

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 01 April 2016	10:00	CMR 3, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, S MacDougall, J Lynch, C Thorpe, L Feely and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; R Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; G Tarvit, Keep Scotland Beautiful; J Downie, Police Scotland; J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; M MacLaren, Scottish Water; K Boag, SEPA; J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

Chair

Councillor E Devine

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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 from members.

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.

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Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 01 February 2016	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillor E Devine, O Reid, Lead Officer and Head of Public Protection, J Lynch, Head of Property, C Thorpe, Corporate Asset/Energy Manager, L Feely, Housing Investment Manager; S Marklow, Assistant Manager - Policy and M Higginbotham, Development Manager (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; D Shannan, Forestry Commission Scotland; Ross Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; J Still, Renfrewshire Community Health Partnership; and J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

IN ATTENDANCE

G Brown (NHS GG&C); J Brown and C MacDonald (both Renfrewshire Council).

CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Audrey Doig and S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources (both Renfrewshire Council); J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest intimated.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by taking Items 7(b) and 7(a) after Item 2 and Item 3 after Item 6.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 9 November 2015.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

(a) That completed action GR.05.03.15(4) - Progress Against Targets be removed from the action log; and

(b) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 **ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANS ACROSS RENFREWSHIRE**

M Higginbotham gave a presentation on active travel plans across Renfrewshire. He gave a brief overview of the involvement from Council departments and external organisations; outlined the current and future Council projects and outreach projects; and highlighted the funding streams.

He advised that the Council required assistance to promote active travel in schools; to ensure better co-ordination between partners in order to deliver a joined up network; to put in place with partners a long-term comprehensive programme based on published strategies; to raise awareness of known funding requirements in advance; and for CPP partners to participate in joint funding applications to maximise opportunities.

Discussion took place on how to resource the co-ordination of the strategy. It was agreed that this action would be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group and resource implications would also be explored with the Chief Executive's Service.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that this action be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group with resource implications also to be explored with the Chief Executive's Service; and

(b) That the presentation be noted.

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M Higginbotham, R Nimmo and J Still left the meeting.

4 LOW CARBON & ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A report was submitted by SPT which provided details on the fuel types used by SPT's fleet of buses and cars/vans. The report also provided information regarding alternative fuel vehicles in the wider bus network across the West of Scotland and gave some analysis of current experience of SPT and bus operators in emerging fuel technologies.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 GREENER RENFREWSHIRE SUB-GROUPS - PROGRESS AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the progress made by the four Sub-Groups in achieving the high level priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board. The report detailed key achievements and challenges, together with refreshed action plans and targets which were detailed within the appendices.

Discussion took place on the progress of the Sub-Groups and it was agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the Greener Housing Sub-Group which would include an updated action plan and a summary of the progress that had been made.

DECIDED:

(a) That the strategic direction of each of the Sub-Groups as identified in the action plans contained within the report be noted;

(b) That the priority actions for the next 2 years for each of the Sub-Groups as detailed within the report be agreed;

(c) That it be noted that performance scorecards for each of the Sub-Groups would be submitted to the next meeting of the board, with revised targets, where appropriate;

(d) That the Minutes of the meeting of the Greener Communities and Greener Transport Sub-Groups held in December 2015 as detailed within the report be agreed; and

(e) That it be agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the Greener Housing Sub-Group which would include an updated action plan and a summary of the progress made.

6 BUILDING SAFER GREENER COMMUNITIES - MULTI AGENCY APPROACH

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection relative to a Multi-Agency approach to building safer and greener communities.

The report advised that following discussions with Police Scotland and the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group, the monthly tasking process was being developed into a Renfrewshire Multi-Agency Tasking Group. This would develop the principles set out in the Building Safer Communities National Strategy of reducing victims of crime and reducing victims of unintentional harm to carry out structured multi-agency

interventions in key communities to help them build capacity to resolve issues which affected the area in which they lived.

The report advised that Police Scotland had successfully implemented this approach in a number of communities with positive results and with the full co-operation of all other partners with an agreement to participate, allocate and focus resources as required.

It was highlighted that the group would identify geographical areas with vulnerabilities and problems that could be addressed by a multi-agency approach, including high numbers of victims of crime and victims of unintentional harm. Over a six week period the group, made up of relevant Community Planning Partners, would work together to make improvements in the local community with a view to building long term community capacity. The proposed model would support a number of key priorities currently being taken forward by Community Planning Partners.

The report intimated that an evidence based action plan would be developed to tackle issues relating to each area where there was evidence of need using the EPIC approach of Enforcement, Prevention, Intelligence and Communication. This will be carried out in 4 phases and the Group would access and coordinate the relevant partner resources required to tackle the issues identified in each area. The group would operate throughout the 2016 – 17 financial year using the additional capacity delivered by the Tackling Poverty Special Wardens and Special Constables programme to focus on key tackling poverty communities and town centres. The intention was to engage with between 6 and 8 communities during 2016/17, starting in March 2016 when the Special Wardens and Special Constables would be in place during the 2016/17 financial year.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that the report would also be submitted to the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board for noting.

SEDERUNT

Joe Lynch left the meeting.

7 RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT 2015 - UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND DETAILED ASSESSMENTS FOR JOHNSTONE, RENFREW AND MONTGOMERY ROAD, PAISLEY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the findings of the most recent 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment, and advising of the conclusions of the detailed assessments undertaken at Johnstone High Street, Montgomery Road, Paisley and Renfrew.

The report intimated that following the introduction of the Environment Act 1995, all Scottish local authorities required to undertake a regular review and assessment of air quality within their area and submit their findings to the Scottish Government. The Council had completed annual reviews and assessments of local air quality across Renfrewshire since 1998. Where a review of air quality indicated that there was a risk of a limit value or objective being exceeded, local authorities were required to follow a clear

process. The process was outlined within the report.

The report provided the findings of the 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment, which reviewed 2014 air quality data, as well as the conclusions of the detailed assessments undertaken at Johnstone High Street, Montgomery Road, Paisley and Renfrew. The 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment had identified that there was a risk that nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels were being breached at West Walkinshaw, Paisley and Inchinnan Road, Renfrew and that a detailed assessment would require to be carried out for NO₂ at those locations.

The Detailed Assessment reports for Johnstone High Street, Montgomery Road, Paisley and Renfrew had been undertaken as the 2014 Updating & Screening Assessment had identified that the annual mean NO₂ objective had been exceeded at these locations. The key conclusions of the detailed assessment reports were provided. The report stated that there were currently 693 air quality management areas declared in the UK, one of which was in Paisley town centre. Options included the expansion of the current Air Quality Management Area in Renfrewshire to include the above areas or the creation of a number of additional smaller air quality management areas. There were perceived benefits and disadvantages in both approaches and it was proposed that a detailed analysis of these be undertaken and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of this Board setting out options and recommendations.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the outcome of the 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment on air quality throughout the Council area and the requirement to proceed to two further detailed assessments for the annual mean NO₂ objective at West Walkinshaw, Paisley and for the 1 hour NO₂ objective at Inchinnan Road, Renfrew be noted;
- (b) That the outcome of the Johnstone High Street detailed assessment and the requirement to declare an Air Quality Management Area in the Johnstone High Street area be noted;
- (c) That the outcome of the Renfrew detailed assessment and the requirement to declare an Air Quality Management Area at the M8 and Town Centre areas be noted;
- (d) That the outcome of the Montgomery Road, Paisley detailed assessment and that there was no current requirement for further action in this area be noted; and
- (e) That it be agreed that a further report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board incorporating comments from the Environment Policy Board.

8 SPOTLIGHT ON NHS

G Brown gave a presentation relative to sustainability in the NHS. She gave a brief overview of the direction and change of strategy; outlined the sustainability circle; highlighted some large scale and some small scale projects; detailed some of the staff engagement projects; and drew attention to some of the sustainability projects relating to transport and waste.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

9 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection which provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

The following report was deemed Private & Confidential owing to the information contained within the application forms and the Press and Public were excluded.

10 STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection updating members on the Stalled Spaces Scotland applications. The report advised that the Stalled Spaces Scotland project had received eight applications from community groups across Renfrewshire. Seven of these applications had been successful and there were a further two applications for consideration from Erskine Music and Media Studio to create a pop-up music space in vacant land behind Erskine Swimming Pool and from the STAR Project to bring land back into use at the corner of Love Street and Albion Street, Paisley through facilitating graffiti art work designed by the local community.

