

To: Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group

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Report by:

Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

Local Partnerships Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Local Partnership model is now established, with Local Partnerships having agreed their membership between January and March 2019.
- 1.2 Local Partnerships had their first full meetings between March and April 2019. Local partnerships agreed a set of working priorities at these meetings. The priorities agreed are attached to this paper.
- 1.3 The next round of Local Partnership meetings takes place during June 2019. Local Partnerships will agree the allocation of grant funding at these meetings.
- 1.4 Significant work has been carried out to review grant making processes, improve administration to aid decision making and also to improve the experience of the community organisations who are applying. Three drop-in events to assist organisations to apply for Local Partnership grants were organised during April and May 2019.
- 1.5 Work is in progress to carry out a Participatory Budgeting exercise involving young people in order to allocate the Youth Challenge Fund resource. This work will conclude in late summer 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group is asked to note the progress made in developing and implementing the Local Partnership model in Renfrewshire.

3. Background

- 3.1 Local Partnerships agreed their **membership** at the first meetings of the groups between January and April 2019, which involved appointing Community Representatives to sit alongside elected members of Renfrewshire Council and chairs of Community Councils. All Local Partnerships now have a working membership, with a wide range of community organisations represented across the area. Where there are remaining spaces in Local Partnerships, Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive's Service officers have been working to identify applicants to take up these spaces.
- 3.2 A presentation was made to each Local Partnership at the meetings in March and April 2019 by the Head of Corporate Governance in Renfrewshire Council. This presentation addressed **governance arrangements** for Local Partnerships.
- 3.3 At the first full round of meetings in March and April, Local Partnerships discussed and agreed a set of **Local Priorities**. These Local Priorities will shape the work plan for the Partnerships going forward , and also support each Local Partnership to make decisions about the award of grants. These are working priorities, which will require regular review and refinement as the Local Partnerships start to establish themselves. These Local Priorities have been attached to this paper.
- 3.4 Significant work has been carried out to improve **grant processes**, including updating and refreshing guidance and reference material, and organising drop-in sessions to support organisations to understand these changes. Three sessions were organised in Johnstone, Paisley and Renfrew to enable organisations to attend. These sessions will be carried out in partnership with Engage Renfrewshire. The sessions will help groups to understand the application process, the local priorities identified by each Local Partnership, the youth Participatory Budgeting process and alternative funding sources that organisations can explore. The deadline for Local Partnership applications is 20 May 2019.

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