

To: **Forum for Empowering Communities Group**

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Report by:
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**TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE
FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES GROUP
SEPTEMBER 2018 TO DECEMBER 2019**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to submit for consideration the proposed calendar of meeting dates for the Forum for Empowering Communities Group for the period September 2018 to December 2019.

2. Recommendations

- (a) That the timetable of meetings from September 2018 to December 2019, as indicated within the report, be agreed.

3. Background

- 3.1 At the Council meeting held on 15 December 2016, the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership revised its governance arrangements to reflect the requirements of the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 and changes that had emerged over the last three years to partnership working structures in Renfrewshire.



- 3.2 Under the new arrangements, the new community planning groups were amended to incorporate existing and emerging partnership arrangements where appropriate, thereby providing greater strategic focus and reduce duplication, recognising that some groups would maintain their own independent status outwith the formal community planning structure.
- 3.3 The Forum for Empowering Communities Group was given an enhanced role to maximise opportunities for engaging with communities emerging from the Community Empowerment Act 2015 and to ensure that the third sector and communities had a voice and would influence in shaping partnership decisions and activity.
- 3.4 A workshop which was held on 15 March 2017 to discuss the changes to the community planning structures proposed that the frequency of the Forum meetings be reduced from 5 meetings per year to 4 meetings per year and that the time of the meetings change to commence at 2pm. This was agreed.
- 3.5 The proposed dates and times are as follows:-
- Monday 3 September 2018 - 2pm at Engage Renfrewshire.
 - Monday 3 December 2018 - 2pm at Engage Renfrewshire.
 - Wednesday 20 March 2019 - 2pm at Engage Renfrewshire.
 - Wednesday 12 June 2019 - 2pm at Engage Renfrewshire.
 - Wednesday 4 September 2019 - 2pm at Engage Renfrewshire.
 - Wednesday 4 December 2019 - 2pm at Engage Renfrewshire.
- 3.6 The timetable takes account of all standard meetings of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group but does not take into account any ad-hoc meetings which might be held as and when necessary.