It was noted that the Loud n Proud project and the Paisley West & Central Community Council projects were either completed or nearing completion.

DECIDED:

(a) That the applications from Erskine Music & Media and the STAR project be approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Office and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received;

(b) That the report be noted.

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

ROLLING ACTION LOG

KEY

Action is on track

Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed.
Action required to bring up to satisfactory level

Past deadline date and action required.

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
GR.17.12.14(2) – Stalled Spaces	(a) The Board to identify and support relevant community groups across Renfrewshire to come forward with suitable projects to receive funding; and (b) A report/presentation to be submitted to a future meeting.	Lead Officer		Future meeting		<u>GR.05.03.15</u> Report submitted and noted. <u>GR.31.08.15(7)</u> The applications were approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Officer and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received. <u>GR.09.11.15(9)</u> The applications were approved in principle with final details of level of award and content to be remitted to Lead Officer and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received. <u>GR.01.02.16(5)</u> The applications from Erskine Music & Media and the STAR project were approved in principle with final details of level of award and content remitted to Lead Office and Convener and the details to be submitted to the next meeting together with information on further award applications received.
GR.17.12.14(6) – Building Greener/Safer Communities	(a) Relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership to work up proposed options for submission to the National programme; and (b) Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.			Future meeting		<u>GR.05.03.15(5)</u> Progress update noted. <u>GR.01.02.16(6) – Multi-Agency Approach</u> Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.
GR.01.02.16(3)	<u>Active Travel Plans Across Renfrewshire</u> Agreed that this action be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group with resource implications also to be explored with the Chief Executive's Service.					

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
GR.01.02.16(5)	<p>GREENER RENFREWSHIRE SUB-GROUPS - PROGRESS AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the performance scorecards for each of the Sub-Groups would be submitted to the next meeting of the board, with revised targets, where appropriate; • That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the Greener Housing Sub-Group which would include an updated action plan and a summary of the progress made. 	Lead Officer				
GR.01.02.16(5)	<p>RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT 2015 - UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND DETAILED ASSESSMENTS FOR JOHNSTONE, RENFREW AND MONTGOMERY ROAD, PAISLEY</p> <p>That a further report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board incorporating comments from the Environment Policy Board.</p>	Lead Officer				



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 01 APRIL 2016

Report by:

Oliver Reid, Lead Officer
Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council

DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR THE GREENER AGENDA

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board has responsibility for co-ordinating and driving multi-agency activity to ensure the achievement of the long term vision that: 'Renfrewshire will be a clean and attractive location, providing a healthy, inviting and pleasant environment in which to live, work and do business through the promotion of sustainable patterns of travel and development, the efficient management of energy and the treatment of waste as a valuable resource.'
- 1.2 The Greener Renfrewshire element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan clearly sets out the agreed outcomes together with the one, three and ten year targets for each of the impact measures.
- 1.3 Good progress has been made by the Greener Transport and Greener Communities sub-group action plans with further detail included within sections 4 and 5 of this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - Agrees that the Housing sub-group and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction sub group be merged to form one sub group under the priority of Carbon Management.
 - Notes the strategic priorities which have been agreed within the Greener Transport and Greener Communities action plans.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is committed to ensuring that its resources are deployed wisely to achieve best value. An open and rigorous performance culture has been embedded within the partnership and promotes collective responsibility for achieving outcomes. Clear accountability and reporting is an important aspect of the approach.
- 3.2 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board was established with responsibility for co-ordinating and driving multi-agency activity to ensure the achievement of the long term vision that: 'Renfrewshire will be a clean and attractive location, providing a healthy, inviting and pleasant environment in which to live, work and do business through the promotion of sustainable patterns of travel and development, the efficient management of energy and the treatment of waste as a valuable resource'.
- 3.3 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board established four sub-groups, each led by relevant partners and supported by key officers:- Greener Communities; Greener Housing; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction. Action plans were established for each of the sub groups with good progress being achieved.
- 3.4 A large number of cross-cutting issues were identified across the work of the Greener Housing and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction sub-groups. It is proposed, therefore, that these groups be merged to form one sub-group under the remit of Carbon Management. The priorities of this group will address carbon management and energy efficiency issues across Renfrewshire as well as the issues relating to the management of waste and recycling.

4. Greener Communities

- 4.1 The Greener Communities sub-group is led by John Wilby of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities, assisted by Iain Cunningham of Engage Renfrewshire. The current draft action plan for the Greener Communities sub-group is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

- 4.2 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Communities sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Forum for Empowering Communities; Engage Renfrewshire; Environmental Training Team; The Forestry Commission; Royal Horticultural Society; SUSTRANS; LEAP; Eadha Enterprises; and Kibble. Invitations are issued to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.
- 4.2 The Greener Communities sub-group provides a forum for a range of community and voluntary organisations to share knowledge and plans of current and future work. It also provides a key opportunity to strengthen working relationships between third sector organisations and statutory organisations.
- 4.3 Members of the sub group are working to increase the number of people actively engaged in making Renfrewshire a greener place to live in. This includes some specific work to encourage young people to be more aware and engaged in environmental activity. A Greener Renfrewshire pledge has been established and is being promoted through community organisations for individuals to register interest and support. The first in a series of quarterly Greener Renfrewshire newsletters was published in January 2016. This provides a source of information on environmental activities currently taking place and opportunities to become involved.
- 4.4 The Greener Communities sub group has agreed to create a database of the environmental activity taking place currently across Renfrewshire, which will encourage more partnership working and co-production in future and enable the sharing of resources.
- 4.5 Community groups have identified nine “stalled spaces” areas to be improved in Renfrewshire, with funding of just under £20,000 secured from Architecture and Design Scotland and Renfrewshire Council to enable planned improvements to take place.
- 4.6 The Greener Communities sub group enables national groups such as Keep Scotland Beautiful and the Royal Horticultural Society to develop strong local links so that there is good local uptake of national schemes locally in Renfrewshire.
- 4.7 Local Energy Action Project (LEAP) is a local Renfrewshire third sector organisation that has achieved significant benefits for local people in terms of thermal improvements and energy saving. LEAP has now amended its remit to enable it to work in urban areas in Renfrewshire as well as rural areas.
- 4.8 In addition to local community-led projects , SUSTRANS and the Forestry Commission are working on developments at sites across Renfrewshire to improve the quality, sustainability and biodiversity of key locations.

5 Greener Transport

- 5.1 The Greener Transport sub-group is led by Ross Nimmo, Head of Planning and Development at Glasgow Airport and assisted by Scott Allan, Head of Amenity Services at Renfrewshire Council (delegated to Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council). The current action plan for the Greener Transport sub-group is attached at Appendix 2 of this report.
- 5.2 The organisations across Renfrewshire which are represented at the Greener Transport sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow Airport; SPT; University of the West of Scotland; Sustrans; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; West College Scotland; Scotrail; INTU Braehead; Renfrewshire Leisure Limited; and Hillington Park. Invitations are issued to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.
- 5.3 The Greener Transport sub-group has identified links between Community Planning Partners in respect of plans relating to active travel. This includes Renfrewshire Council's proposed Cycling Strategy and draft Outdoor Access Strategy; Glasgow Airport's surface access strategy; Scotrail's plans to encourage passengers to cycle to and from their stations; active travel plans within UWS and WCS; and Sustrans' plans to improve the national cycling routes within Renfrewshire. Actions have been developed by the Greener Transport sub-group to ensure there is a 'joined up' approach to these projects and that they align with strategic activities including the sustainable transport element of the City Deal project at the Glasgow Airport Investment Area and the Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside project.
- 5.4 A project relating to the provision of a community bus scheme is being co-ordinated by the Greener Transport sub-group. This scheme will be delivered by a third sector organisation and will be piloted with Glasgow Airport. It is aimed at providing a transport service for employees whose shift patterns do not allow them to use public transport. If successful, the scheme can be rolled out to other major employers across Renfrewshire as well as providing a transport service to community groups, where a need has been identified.
- 5.5 The group has been instrumental in assisting community planning partners in pursuing funding for electric vehicles and charging points for their organisations. Renfrewshire Council has already achieved its 10 year target of more than 5% of its vehicle fleet being electric and an increasing number of electric vehicle charging points have been installed across Renfrewshire.

