 2008 agreed its scheme of decentralisation, which included reference to the cycle of Local Area Committee (LAC) meetings as follows:

“10.1 Local area committees will meet at least on a quarterly basis. This will allow sufficient time for progress on action to be reported on local strategies and issues. Local area committees should meet in suitable local venues to enhance community participation.”

- 1.2 The Council's Standing Orders apply to LACs. Standing Order 53 allows the convener of a LAC to call a special meeting of that committee by notifying the Director of Finance & Resources. In these circumstances, special meetings require to be held within 14 days of the Director of Finance & Resources receiving the notification. This mechanism allows the convener to call a special meeting should any matters of particular urgency arise or if there is a general need for a meeting to consider matters such as outstanding grant applications.
- 1.3 Taking into consideration the ability of the convener to call special meetings if the need arises, it is suggested that meetings of this LAC be programmed on the basis of a quarterly cycle, with meetings being held on 2nd September and 25th November, 2015 and 24th February and 25th May, 2016. These dates represent a shift from the usual Tuesday evening to a Wednesday evening to allow the Vice Convener of the LAC to attend and avoid a clash of meetings with other scheduled meetings.
- 1.4 Members are also invited to consider the time of Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC meetings. In the past, meetings of this LAC have been scheduled for 6.00 p.m.

- 1.5 The choice of venues for LAC meetings has been limited as a result of practical considerations such as size and accessibility. In the past the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC has utilised a number of local venues – it is proposed that this practice continues.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That meetings of this local area committee be programmed for 2nd September and 25th November, 2015 and 24th February and 25th May, 2016; and
- 2.2 That consideration be given to the time and venue of local area committee meetings.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

None.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

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- This report suggests that LACs meet at times and venues most suitable for community representatives.

4. Legal Implications

None.

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

- (a) The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all venues are fully accessible and dates/times of meetings are recommended with a view to maximising attendance. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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