

Minute of Meeting Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 01 February 2023	10:00	Remotely by Microsoft Teams,

Present: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Graeme Clark, Councillor Anne Hannigan, Councillor Alec Leishman, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson

In Attendance

L McIntyre, Head of Policy and Commissioning and A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership and Inequalities Manager (both Chief Executive's); and D Low, Democratic Services Manager and D Cunningham, Assistant Committee Services Officer (both Finance and Resources).

Chair

Councillor J Cameron, Convener, presided.

Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Board would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

Declarations of Interest

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

1 **Cost-of-living Update**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to a number of recent developments in the cost-of-living crisis, including a number of policy changes at both UK and Scottish level.

The report highlighted key changes since the last meeting of this Sub-committee including, the implications of the Scottish Government budget announcements on 15 December 2022, the Scottish Government food insecurity funding, a reduction in the overall rate of inflation to 10.7% in November 2022, the increase in food inflation to 13.3% in December 2022 and the implications of the further energy price cap increases to take place in April 2023. The report also included the key findings of two reports published on the cost-of-living crisis by Public Health Scotland and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

Decided: That the report be noted.

2 **Fairer Renfrewshire Programme**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an overview of the initial priorities and workstreams within the Fairer Renfrewshire programme.

The report intimated that in addition to the four key emerging themes shared across all elements of the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme (the Programme), the five key priorities for the period December 2022 to March 2023 included the Winter Connections Programme; advice recommissioning; tackling poverty programme evaluation; participation and engagement; and new service and governance and partnership arrangements to support the Programme.

Decided: That the report be noted.

3 **Winter Connections**

The Strategic Partnership and Inequalities Manger gave a presentation on the Winter Connections Programme, a network of local places where people could connect to others in their community this winter.

The presentation highlighted the purpose of the Winter Connections Fund which would provide assistance to local groups to help cover the additional costs in making venues, activities and sessions available as part of the Winter Connection Programme.

The presentation set out the evaluation process and next steps for the programme.

Decided: That the presentation be noted.