6 Carbon Management

- 6.1 A number of cross-cutting issues have been identified between the Greener Housing sub-group and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction sub-group. It is, therefore, proposed that these two groups be merged to form one group under the heading of Carbon Management.
- 6.2 This newly formed group, which will be led by a representative from the Community Planning Partnership, assisted by officers from Renfrewshire Council, will help bring together Community Planning Partners including NHS, University of the West of Scotland, Housing Associations and West College Scotland to look at the management of the public realm for a sustainable future within Renfrewshire and help identify and enable access to any funding streams which may be available.
- 6.3 The Carbon Management sub-group will prepare a new strategic action plan which will help to evolve the strategic agenda including: the City Deal projects; the Clyde Valley Waste project; the Poverty Commission action plan; and the Town Centre initiatives. This action plan will tie in closely with the priorities of the Greener Transport and Greener Communities sub-groups and will help to identify and maximise funding opportunities across the Community Planning Partnership for areas relating to the Greener Agenda and carbon management issues in particular.
- 6.4 Some of the performance measures which will be monitored by the Carbon Management sub-group will include: the reduction of CO2 emissions across Renfrewshire; achieving a reduction in the number of households in Renfrewshire experiencing fuel poverty; the percentage of waste which is recycled and landfilled; and the levels of Renfrewshire's social and private housing which are energy efficient.

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Greener Communities Sub Group Action Plan Lead: John Wilby (Paisley West and Central Community Council) Iain Cunningham (Engage Renfrewshire)			
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Milestones	Progress to date
Outcome. Encourage and support community (public, business, charities) involvement in developing and measuring activities that help to make Renfrewshire “Greener”			
Increase in the number of people and organisations involved actively in making Renfrewshire Greener.	Greener Communities Sub Group	Produce and distribute four Greener Renfrewshire newsletters per annum to encourage and support community action.	Greener Renfrewshire pledge established and is being promoted to community groups. First Greener Renfrewshire newsletter published in January 2016.
		Recruit individuals and community organisations to sign the Greener Renfrewshire pledge and participate in community action - initial target of 500 signatories to the Greener Renfrewshire pledge 2016/17.	
		Create a comprehensive database of community groups, charities, voluntary groups and businesses in Renfrewshire undertaking Green environmental activity to encourage information sharing and partnership working.	

Greener Communities Sub Group Action Plan Lead: John Wilby (Paisley West and Central Community Council) Iain Cunningham (Engage Renfrewshire)			
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Milestones	Progress to date
Improved joint working between community groups and statutory organisations on environmental activity.	Greener Communities Sub Group	<p>An effective channel established to communicate information about funding, current and planned local environmental activity and support available to community organisations from statutory partners. Evidence that local community groups have used this information 2016/17.</p> <p>Develop a database of workers in statutory partners whose skills can support the governance and activity of community organisations undertaking environmental activity</p>	Renfrewshire 2023 being used to promote work of the Greener Renfrewshire Group, including Greener Communities.
Community organisations promote energy saving and carbon reduction within communities.	Local Energy Action Partnership (LEAP)	200 people per month to receive energy saving service delivered by LEAP/Renfrewshire Council	<p>LEAP constitution now changed to enable working in urban areas.</p> <p>Energy saving service established by LEAP and Renfrewshire Council.</p>

Greener Communities Sub Group Action Plan			
Lead: John Wilby (Paisley West and Central Community Council) Iain Cunningham (Engage Renfrewshire)			
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Milestones	Progress to date
Outcome: Renfrewshire is a well maintained, clean and attractive place to live, work and visit			
Community organisations deliver and/or support action to improve the appearance and maintenance of local amenity spaces in communities.	Greener Communities Sub Group members	<p>Stalled spaces initiatives agreed during 2015/16 that continue to be maintained during 2016/17.</p> <p>Progress stalled spaces initiatives in Brown Street and Underwood Road. Begin work on (number) of stalled spaces during 2016/17</p> <p>Key community groups identified to participate in promoting the new responsible dog ownership strategy being developed in 2016/17.</p> <p>4 gardening training courses to be undertaken by the Disability Resource Centre/Environmental Trust during 2016/17.</p> <p>Support provided to develop "Friends of ..." groups in local parks.</p>	<p>135 individuals to date have been engaged through the Environmental Training Team in maintenance projects.</p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful "Litter Pick Plus" toolkit has been launched and will be promoted within Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Around £20,000 of funding allocated to community groups applying for stalled spaces funding in 2015/16. 9 awards were made or are pending.</p>

Greener Communities Sub Group Action Plan Lead: John Wilby (Paisley West and Central Community Council) Iain Cunningham (Engage Renfrewshire)			
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Milestones	Progress to date
Outcome: Young people in Renfrewshire are aware of Greener Initiatives and what they can do to support it.			
Ensure that opportunities are available for young people to be involved in environmental activity in Renfrewshire.	Greener Communities Sub group	<p>Young people recruited to the Keep Scotland Beautiful Young Reporters scheme.</p> <p>Royal Horticultural Society recruiting volunteer gardeners during 2016 enable skills to be shared with pupils as part of the school garden campaign.</p>	Linwood High School 5* Garden supported by Royal Horticultural Society.
Outcome: Our communities are sustainable and high quality places			
Community and voluntary sector organisations lead or contribute to work to improve the quality, sustainability and biodiversity of local amenity spaces.	SUSTRANS	<p>SUSTRANS are recruiting volunteers in 2016 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rangers – to carry out general maintenance and litter collecting work collecting 	<p>40 volunteers have been recruited to work on cycle routes 7 and 75.</p> <p>Video of cycle route N7 created to showing the diversity of natural wildlife along the route after dark.</p>

Greener Communities Sub Group Action Plan Lead: John Wilby (Paisley West and Central Community Council) Iain Cunningham (Engage Renfrewshire)			
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Milestones	Progress to date
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signing champions – ensuring signage is up to date • wildlife champions – surveys on ecology, biology, botany and the creation of wildflower meadows • I-bike volunteers – to encourage children to use the tracks <p>Feasibility study being undertaken by Sustrans 2016/17 on cycle routes 7 and 75 including development of partnerships with local groups.</p>	
	Forestry Commission	6 sites in Renfrewshire under Forestry Commission management in 2016/17.	Renfrewshire Rural Watch launched in 2015. Amongst other criminal activities, Renfrewshire Rural Watch tackles fly tipping in rural areas.
	Keep Scotland Beautiful	Bee Diverse seed kits and leaflets are being issued to all Keep Scotland Beautiful members in 2016 to encourage planting which will attract bees.	
	Royal Horticultural Society	RHS promoting “It’s Your Neighborhood”, “Bloom” and “Adopt A Space” projects during 2015/16	

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Actions	Progress to date	Future steps
Greener Active Transport		
Develop infrastructure in Renfrewshire to provide safe, off road cycling and walking routes across Renfrewshire, which support journeys to school, work, shops, services and leisure	Renfrewshire Council has prepared a Cycling Strategy which will be submitted to Board in March for approval. A number of projects are being developed to enhance and create new cycle facilities throughout Renfrewshire, including:	Draft Renfrewshire Access Strategy submitted to Board in January for approval of an 8 week consultation prior to the document being finalised Ensure successful active travel routes are identified, which can enhance the City of Culture Bid.
	Awarded £10,000 Community Links Plus funding towards a feasibility study of a segregated cycle way running within the road-width corridor of the A8 Greenock Road from Bishopton to join routes around Airport Investment Area being promoted by City Deal.	
	30 Renfrewshire Council drivers have now received cycle awareness training which was funded through the Scottish Government and delivered by Cycling Scotland. Marketing video for the training to be published on the Renfrewshire 2023 website.	
	Cycling routes are being considered within the plans being addressed through the City Deal initiative	
Encourage school children to walk and cycle to school and reduce the number of car journeys to school	Bikeability cycle training scheme is in place with around 20 schools participating each year. It is hoped this scheme will encourage more children to cycle to school. The target is to ensure all 49 primary and 11 secondary schools across Renfrewshire participate in the scheme.	Set up a working group with officers from Education and Greener Transport sub group to help in the promotion of walking and cycling to school

