



To: **Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities**

On: **27 January, 2016**

Report by:

Lead Officer, Forum for Empowering Communities

UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities draws members from local Third Sector and community operated organisations within Renfrewshire. It has been developed to reflect organisations that have a spread of knowledge, important resources, operate as local employers and can help support general communication to a wide community of service users within the communities of Renfrewshire.
- 1.2 The Forum deploys a member to attend each of the other 5 Community Planning Partnership Thematic Board meetings. Each Forum member is supported by a member of Engage Renfrewshire staff and is required to update the Forum on the progress/activity of their respective nominated Board.
- 1.3 The updates are attached as Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities note the updates.

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FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES**

NAME OF BOARD: Community Care, Health & Wellbeing Thematic Board	NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING: J Ferrie and S McLellan sent apologies	DATE OF MEETING: 15 th December 2015.
<p>KEY POINTS:</p> <p>SOCIAL PRESCRIBING/COMMUNITY LINK WORKERS - HOW WE ACHIEVE IT A presentation was given by P Henderson, RAMH, relative to the Community Connectors project. The presentation outlined why the project was developed; highlighted the statistics; detailed the partner organisations who were involved; and summarised the benefits.</p> <p>SYRIAN REFUGEES It was noted that 35 refugees had so far settled in accommodation in Renfrewshire and were happy, content and keen to get their children into schools and to start looking for employment. Officers from Renfrewshire Council had been actively working with partners to put into place the arrangements required to support the refugees.</p> <p>REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES An update was given on reducing health inequalities; improving life expectancy; and how we can improve health and narrow the equalities gap. It was noted that there were clear overlaps between health inequality and poverty and the Board agreed that contact be made with the Tackling Poverty team to look at the extent to which inequality was synonymous with tackling poverty within Renfrewshire.</p> <p>RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE UPDATE A verbal update was given by J McKellar, Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Leisure relative to the progress of the Trust in delivering cultural and leisure services.</p> <p>CARERS FORUM MEETING Councillor McMillan and F MacKay gave a verbal report relative to their attendance at the Carers Forum which was held on Friday 13 November, 2015, at the Renfrewshire Carers Centre to hear what issues there were for carers and what could help them in their caring role.</p> <p>INTEGRATION FUND UPDATE A verbal update was given relative to the progress of the Integration Fund and an update on the four projects which were being funded by the Integrated Care Fund.</p>		

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NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board	NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING: Stephen Cruickshank and Stuart Miller	DATE OF MEETING: 15 th December 2015.
KEY POINTS: <p>A presentation was provided by the CEDAR team. This programme is nearing the end of its initial 3 year period. BIG Lottery has confirmed that they see the programme as being of Best Practice and have mentioned that the team should apply for a further 5 years funding. The work is aimed at parents and children in recovery from experiencing domestic abuse. The child therapeutic worker attached to the team is now full time.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Poverty Commission has allocated gap funding until the next applications are submitted. An external auditor is currently compiling a report.</p> <p>The Poverty Commission has provided support to the School Breakfast programme. A new aspect to this is that regardless of when the child walks in the door they will still receive a breakfast and their dinner will be booked at the same time. This ensures there are no children missing out on any meals due to outside influences on their attendance.</p> <p>Street Stuff is being expanded with 2 new buses on the way.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council has responded to Scottish Government's consultation on "Working Together for People Going Missing In Scotland!"</p> <p>The new CCTV could be of great benefit to this when they comes on line.</p> <p>There is also changing demographics of those going missing, as the population gets older.</p> <p>There was special mention of the Environmental Training Team. There is a noticeable difference to the areas where they have came in and helped out. ETT is working as an addition to existing services and resources.</p> <p>The new Community Safety Hub will be fully open at the end of January 2016. The Community Wardens will be based there.</p>		
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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:

I Cunningham & J Wilby

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

DATE OF MEETING:

27 January 2016

KEY POINTS:

GREENER COMMUNITIES UPDATE ON PROGRESS

The sub group continues to attract new members with The Royal Horticultural Society being the latest addition. Each group provided a members update.

