

To: **Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board**

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Report by:

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GREENFLEET SCOTLAND

1. Summary

- 1.1 GreenFleet Scotland held an event in April 2015 at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh. This event was designed to provide transport managers, within both public sector organisations and private businesses, with information on the various options of alternative fuel vehicles available on the market.
- 1.2 Transport Scotland, the Energy Saving Trust and Scottish Enterprise participated in the event. Seminars and presentations were provided on the latest government legislation; grants and offers; innovative technology; and future fuel options, such as hydrogen.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - a) Notes the present situation with alternative fuel vehicles amongst Renfrewshire Community Partners; and
 - b) Agrees that a presentation and demonstration on electric vehicles be delivered at the next meeting of the Board.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Council and its Community Planning Partners have received grant funding from Transport Scotland over the past four years which have enabled the following investment in electric vehicles and related infrastructure:
 - 12 electric vehicles for Renfrewshire Council
 - One electric vehicle for University of West of Scotland
 - One electric vehicle for Linstone Housing Association
 - 2 electric vehicles for Care and Repair Renfrewshire
 - Electric vehicle charging points in Paisley, Renfrew and Lochwinnoch.



- 3.2 Funding has already been secured by Renfrewshire Council for 2015/16 which will enable a further 6 electric vans to be purchased which will meet the Community Plan target of 5% of the vehicle fleet using alternative fuels.
- 3.3 A presentation was delivered at the GreenFleet event on hydrogen gas powered vehicles. This identified that significant changes in infrastructure would be required to introduce these vehicles into the Council fleet. There are presently 3 pilots taking place across the country and the outcome of these will provide further information, which will be communicated to the Board.

4. Resources

- 4.1 Renfrewshire Council are currently looking at ways to fund the provision of more electric vehicles through the Council's Annual Vehicle Replacement Programme.
- 4.2 The cost differential between electric and conventional vehicles has reduced significantly over the past two years, making the electric option more viable.
- 4.3 Adequate charging facilities must be taken into account with any electric vehicle purchased.

5. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 5.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning partners are working together to provide facilities within Renfrewshire communities to promote electric vehicle usage.

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