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Actions	Progress to date	Future steps
Greener Active Transport		
Encourage employees to walk and cycle to work and reduce the number of car journeys to work		Seek 'Smarter Places, Smarter Choices' government funding to implement a programme of engagement with residents who travel to work to keep travel diaries in order to investigate travel behaviour and suggest active travel alternatives and fund trial journeys to initiate behaviour change.
Greener Public Transport		
Improve the satisfaction ratings for public transport across Renfrewshire (SHS data)	At the end of 2014/15 a total of 17 bus boarders were in place across Renfrewshire. Priority has been given to the major routes: Glasgow/Linwood and Glasgow/Renfrew. A further 4 bus boarders are planned for Erskine during 2015/16. These are funded through the SPT grant for public transport infrastructure. Further funding from SPT has enabled the delivery of improvements to Paisley Central Bus Hub including installation of bus boarders and replacements shelters, within Paisley town centre – this work is currently underway	Identify a method to measure bus usage across Renfrewshire to determine a benchmark and use this data to set appropriate targets to increase usage.
Work with the bus industry and partnership organisations to promote cleaner, greener buses		Set up a forum with organisations which have funding streams to promote greener public transport – such as:- Green Bus Fund; Bus Improvement Fund; Transport Scotland; SPT and promote with public transport providers across Renfrewshire

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Actions	Progress to date	Future steps
Greener Active Transport		
Greener Workplace Transport		
<p>Increase the percentage of vehicles in the public fleet which use alternative fuels, such as electricity</p>	<p>The percentage of Renfrewshire Council's vehicle fleet which uses alternative fuels, such as electricity was below target over the first 2 years of the Community Plan. During 2014/15, a further 12 electric vehicles were purchased as part of the overall vehicle replacement programme, bringing the total number of electric vehicles to 15, exceeding the target of 2.25%. The purchase of further electric vehicles is planned throughout 2015/16 and this will result in electric vehicles making up more than 5% of the vehicle fleet, exceeding the 10 year target set. Due to this ongoing increase in the number electric vehicles in Renfrewshire Council's vehicle fleet, it has been agreed to change the 2023 target to 20%.</p>	<p>Identify funding opportunities to help promote the use of electric vehicles across Community Planning Partners.</p> <p>A new Transport Scotland electric vehicles initiative will continue during 2015/16. The project offers free, evidence based analysis of public sector fleets to identify new opportunities for the cost effective deployment of electric vehicles. We have approached Transport Scotland regarding the availability of any further funding streams for the purchase of further vehicles or installations of charging points and await their response.</p> <p>A decision on the number of electric vehicles to be purchased for Renfrewshire council vehicle fleet will be taken by the end of this financial year.</p>
<p>Install publicly accessible electric vehicle charging points</p>	<p>There are currently 18 electric vehicle charging points in place across Renfrewshire, which have been installed through the Community Planning Partnership. A further 8 charging points are planned during 2015/16, bringing the total to 26. A consultation which has been held with local business and employers has revealed that there</p>	<p>Transport Scotland have approved funding for 2 more charging outlets – one in Underwood Road which will provide 8 electric vehicle charging points (EVCs) and another at Bridgewater Shopping Centre in Erskine which will provide 1 charging point. An information sheet on how to obtain funding for EVCs to be published on Renfrewshire 2023.</p>

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Actions	Progress to date	Future steps
Greener Active Transport		
	<p>are 57 privately installed electric vehicle charging points for use by employees and visitors with 15 of these available for public use.</p> <p>The group has also reviewed online resources for electric car drivers to ensure that information about all facilities in Renfrewshire is up to date.</p>	<p>Ensure all publicly available electric vehicle charging points are registered on the ChargeYourCar website</p>
<p>Further develop community transport in Renfrewshire to provide alternative travel options and compliment "MyBus".</p>	<p>Linked to the WORKBUS initiative. A number of meetings and a workshop have taken place, the latest of which considered feedback from a number of surveys of community groups and workplaces that have been undertaken to ascertain the relative appetite for this type of service and how it might be organised/delivered.</p> <p>Successful meetings have taken place with SPT and Community Transport Glasgow regarding a Community Bus Scheme. SPT have offered two 16 seater buses for use in the local area. Talks have been held with a local 3rd sector organisation which has agreed to take on the project and is currently undergoing Section 19 authorisation prior to a formal launch. A feasibility study on funding is still to be put in place and will run separately from the initial launch of the project.</p>	<p>Roll out a pilot with Glasgow Airport staff, monitoring the number of users to ensure the success of the project</p> <p>Identify if Renfrewshire Council drivers have any capacity to drive the bus for community groups during 'down times'</p> <p>Opportunity to improve collaboration between Transport sub group, transport and planning depts., SPT and developers</p>
<p>Provide support to employers across Renfrewshire to develop travel plans within their organisations</p>		<p>Seek 'Smarter Choices, Smarter Places' government funding to provide consultant</p>

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Actions	Progress to date	Future steps
Greener Active Transport		
		support to help organisations understand the benefits of travel plans and to write their own.
Work with local business and organisations to help deliver travel plans	A brief has been prepared by SPT to undertake a Feasibility Study to assess the options for the development of Community Transport throughout Renfrewshire. This study would include identifying key journey generating employment sites.	
Promote the use of pool cars across the Community Planning Partnership	An electric pool car is due to be piloted within the environmental Strategy Team in Renfrewshire Council	
Promote the use of the Journeyshare/Liftshare scheme across Community Planning Partners	Glasgow Airport actively promotes the Liftshare scheme to its staff.	Renfrewshire Council to revisit and refresh its Journeyshare Scheme to encourage more staff to participate and reduce the number of car journeys to Renfrewshire House.
Air Quality Management		
Improve Air Quality Across Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire Council has produced an Air Quality Action Plan, accepted by Scottish Government, to work towards improving air quality in the Paisley Town Centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). For example, one of the actions included in the plan is the Statutory Quality Bus Partnership led by Strathclyde Transport Partnership, set incremental targets for improving the bus fleet operating in Renfrewshire. The Plan will be reviewed periodically and can be adapted to include new measures as they emerge. Once a sustained period where Nitrogen Dioxide and PM10 levels can be shown to be below the limit	Several measures within the action plan have been delivered, such as improvements to Central Road and the Statutory Quality Bus Partnership achieving its fleet improvement programme within target dates and other measures are ongoing. The existing action to have no air quality management areas in Renfrewshire is also a target within the Community Plan and the Service Improvement Plan for Community Resources. This action measure is no longer considered appropriate as a significant

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Greener Active Transport	<p>values set by the Scottish Government, Renfrewshire Council will seek to revoke the Paisley Town Centre AQMA, in line with Scottish Government guidance.</p> <p>Work to identify hotspot areas and the largest contributors to pollutants within the AQMA is ongoing and due to be completed within the first quarter of 2016. This will assist with identifying new action plan measures which will deliver improvements to air quality in this area. The work also aims to estimate future dates when air quality limit values within the AQMA will be met.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Wardens carried out a 2 day vehicle emissions patrol in Paisley town centre in October in partnership with the Council's licensing section and Police Scotland. Tests were carried out on 273 vehicles, of which 7 failed and were issued with £60 fixed-penalty notices. A further 32 taxis and private-hire vehicles were inspected with 4 failing the emissions test resulting in an immediate suspension of their license.</p>	<p>contributing factor to pollutant levels is the significant increase in the proportion of diesel vehicles in the general fleet. Diesel vehicles are incentivised by Government policy, for example through road tax pricing based on CO2 emissions, to contribute to Government climate change targets. However, they emit a higher proportion of nitrogen dioxide directly from the exhaust. In addition, European Union Euro Standards for vehicle emissions have not delivered the expected emissions reductions that were predicted. This is partly due to the fact that the technology used by vehicle manufacturers to abate particulate emissions has the side effect of increasing nitrogen dioxide emissions. Another cause is that the test cycle used to determine if a model meets the Euro standard does not replicate real-world urban driving conditions. We are currently considering alternative, more appropriate action measures. Additionally, the number of air quality management areas within Renfrewshire is likely to increase to support the work being undertaken.</p>



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 01 APRIL 2016

Report by:

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STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

1. Summary

- 1.1 Stalled Spaces Scotland: Renfrewshire has allocated its total funding budget of £20,000 to nine projects across Renfrewshire to fund a range of projects in: growing and planting; live music; art; and filming.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
- notes the contents of this report.
 - notes that further reports on the progress of the projects funded by Stalled Spaces Scotland will be submitted to future meetings of the Board.

3. Background

- 3.1 Community groups were been invited to apply for grants of between £250 - £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based and applications were approved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities sub-group.
- 3.2 The application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix were made available on the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com). The scoring matrix was used by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to assess each application.



