

To: COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & PLANNING POLICY BOARD

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Report by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PLANNING SERVICES

Heading: STREET STUFF ANNUAL UPDATE 2017/18

1. Summary

- 1.1 Street Stuff has been delivering activities in Renfrewshire since 2009 and has contributed to delivering a sustained 65% reduction in reported youth disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 Since 2016/17 Street Stuff has modernised its service delivery model to increase the flexibility of its deployment and widen the range of activities offered. The service has replaced five “boxes” (shipping containers) with buses equipped with play stations and Xboxes. Two buses were developed and customised with the support of the Paisley 2021 Bid. Extensive youth engagement and consultation resulted in a design process led by young people for both the internal and external design of the vehicles. Street Stuff participants chose to include ipads, macbooks and DJ decks to support creative and cultural activities as well as creating a fresh new vibrant exterior. These buses are a key part of the legacy of the 2021 City of Culture Bid. Free Wi-Fi was installed as part of the council’s digital strategy during September 2017 in response to requests made by young people. The buses give flexibility to the programme to provide activities where they are needed most, reaching wider areas across Renfrewshire on a regular basis as well as supporting events, gala days and community engagement, first with the Paisley 2021 Bid Team and now the legacy programme, “Paisley is”.
- 1.3 The success of the programme is predicated on its ability to respond quickly to hot spot areas identified through collaborative working supported by the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. Being evidence led, and by responding early through the daily tasking process, the service is able to divert young people effectively from anti-social behaviour into more meaningful activities.

- 1.4 This report provides information on the delivery of the core Street Stuff programme through the 2017/18 financial year and highlights some of the additional projects linked with the core programme that further improve its reach and effectiveness to young people across Renfrewshire.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board:
- (i) notes the content of this annual plan and the work undertaken by the Street Stuff programme in 2017/2018.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Street Stuff continues to provide a range of activities primarily in the evenings and at weekends across Renfrewshire. Effective targeting and identification of the locations is provided by the Tasking and Deployment Coordinator using information from the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership including Police data that highlights the locations, days and times of youth disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2 The table below summarises the number of recorded attendance figures each quarter during 2017/2018 including events, gala days and fetes, and highlights those additional activities with food provision that were delivered across Renfrewshire.

Street Stuff Stats	Events	Core	Core Sessions	Healthy meal provided	Totals
Q1	1815	5534	451	718	8067
Q2	1015	6574	428	2761	10350
Q3	443	5020	364	906	6369
Q4	1983	3753	298	696	6432
TOTAL	5256	20881	1541	5081	31218

Programme Delivery

- 3.3 During 2017/2018, the delivery locations of the programme changed to reflect the areas that were experiencing anti-social behaviour. This resulted in fewer sessions being held in large facilities such as the Dome at the St Mirren Stadium in Paisley, where large numbers of participants can be accommodated, and a larger number of sessions being held in smaller communities using the buses, with fewer participants attending each session. This means that overall numbers of participants have reduced compared to the previous year, but the overall levels of youth related anti-social behaviour have been maintained at a low level – indicating the continued success of the targeted evidence led approach.

The Street Stuff programme also continued to deliver activities throughout Renfrewshire during 2017/18 to respond to issues identified by the Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty Commission and target areas of poverty and deprivation, including the provision of over 5,000 healthy meals. Even with the changes to the areas in which the programme was delivered, the overall numbers of participants taking part remained at a high level. Street Stuff recorded 31,218 attendances during 2017/18. The opportunity for participants to develop and gain experience within the programme was also maintained. Almost 80% of sessional workers on the programme are former participants and a number of volunteers have delivered over 200 hours of voluntary work, supporting their personal development and boosting their employment and training potential.

Evaluation

- 3.4 The University of the West of Scotland undertook an independent evaluation of the Street Stuff programme in June 2017. This evaluation confirmed that Street Stuff provides young people with positive activities, improving social inclusion and giving access to facilities and experiences in their communities that support positive growth and development. Overall the evaluation was very positive and highlighted that in addition to a programme of activities and healthy eating for young people, Street Stuff includes the provision of a healthy meal to help young people who may not always have access to meals and provides volunteering and employment possibilities for young people some of whom are growing up in areas characterised by multiple deprivation.

