



To: **Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities**

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Report by:

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Community Planning Engagement 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership, assisted by Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities, is organising a series of community engagement events during the first six months of 2016. These will include local community-led events developed with community groups and organisations and larger scale events for a wider audience.
- 1.2 The Scottish Government and Renfrewshire Council will undertake a planning-led "Charrette" engagement exercise in the Erskine area in February 2016 to look at the future of Erskine town centre and surrounding areas. The Charrette is funded by the Scottish Government. A separate presentation will be made to the Forum at this meeting on the Erskine Charrette.
- 1.3 In addition to the events already being planned, there will be further opportunities for local community-led events during the course of 2016.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities:
Approve the proposals to develop further community planning events in response to local demand.



3. Community Engagement Activity 2016

- 3.1 Engage Renfrewshire has worked with Renfrewshire Council and local community organisations to develop a model of community-led engagement events, where local organisations determine the shape and content of events, but community planning partners provide support, assistance and resources as appropriate.
- 3.2 The first of these events took place at Renfrewshire Disability Resource Centre on 3 December 2015. The event focused on the topics of the Paisley 2021 City of Culture bid and Community Transport, which were chosen by the Disability Resource Centre and Renfrewshire Access Panel. Following this event, further events will take place at the Disability Resource Centre by March 2016 on the topic of welfare reform.
- 3.3 Elderslie Community Council held a “Have Your Say In Elderslie” Day on 25 January 2016. The Community Council invited speakers from Invest Renfrewshire, Development Trust Association Scotland, Sustrans and the Paisley 2021 City of Culture bid and also publicised the event via a leaflet drop to households in the area. Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership provided resources for the design and cost of the leaflet and the hall hire.
- 3.4 Foxbar and Brediland Community Council has led organisation of a local event on 17 February, themed on community planning topics. As with the Elderslie event, the local Community Council has determined the timing, shape and content of the event, but will undertake local publicity itself.
- 3.5 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is also partnering with West of Scotland Regional Equality Council regarding resources for an event taking place in Renfrewshire by March 2016.
- 3.6 In addition to the localised events, Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is organising three larger-scale community planning conferences for the first half of 2016. All three events will have daytime and evening sessions in order to attract as wide a range of people as possible to attend. The events will take place as follows:

Paisley – March 2016 (to be agreed)

Johnstone – Friday 20 May 2016

Renfrew – Monday 20 June 2016