4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 A total of nine projects have been funded through the Stalled Spaces programme:

Community Group	Funding allocated
Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire	£2,400
Paisley West & Central Community Council	£1,900
Loud n Proud	£2,007
Environmental Training Team	£1,966
I Am Me	£2,000
Renfrew Development Trust	£2,960
Kilbarchan Community Council	£2,180
Erskine Music & Media	£2,300
Star Project	£1, 834
Total	£19,547

- 4.2 Discussions are ongoing with Architecture and Design Scotland regarding the availability of further funding for Stalled Spaces projects. This may enable more community groups to benefit and improve more vacant and derelict land sites across Renfrewshire. If no additional funds are forthcoming, the remaining £453 will be used to support additional opportunities within the existing projects.

5. Project Summaries

5.1 Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire

ROAR is based in the West End of Paisley and delivers a network of health and wellbeing lunch clubs, projects and events to over 600 older adults every week, supported by 150 volunteers.

ROAR aims to deliver a flexible range of low level preventative services, including befriending, designed to address the potential impact of social isolation on older adults and enhance quality of life. Stalled Spaces funding will improve the West End Community Centre site, attracting more people to the site, through planting, landscaping and installation of bird boxes.



5.2 Paisley West and Central Community Council

£1,900 was awarded to Paisley West & Central Community Council for two stalled sites at Brown Street and Underwood Lane in the West End of Paisley. The site at Brown Street, situated next to the railway has been cleared of undergrowth and is due to be planted (photographs below). The second site at Underwood Lane will be cleared and planters and a bench will be installed on the site. On completion of these projects a celebration event will be held at Underwood Lane, with all partners involved in the projects in attendance.



Brown Street before start of works



Brown Street in progress



5.3 Loud n Proud

Loud n Proud is a community based music initiative for young people in Paisley. The group was awarded £2,007 to set up pop up music events at under-utilised open space at the Sma' Shot Cottages and Restaurant in Paisley. The interactive music performances provided young people with the opportunity to play live music outdoors for the first time, over consecutive Saturdays. Members of the public were also encouraged to participate in the performances and try musical instruments. Loud n Proud are planning further live performances for 2016. A presentation on the success of this project will be delivered to this Board following this report.

5.4 Environmental Training Team

The Environmental Training Team having been undertaking environmental work and training for the last twenty years in Ferguslie Park. ETT were awarded funding to bring a small plot of land at the corner of Moss Street and St James Street in Paisley, and at land at the Hammills in Paisley, close to Anchor Mills, back into community use. Community Resources employees are supporting ETT in respect of design and planting advice for these sites.

5.5 I Am Me

I Am Me is an award winning community project which works in partnership with Police Scotland to raise awareness of disability hate crime. The group received funding from Stalled Spaces to create a short film on a vacant and derelict land site at Paton's Mill in Johnstone. Filming took place over 2 days with some of the cast coming from the local community alongside big name actors such as Sanjeev Kohli and Eileen McCallum.

The film will be used, alongside a further 2 films and an animation as a primary school resource across Scotland. Further screenings of the film(s) will be arranged when the I Am Me Cinebus is launched in April. This will include taking the bus to stalled spaces across Renfrewshire for open showing of the films.





5.6 Renfrew Development Trust

The Trust is looking to create an art installation at unused public conveniences on Inchinnan Road, Renfrew. This is an intergenerational project, whereby young people from the YMCA and residents of Renfrew Care Home will work together to create photographic panels for display at the site.

5.7 Kilbarchan Community Council

Kilbarchan Community Council received funding to revamp a disused petrol station site by developing it into a community garden. As well as introducing growing spaces, there are plans to hold workshops and gardening clubs on the site.

5.8 Erskine Music & Media

The group aim to create a pop up music space in vacant land behind Erskine Swimming Pool. The aim is for this creative space to be used to perform music and screen local films relating to community groups and organisations.

5.9 STAR Project

STAR Project support families and individuals in the north end of Paisley facing poverty and disadvantage to improve their skills and family relationships through increased access to a broad range of specialist support services. The Stalled Spaces funding will be used to bring land back in to use at the corner of Love Street and Albion Street, Paisley through facilitating graffiti art work designed by the local community.

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To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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TITLE:
HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAMMES

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report updates members of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board on the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS: ABS) initiative.
- 1.2 The report also updates members of the Board on the announcement of the new Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) which was launched on 22nd January 2016.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
 - Notes the position with both HEEPS: ABS and SEEP initiatives
 - Notes that a report was presented to the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board on 15th March 2016 regarding the approach being adopted by Renfrewshire Council with each initiative.

3. Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS:ABS)

- 3.1 HEEPS: ABS was introduced by the Scottish Government in 2013/2014 and is now entering its fourth year. The programme is targeted at private sector home owners to assist their participation and ensure projects to improve energy efficiency can proceed. The key objectives are to reduce fuel poverty, reduce carbon emissions,

lever in funding from the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) support from utility providers and demonstrate an appropriate strategic fit and approach to improving energy efficiency.

- 3.2 Local Authorities act as coordinating agents for all HEEPS: ABS programmes in their area. Over the last three years, a total of £8.287M has been secured for Renfrewshire. This has enabled a range of external wall insulation projects to be carried out in multi-tenure blocks to support the Council's housing investment programme, as well as external wall insulation programmes by Linstone Housing Association, internal wall insulation by Williamsburgh Housing Association and energy efficiency projects of external wall insulation in the Lochwinnoch and Gallowhill areas.
- 3.3 The Scottish Government announced an overall allocation of £50M to HEEPS: ABS for 2016/2017 in December 2015 and indicated that each local authority will be provided with a core allocation which will be based on a distribution formula agreed with COSLA. To date, the details of the amount of core allocation have not been confirmed and the timescale for the application process has not yet been announced. Once these aspects are known, this Council will submit a bid.

4 **Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP)**

- 4.1 The Scottish Government announced Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) on 22nd January 2016. SEEP will be the cornerstone of the National Infrastructure Priority and its aim is to improve the energy efficiency rating of domestic and non-domestic buildings over a 15 – 20 year period, contributing to the Scottish Government's broader ambitions around reducing fuel poverty, energy demand and carbon emissions to assist in reaching climate change targets. SEEP will build upon the successful HEEPS: ABS and Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programmes and it is anticipated that Local Authorities will play a key leadership role in developing integrated and innovative approaches to deliver this.
- 4.2 Heating and cooling Scotland's homes and businesses costs £2.6 billion a year and accounts for approximately half of the country's greenhouse gas emissions. Improving energy efficiency is fundamental to meeting the climate change targets set out by the Scottish Government. There are four broad themes at the core of SEEP:
- **Integration** – the need to create an integrated approach to the delivery of energy efficiency and reducing the need for heat. Most importantly, this includes the aspiration to integrate delivery across domestic and non-domestic buildings
 - **Innovation and Incentives** – innovative approaches to design and deliver new incentives and financial mechanisms to support SEEP. This innovation will seek to drive integration (the first broad theme of SEEP) but also to explore new approaches to leveraging private sector funding and the use of loan funding or commercial products designed to maximise the resources available

- **Advice and Information** – a refresh of existing approaches to the provision of advice and information to households and businesses across the public, private and third sectors to improve the fabric of properties so that they are more energy efficient
- **Standards and Regulation** – the setting and achievement of appropriate standards and regulation to ensure the quality of SEEP activities is integral to SEEP achieving its stated objective of an optimal energy performance for buildings

- 4.3 This new SEEP programme is now in its first phases and will be developed over the next two years and fully rolled out from 2018. The first two years will involve ‘pathfinder’ projects, the purpose of which is to identify projects which will build upon successes to date in improving the energy efficiency of buildings and test ways to improve and / or increase the scale of these efforts. Up to £10M of the overall £50M HEEPS: ABS allocation will be available in 2016/2017 to support the pathfinder projects.
- 4.4 Members of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are asked to note that the Council is currently considering its strategy to respond to the requirements of the SEEP programme, which will require an integrated approach with a number of key stakeholders, including utility providers and Community Planning Partners in order to maximise all sources of funding availability.
- 4.5 These projects offer major opportunities which the Community Planning Partners can take forward as part of the overall Greener Agenda and will form part of the strategic priorities of the newly merged Carbon Management sub-group.

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To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 01 APRIL 2016

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**GREENER TRANSPORT SUB GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2016**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub group which took place on 9 February 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction.