Awards

- 3.5 2017/18 was a very successful period with the programme being recognised at a local and national level by winning three prestigious awards. Street Stuff won the COSLA Excellence Awards in the 'Local matters' category; Community Champions award at ROCCO Business Awards and the Community Engagement category at the Scottish Public Sector Awards.

Street Stuff Additional Activities

- 3.6 Street Stuff received funding from Local Area Committees and was supported by the Paisley 2021 Bid Team during 2017/18. This allowed for the expansion of activities and created additional opportunities for young people across Renfrewshire to get involved. As well as the delivery of activities in the Renfrewshire community out with anti-social behaviour hotspot areas, Street Stuff supported a number of local events, gala days and fetes. Whilst the list is not exhaustive, the following events were supported with the provision of football, dance and / or the buses.

Gala Days/Fetes

- Ferguslie Gala day
- Erskine Gala day
- Erskine Hospital fete
- Herriot Primary fete
- Howwood Gala day
- Barshaw Gala day
- Paisley HA fete
- Williamsburgh HA fete
- Hillview nursery fete
- Brookfield Gala day
- Johnstone Gala day

Events

- Braehead - Dancers performed on the stage as part of Paisley 2021 promotional campaign.
- Sma Shot day – dancers took part in the Parade for the third year running becoming a massive hit for young people each year.
- Pipe Band Championships – Street Stuff supported the event at St James Playing Fields with football and the bus, with people of all ages getting involved.
- Singing children of Africa event Paisley Town Hall - Dancers performed and made new friends as part of this fun cultural event.
- No Substitute for life – Street Stuff continued their support for this annual event, which unfortunately is a reality for some of the young people who attend the programme.
- Paisley 2021 judges visit, Tannahill Centre – Street Stuff staff and young people took part in the judges visit on the new Culture Buses and loved being part of the whole process displaying the work that they were involved in developing and designing.
- Glenburn Stronger Communities events – Street Stuff continued their support for Glenburn Stronger Communities group with young people and families attending activities on the buses.
- Fans Council open day – Street Stuff supported the Fans Council open day at Paisley 2021 stadium with activities such as cheerleading and football in the dome.
- Street Stuff dancers displayed their hard work at the annual summer dance show at Kirklandneuk primary with over 100 parents and family members attending to see how far the dancers have progressed.
- Football Beyond Borders – A group of young people from London visited Street Stuff during the summer holidays. The annual visit, saw the group returning to Lapwing Lodge for the third year, touring different football grounds over the course of the week, including linking in with Street Stuff. A football tournament also took place for the visitors at St Mirren's Training Ground.

- Halloween Parade - Dancers took part in the parade with the events running in Paisley Town Centre as part of the event.
- Paolo Nutini, Paisley Abbey – Young People from Street Stuff were rewarded for their efforts with free tickets to see the local icon Paolo Nutini.
- Irn Bru Carnival – Some of the young people who attended the Christmas party at the stadium were rewarded with a trip to the Irn Bru Carnival courtesy of Santa. The group had a great time and for most it was the first time they had ever received this opportunity.

Staff Training

3.7 The coaches involved in the delivery of the Street Stuff programme are faced with new challenges all the time working on the street in the heart of our communities. A number of training sessions have been developed and delivered to ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to deal with as many potential eventualities as possible. In the last year, staff and volunteers have received the following training:

- Street Doctors – General awareness of medical issues that they may need to respond to including how to deal with them in the interim basis and when to call in the professionals. Issues such as wounds / injuries, drug misuse, alcohol misuse as well as general injuries were covered as part of the training.
- Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking – A number of staff attended specialist training delivered by Barnardos to raise awareness of the potential hazards affecting young people including those in Renfrewshire. The training was well received with a number of young people discussed who have demonstrated concerns with appropriate follow up action taken.
- Tackling Poverty event – staff attended the Tackling Poverty event at Johnstone Town Hall, which raised awareness of other projects being delivered to tackle issues in Renfrewshire and also to demonstrate the difference and impact the work being delivered across the Community Planning Partnership is having on the Renfrewshire community.
- Community planning consultation with young people – Policy Development Officers from the Council spoke to coaching staff about community planning consultations looking for Street Stuff to raise awareness amongst young people to ensure their voices were heard. Follow up surveys were completed by young people, which were fed into the wider consultation survey. A similar approach has sought to ensure young people have their say on the review of Local Area Committees.
- Who Cares Scotland – Staff from the programme attended a learning and listening event at Johnstone town hall to raise awareness of the service provided by Who Cares Scotland. This event was well received with staff learning about looked after children and the services on offer and also how to ensure any relevant young people they come across in the street can benefit from these services.

- Nil by Mouth Workshops – Staff and young people attended workshops delivered by the national Nil by Mouth Campaign officers. The workshops were fun and interactive whilst raising awareness of the impact sectarian and similar types of behaviour have on individuals and the wider community. This is the second visit to Street Stuff and will be a regular input in the future.

Tackling Poverty programme

- 3.8 Street Stuff continued to deliver an extended programme of activities during the school holiday periods throughout 2017/18 including the provision of a healthy meal. Over 20,000 healthy meals have now been provided at activities since the extended programme began in October 2015.
- 3.9 All five Local Area Committee areas benefited from this additional funding with holiday camps being provided at some point throughout the course of the year. A key feature each year since the Tackling Poverty funding was first provided has been the Festive programme delivered over the 2-week Christmas shut down period with over 500 young people from all over Renfrewshire attending festive events.
- 3.10 Over and above the normal delivery of activities and provision of a healthy meal, a special Christmas Party was held with over 100 young people in attendance. A Christmas dinner served with gifts, selection boxes, games and quizzes took place. Street Stuff dance displayed their routines with a DJ mixing the latest songs and providing workshops for the young people to participate themselves. The night was a huge success with all young people enjoying the activities.

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- 3.11 Street Stuff, in partnership with the Scottish Football Partnership and UEFA foundation delivered a 12-week football activity programme to young people from Glencoats Primary. Part of this process was learning about healthy eating and included the provision of a healthy meal. The young people also attended Hampden Park for a photo shoot, meeting new friends from other parts of Scotland. The programme has been successful and new programmes are being developed for 2018/19.

Safe Kids

- 3.12 Street Stuff continued their support at the annual Safe Kids event held over 2 weeks in March at the Paisley 2021 Stadium. Safe Kids is an annual interactive educational programme involving Renfrewshire's Community Safety Partners, delivering messages relating to a range of safety issues to every Primary 6 pupil in Renfrewshire, over 1,860 pupils in total. The aim of Safe Kids is to reduce the number of accidents involving young people, promote positive behaviour and eliminate risks. Workshops are designed to be fun, interactive, and short in length (10-12 minutes) to enable partners to get vital messages across in subject areas that can be difficult to discuss. Workshops this year included – anti-social behaviour; CCTV; alcohol and drug awareness; internet safety; fire safety; and litter & dog fouling.

- 3.13 Street Stuff's input for the 2018 workshop was to raise awareness of the impact bullying has on individuals and the wider community. British Transport Police also joined the partnership this year to include a new workshop on safety around the rail network.

Lens Programme

- 3.14 The Lens intrapreneurship programme aims to harness and nurture creative and innovative problem-solving within the organisation. Four young coaches from the Street Stuff programme have been working on the development of a Mini Chefs project to build on the Tackling Poverty initiative already being delivered during school holidays. The new programme aims to have a more sustainable outcome teaching young people how to cook a healthy meal on an affordable budget. Street Stuff was a winner following the presentation of their ideas to the judging panel and is in the process of developing an implementation plan using the funding and support secured.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
3. **Community Planning** –

Our Renfrewshire is safe – The work undertaken by the Street Stuff programme targets areas on anti-social behaviour to introduce diversionary activities. This makes Renfrewshire a safe place to live, work and visit.
4. **Legal** - None
5. **Property/Assets** - None
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website
8. **Health & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** – None

11. **Privacy Impact** – None
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None

List of Background Papers - none

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