- 3.2 The Greener Transport sub-group was established in 2015 led by Ross Nimmo of Glasgow Airport and assisted by Scott Allan, Head of Amenity Services at Renfrewshire Council (delegated to Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council). The first meeting of the group was held in May 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to come together to ensure the community planning partners and community groups work in collaboration, ensuring improved communication and information sharing takes place to help achieve the priority outcomes and impact measures of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Transport sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow Airport; SPT; UWS; SUSTRANS; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; West College Scotland; Scotrail; and INTU Braehead. Invitations will be submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.

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Appendix 1

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD
GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP
HELD ON 9th FEBRUARY 2016
RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE, COTTON STREET,
PAISLEY**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ross Nimmo (Glasgow Airport); Desmond Bradley, Scotrail; Shona Rawlings, Sustrans; Lee Duncan, West College Scotland; Katharine Brough (NHS); Gareth Evans (INTU); David Burnie, Alastair Scott, Mark Higginbotham, Kate Cuthbert, Colin Hunter, Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council.

APOLOGIES

John Binning, SPT; Claire Roxburgh, UWS; John Melrose (W H Malcolm); Elaine Lorimer, Renfrewshire Council

1	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>There was submitted the minute of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group held on 15th December 2015.</p> <p>DECIDED: That the minute be approved.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
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2	<p>FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD (01-02-16)</p> <p>A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted.</p> <p>MH summarised the content of the presentation he had delivered covering Active Travel Plans Across Renfrewshire. He noted that there is a lot of good work going on in relation to promoting active travel within the council, other public bodies and commercial organisations across Renfrewshire but it was identified that there is a need to co-ordinate this work and share: priorities; best practice; knowledge of funding streams; match funding etc. JB confirmed that the council's new Policy and Commissioning team had been approached to ask if they could provide resources to carry out this strategic co-ordinating role and they were hopeful that this may be possible.</p> <p>Another priority which was identified was the importance of encouraging children to walk and cycle to school at a young age, hopefully instilling good practice which they will carry on into adulthood. It was suggested that a representative from Renfrewshire Leisure be invited to join the group as they now have the responsibility for Active Schools' co-ordinators, including Bikeability training for Renfrewshire's schools.</p> <p>John Binning of SPT also delivered a report on low carbon and electric vehicles. It was noted that SPT are holding a meeting in March in relation to electric vehicle charging points, with representatives from Transport Scotland in attendance. DB confirmed he will attend.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>DB</p>
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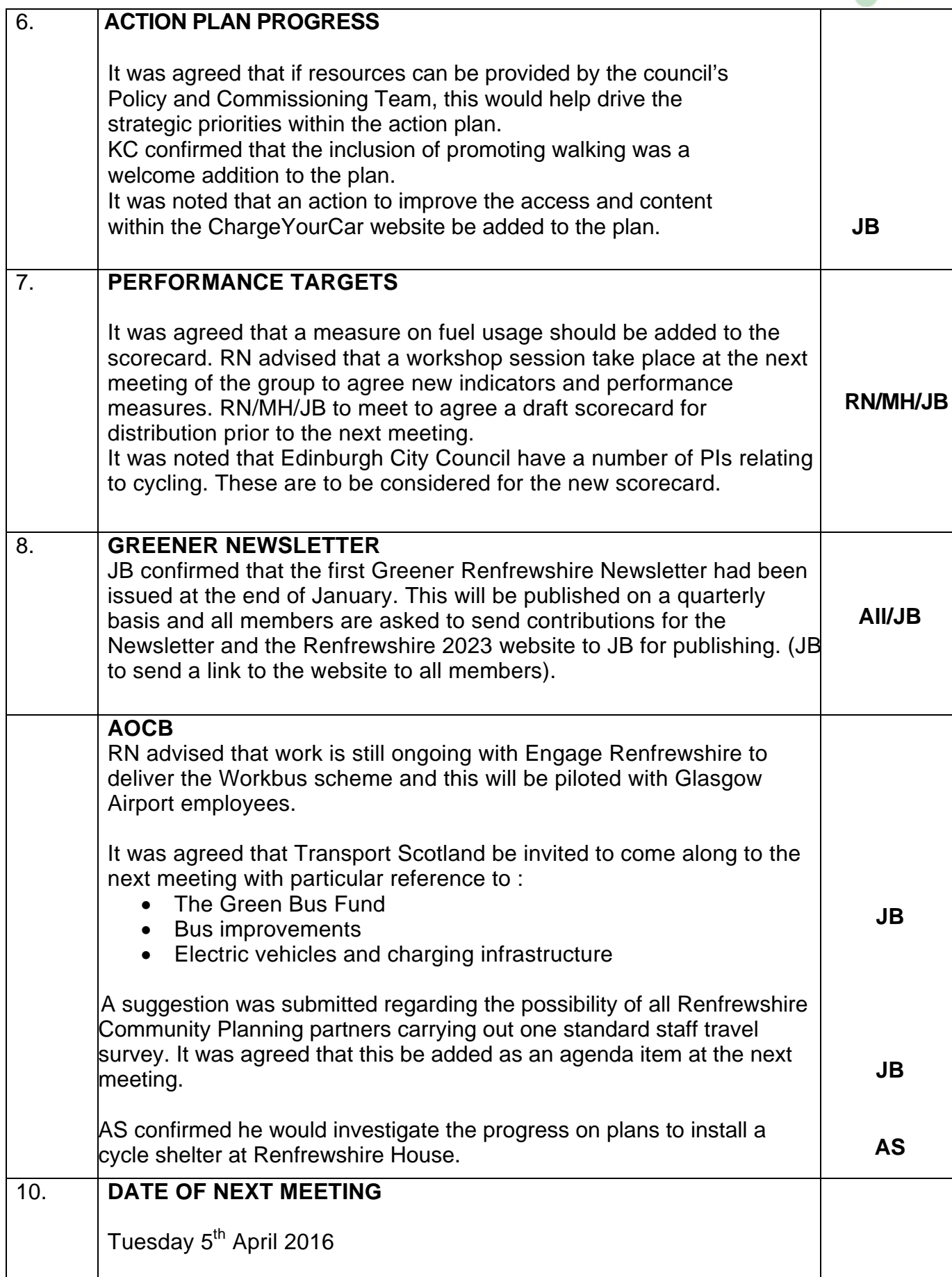
3	<p>PARTNER UPDATES</p> <p>Scotrail DB, Scotrail's Transport Integration Manager, delivered a presentation on Scotrail's Transport Integration Plans, following Abellio's takeover of the franchise in April 2015. Some of the key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of an additional 3,500 cycle parking spaces across the Scotrail network; • Improved wayfinding signage at 10 stations (Gilmour Street is included here); • Installation of electric vehicle charging points in at least 50 stations (these are yet to be specified); • Creation of Station Travel Plans in at least 30 stations (yet to be specified); • Bike and Go cycle hire schemes in at least 10 stations (already in place at Stirling and Haymarket but Gilmour Street could be a possibility here) <p>DB confirmed it is hoped to bring some of these benefits to Paisley Gilmour Street, Johnstone and Bishopton stations although there is no specific commitment at the moment. Issues with land ownership around Gilmour Street have, however, been identified. DB will continue to engage with the group providing updates on Scotrail's plans, as they progress. It was noted that some of the plans may align with the Paisley 2021 Bid.</p> <p>Air Quality CH confirmed that an action plan is being developed over the coming year to help improve air quality within Renfrewshire, targeting the areas in Paisley Town Centre, Johnstone, Renfrew and the M8 corridor between Braehead and the Airport. As CO2 emissions from traffic are a major cause of air pollution, it is important that priorities are focused on encouraging people to use more sustainable forms of transport than private cars. It is hoped that the travel initiatives being promoted through this group can help in the improvement of air quality.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Outdoor Access Strategy KC advised that the Renfrewshire Outdoor Access Strategy is out for consultation until 12th March 2016 and is available on both Renfrewshire Council and the Renfrewshire 2023 website. KC confirmed that it would be useful if external organisations could include details of any strategies they have in place, within the comments section of the consultation.</p> <p>KC also confirmed that a joint funding application with Renfrewshire Council and Glasgow Airport is to be submitted to Sustrans this week to improve active travel infrastructure in the grounds of the Airport. RN confirmed that this is an example of good practice from the group.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy AS confirmed that final changes are being made to the Cycling Strategy prior to submission to Board. These changes include the addition of detailed GIS mapping to make it easier to identify the routes. JB confirmed this would be published on the Renfrewshire 2023 website as soon as it is approved.</p> <p>West College Scotland LD confirmed that West College Scotland are currently trialling a strategy to encourage more cycling at the Clydebank Campus. If successful, it is hoped to roll this out to the Paisley and Greenock campuses. It was noted the plans to improve the cycling infrastructure in Paisley should help the college achieve these aims. LD asked that the plans for a new off road cycling route on Renfrew Road in Paisley include access into the college. It was also noted that the N7 cycle route has direct access to the college's Mile End campus.</p> <p>Bishopton-Airport-Paisley Cycle Link MH confirmed that the council was unsuccessful in obtaining the Sustrans funding to establish the infrastructure link from the new development in Bishopton through Inchinnan to the airport and onwards to Paisley. Sustrans have suggested that the council could apply for Community Links funding for this project. AS confirmed the application for this will be submitted by Friday 12th February.</p> <p>INTU Braehead GE confirmed he is keen to engage with the group and create links with Renfrewshire Council, Sustrans and Cycling Scotland. INTU hope to improve cycle access and bus links to Braehead, especially to the Soar centre, and to work with other organisations in applying for match funding to achieve these priorities. INTU is also aware that Braehead generates a lot of traffic and, as a result, contributes to the air quality issues around the M8 corridor.</p> <p>Glasgow Airport RN confirmed the success of the collaboration work with Renfrewshire council and Sustrans re the active travel infrastructure within the airport. The Glasgow Airport Transport Surface Access Strategy, which was published in 2009, is being updated and refreshed during 2016. RN also confirmed that design work is ongoing for the City Deal project to provide a rail link from Glasgow Central to the airport.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>Electric Vehicles</p> <p>DB confirmed that he is attending a meeting next week to confirm if any funding is available for further electric vehicle purchases in 2016/17 but this seems unlikely as Transport Scotland have confirmed the council is not eligible for funding this year.</p> <p>DB confirmed he had met with APT Technologies, a provider of electric vehicle charging points, and detailed some of the issues which exist in the different types of charging points which are available. APT suggest that organisations should install one charging point for every electric vehicle they have. This ratio would mean that Renfrewshire Council would not have sufficient infrastructure to carry out any light vehicle conversions to electricity.</p> <p>DB confirmed that a GreenFleet Scotland event is being held at Ingliston in Edinburgh on 15th April 2016 – JB to share details of this event with the group.</p> <p>SUSTRANS</p> <p>SR advised that SUSTRANS are publishing a Regional Cycling Strategy which should be available in May/June 2016.</p> <p>Monitoring and research is ongoing on the N7 and N75 cycle routes with focus groups planned with schools.</p> <p>NHS GG&C</p> <p>KB detailed some of the work which is ongoing at NHS GG&C in respect of sustainable travel including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint working arrangements in place with SUSTRANS; Stagecoach; Scotrail; McGills • Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding being used to promote interchange areas; • A staff Journeyshare scheme is in place with 1,500 members. This is currently being refreshed at RAH; • McGills providing staff information sessions and some discounted ticket schemes; <p>KB confirmed that she would appreciate a chance to see Renfrewshire Council's draft Cycling Strategy.</p> <p>KB agreed to meet MH to discuss the Board's process in producing a staff travel plan.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>AS</p> <p>MH</p>
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To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 01 APRIL 2016

Report by:

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**GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 FEBRUARY 2016**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Communities sub group which took place on 11 February 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction.

- 3.2 The Greener Communities sub-group was established in 2015 led by John Wilby of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities, assisted by Iain Cunningham of Engage Renfrewshire. The first meeting of the group was held in April 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to network, share information, and discuss Greener initiatives being carried out by community groups across Renfrewshire.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Communities sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Forum for Empowering Communities; Engage Renfrewshire; Environmental Training Team; The Forestry Commission; Royal Horticultural Society; Sustrans; LEAP; Eadha Enterprises; and Kibble. Invitations are submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.

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Appendix 1

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD
GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP
HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2016
ENGAGE RENFREWSHIRE,
10 FALCON CRESCENT, PAISLEY**

IN ATTENDANCE

Iain Cunningham (Chair), Engage Renfrewshire; John Wilby, Lead Officer, Forum for Empowering Communities; Ian Williams, Environmental Training Team; Angela Smith, Royal Horticultural Society; Stephanie Wilson, Kibble; Mary McLuskey, Keep Scotland Beautiful; Maria Corrigan, Kirsty Wright, Andy Summers, Steve Edwards Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council

APOLOGIES

Derek Shannan, Forestry Commission; Peter Livingstone, Eadha Enterprises; Joe Wacławski, Sustrans; Scott Duncan, LEAP; Sharon Marklow, Allison Scott, Mark Faichney, all Renfrewshire Council

1.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Communities sub-group held on 17 th December 2015. No issues	Agreed
2.	FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD (01-02-16) A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted and noted.	
3.	MEMBER UPDATES Steve Edwards SE confirmed that following staffing changes, work with the Renfrewshire Growing Grounds Forum will continue, with the Local Green Network projects a priority area of work, subject to the availability of funding. He also confirmed that he is aiming to refresh the Local Biodiversity Action Plan from 2004 –this will be responsive to community needs and will be a smarter slimmed down version.	



3.	<p>KIBBLE</p> <p>SW confirmed she is employed as Zero Waste Co-ordinator, working with schools and community groups across Renfrewshire to promote waste reduction and recycling. This involves working with the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Place Our Families Project in Renfrew • Environmental Training Team • Families First Project • Developing a zero waste pack in conjunction with KSB for distribution in schools • Cooking classes under the Eat Better Feel Better banner <p>It was noted that a new project is being introduced to Renfrewshire where people are encouraged to make an extra meal and freeze and pass on to a homeless or disadvantaged person.</p> <p>It was noted that Kibble also run a scheme for repairing and recycling bikes – SW to find out more and advise at next meeting.</p>	SW
	<p>ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</p> <p>AS advised that the RHS are working at bringing community groups together for growing and gardening projects. Although covering the West of Scotland, AS confirmed Renfrewshire is a priority as there is a lot of potential for improvement. A number of successful projects currently underway are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linwood High School working with Linwood Development Trust and together helping local primary schools. • Working with Communities First project with Grow in Glenburn and Barnardos – work is ongoing developing a site with a 'grow to eat' programme underway with ex young offenders from Polmont. • Promoting 'It's Your Neighbourhood' and 'Bloom' groups across Renfrewshire - funding now available for these projects • Creating links with the work being carried out by community groups and local businesses. • Providing education initiatives in schools, teaching pupils where their food comes from. • Providing training courses for school teachers (a chargeable service) with Renfrewshire having the best attended courses in Scotland. • Promoting the 'Adopt a Space' programme where community groups are encouraged to enhance the work being carried out by the council e.g. planting flowers in areas where the council currently maintain the grass. <p>AS advised that there is good work being carried out by the Good Shepherd Centre in Bishopton and they are keen to expand this work beyond their own premises. She also confirmed that they work in conjunction with the Saltire Award and Young Scot, enabling pupils to complete their community assistance requirements.</p>	



	<p>PAISLEY TOWN CENTRE INITIATIVES</p> <p>MC advised the group that the registration process for the Purple Flag application is due to be completed by 30th June 2016. A working group is in place but more community involvement is required. MC to circulate information to encourage more volunteers. The Purple Flag area is yet to be determined but it is expected to be the B.I.D. area, the Observatory and finishing at Glasgow Road.</p> <p>MC confirmed that community volunteers are required to create a working group relating to dog fouling. There is a change in legislation from 1st April with all dogs now required to be microchipped and the FPN for dog fouling increased to £80. The priority of the group will be to encourage responsible dog ownership.</p> <p>MC advised that a new Police Scotland led group, Renfrewshire Rural Task Force, has been set up to develop partnership opportunities surrounding issues relating to rural crime such as: flytipping; theft of farm equipment; trade waste issues; theft or damage to livestock; and dog control issues. A day of action is planned for 30th March 2016, centring around a cycle route. Police/wardens will carry out patrols engaging with users on dog fouling issues, littering etc. Volunteers are required to enable wider community involvement, e.g tidying up a unsightly area, wild planting, Bee diverse etc. Volunteers should contact Cassie Glass of Police Scotland expressions of interest and specifically what you can do on the day.</p>	<p>MC</p>
	<p>SUSTRANS</p> <p>IC summarised an update provided by JW.</p> <p>There are around 40 volunteers in Renfrewshire carrying out a variety of work on cycle routes NCN 7 and 75 with a number of biodiversity workdays planned.</p> <p>A feasibility and research study is underway for these routes is underway and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing who and how many people use the routes • Capture what's missing for art, growing, sport and play • Engaging with staff at RAH <p>A video of route N7 has been produced highlighting the variety of wildlife which uses the area, after dark.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING TEAM</p> <p>IW advised that the Environmental Training Team are continuing with their environmental work and have had experience of residents showing willingness to participate when they see a presence in their area, making improvements. He also advised that the better weather makes it easier to carry out partnership working with work currently ongoing with Capability Scotland.</p>	



	<p>ENGAGE</p> <p>IC confirmed that gardening training courses have been delivered at the Disability Resource Centre, in conjunction with the Environmental Trust, with another 4 planned throughout 2016/17.</p> <p>A meeting is planned in the next week with Tesco to look at ways to reduce their food waste – an update on this will be brought to the next group.</p> <p>IC confirmed that a community artist is carrying out work in school in Renfrew, picking litter from the playground and helping the pupils create art with it.</p> <p>KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL</p> <p>MM from KSB delivered a presentation on the projects currently being delivered by the organisation and confirmed that KSB ensure they link to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. The projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the recently launched ‘Litter Pick Plus’ toolkit, supported by Zero Waste Scotland. When groups register online they can receive litter bags, tabards etc. to help with litter picks. • As part of Beautiful Scotland’s 50th anniversary, Bee Diverse seed kits and leaflets are being issued to all members to encourage planting which will attract bees. • A new National Award for Environmental Excellence has been launched, aimed at both public and private sector organisations. <p>MM also advised that a Young Reporters event is being held in March in Stirling and a new dedicated member of KSBs staff is leading on this. IC to find out more details.</p> <p>KSB also provide a dog fouling toolkit which community groups can use to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs.</p> <p>MM confirmed that 99% of services delivered to local community groups is free.</p> <p>Links to these key issues will be circulated to the group.</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>IC</p> <p>JB</p>
4.	<p>STALLED SPACES</p> <p>KW advised that 2 applications had been approved at the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board on 1st February 2016: Erskine Music & Media and the STAR Project. This brings the total funds allocated to just under the £20,000 budget. Architecture and Design Scotland have confirmed that there may be more funding available but this must be matched by the council.</p> <p>JW informed the group that he has asked interested parties to pool their resources in delivering the two Stalled Spaces funded projects in the West End, including the Community Service team.</p> <p>KW to provide a summary of all the funded projects to the group members.</p>	<p>KW</p>



5	<p>ACTION PLAN PROGRESS</p> <p>Baseline information exists which will make the action relating to the audit of community groups more straightforward to carry out. This should provide details of all community groups in Renfrewshire which carry out greener initiatives, together with their locations.</p> <p>IC to link with MM from KSB to progress the Young Reporters initiative.</p> <p>SE noted that there was a lack of biodiversity projects in the action plan and this should be addressed.</p> <p>AS stated that there should be an action to improve the process for community groups approaching the council for leases, funding, resources etc.with consideration given to what procedures the council has put in place in relation to the introduction of the new Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill. A checklist of the steps which require to be taken should be drawn up.</p> <p>It was agreed that a separate meeting be set up with IC, JW, MC and JB to agree the strategic priorities of the action plan – this will be distributed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>JB</p>
6	<p>PERFORMANCE TARGETS</p> <p>All group members were asked to consider the targets on the scorecard and pass any comments to JB.</p>	ALL
7	<p>GREENER PLEDGE AND NEWSLETTER</p> <p>JB confirmed that the first Greener Renfrewshire Newsletter had been issued at the end of January. This will be published on a quarterly basis and all members are asked to send contributions for the Newsletter and the Renfrewshire 2023 website to JB for publishing. (JB to send a link to the website to all members).</p>	ALL
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>None.</p>	
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 7th April 2016 at 10am in the offices of Engage Renfrewshire</p>	JB



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland. It takes account of the emerging work streams and actions identified by the Board.
- 1.2 A similar update will be provided for each Board to stimulate awareness and decisions about the wider Greener theme and agenda. If any Board member has any information they would like included and circulated in future issues of the update, please forward to the report author.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 In order to provide the Board members with support, policy advice and consistency of approach, this report explores communication received from the Scottish Government and other statutory bodies, good practice examples from other local authorities as well as national and local initiatives and projects. Where available, a local view has also been provided on the topic.

4. Resources

- 4.1 Information on funding streams which have been identified and which Community Planning Partners can apply for in relation to the Greener agenda are included in the appendices of this report.

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Good Practice Examples

Glasgow Caledonian University

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Glasgow Caledonian University has become the first recipient of Cycle Scotland's Cycle Friendly Campus Award. The University has implemented a range of measures that have seen an increase of almost 20% in the number students, staff and visitors choosing to travel to campus by bike since the start of the project in the autumn of 2014. The award, which is delivered with funding from Transport Scotland, recognises the efforts of Scotland's colleges and universities which promote cycling as an accessible and convenient travel choice.

GCU [implemented a range of measures](#), including bicycle parking, cycle training, linking with Glasgow's cycle hire scheme and providing personal travel planning. The University also partnered with Glasgow Bike Station to deliver their student focussed Uni-Cycle project. The [Cycle Friendly Campus Award](#) is run by Cycling Scotland with funding from Transport Scotland and recognises exemplar projects from Scotland's college and university campuses where cycling is a real and accessible part of campus life.

Sustainable Scotland Network

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A series of videos have been produced to guide users through the Green Public Procurement (GPP) 2020 carbon and energy calculators, a collection of Excel tools which help procurers and decision-makers to calculate energy and carbon reductions over the whole life cycle of products, services and works. The carbon savings displayed are based on a comparison between emissions of previous or 'standard' tenders and those of the new tenders that have been implemented by the purchasing partners of GPP 2020.

[Calculators are available for four product groups](#): Energy Contracting, Office ICT, Street Lighting, and Vehicles Calculators. Each video shows the tool being used to calculate savings in real-time, with a clear voice-over explaining the process. The tool works by calculating an estimated saving against a standard tender for each product, thereby providing a clear idea of the impact of including low-carbon criteria in the tender.

The tool's methodology draws on existing calculation tools and takes into account the



product or services' environmental product declaration, using this information to calculate life-cycle costs. The country context is also taken into consideration. The EU-funded GPP 2020 project is working with public procurers to implement more than 100 low-carbon tenders.

Resource Efficient Scotland

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Resource Efficient Scotland are offering a [free online Green Champions Training Course](#) to develop the skills you need to improve the resource efficiency of your organisation – and make cost savings too. The course has been designed to provide the skills and tools required to successfully improve the resource efficiency and environmental performance of your organisation - and, of course, save money too. Written by resource efficiency experts, each short Green Champions training module packs in knowledge and experience that will accelerate your understanding of the benefits of resource efficiency.

The course is delivered in two parts - planning modules and practical modules. The course will provide you with the skills and knowledge to:

- understand the benefits of resource efficiency;
- identify opportunities to save money on energy, water and materials;
- be able to collect and analyse data; and
- bring about change.

The course is designed for Scottish SMEs. It is ideal training for members of staff who have a responsibility for the environmental performance of their organisation - including office managers, administrators, environment managers, health and safety personnel, purchasing teams, facilities managers, operations managers and other environment champions.



Royal Horticultural Society

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) campaign supports community groups in cleaning up and greening up their immediate local environment - whether that's the street they live in, or a small patch of communal land needing a revamp.

More than 1,600 groups already take part around the UK. It's free to join and each group receives an annual visit from an IYN assessor who provides feedback on how further improvements can be made.

[Any group can join](#) as long as it is volunteer led and involved in hands-on community gardening. The group should be working with the local community for the benefit of the community.

Those taking part report cleaner, greener and safer surroundings; a growing sense of community pride; increased rates of local recycling and environmental awareness, and a reduction in anti-social behaviour with the regeneration of run-down areas.

The projects groups do depend entirely on their local area, but examples include:

- Restoring a churchyard
- Taking over the improvement and maintenance of green spaces on an estate
- Transforming a bleak residential back alley into a community garden
- Adopting a square, roundabout or neglected space and renovating it
- Redeveloping all the front gardens on (part of) a street using any number of schemes, for example hanging baskets or window boxes for growing herbs
- Forming a Friends group to look after a local park
- Uniting local retailers to transform the high street