The current Greener Communities Sub Group action plan has been updated and a progress report will be submitted to the Committee at the February Greener board meeting. The sub group have produced a new draft action plan which will also be presented at the board meeting for approval.

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 seven applications for funding had been considered at the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting.

Six of these applications had been approved, with one pending (I Am Me £2,000.00), the Board awarded £13,433 of funding:

£2,000.00 pending and a further £3,934.00 submitted for consideration at next Greener board meeting due on 1/2/16. This would take the total spend to £19,377.00 as outlined in the table below.

Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR)	£2,400.00
Paisley West & Central Community Council	£1,900.00
Loud n Proud	£2,007.00
Environmental Training Team	£1,996.00
Renfrew Development Trust	£2,960.00
Kilbarchan Community Council	£2,180.00
I Am Me Project (Pending)	£2,000.00
Erskine Music & Media (Application Submitted)	£2,100.00
STAR Project (Application Submitted)	£1,834.00
Total	£19,377.00



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection relative to further proposed revisions to the Single Outcome Agreement which were detailed within the report. Discussion took place on the impact measure "% of the vehicle fleet which uses alternative fuels, such as electricity". The Board agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting relative to the wider use of electric vehicles by SPT.

CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN

C Thorpe gave a presentation relative to an update on the Carbon Management Plan. The presentation highlighted the drivers for the plan; outlined the aims, targets incentives, compliance and progress to date. Details of current projects and the benefits of creating a fuel supply chain were outlined.

GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP UPDATE ON PROGRESS

A report was submitted by the Greener Transport Sub-Group relative to the progress made by the Sub-Group in achieving the high level priorities of the Board.

SPOTLIGHT ON FORESTRY COMMISSION

A presentation was given by D Shannon relative to the work carried out by the Forestry Commission.

The presentation outlined the management structure of Forestry Commission Scotland and the area that it covered. The work being undertaken on the Forest Estate and the plans and strategies in place was high-lighted. Including The Blue Bell woods in Johnstone Castle, Linwood Moss at Linwood and Boden Bo at Erskine.

VACANT AND DERELICT LAND DATABASE

S Marklow gave a presentation on the Vacant and Derelict Land database which was developed in order to establish a completed GIS layer to put on Local View which high-lighted land identified for vacant, business and industrial use. Members were given a demonstration of the database and were advised that the database would be kept up-to date with vacant land that could be identified for stalled spaces.

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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Ian McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire
NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Jobs and Economy
DATE OF MEETING: Monday 16 November 2015
KEY POINTS: <p>Paisley First Business Improvement District (BID) presented to the Board work currently being done and the marketing strategy of the BID. The BID was informed of Living Streets work being led by Renfrewshire Access Panel to enhance the accessibility of streets and public spaces in Renfrewshire. A report on regeneration activity within Renfrewshire, including the Heritage Asset Strategy, City of Culture and City Deal was presented to the Board.</p> <p>Revised Single Outcome Agreement targets were agreed by the Board, due to the targets previously set being exceeded. The new targets reflect expected growth in passengers and services at Glasgow Airport and Gilmour Street train station.</p> <p>West Region Developing Young Workforce Group is being established as a result of recommendations of the Wood Group. A three year workplan has been funded by the Scottish Government. West College Scotland is host employer for West Region Developing Young Workforce Group. Regular updates will be submitted to the Jobs and Economy Board.</p> <p>New services from January 2016 to assist people 50+ back into work were presented to the Board. A 50+ champion will be appointed to promote the service.</p>
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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire
NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Joint Meeting of the Jobs and Economy and Children and Young People Board
DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday 17 November 2015
KEY POINTS: A report was presented on the Children and Young People Youth Engagement event that took place on 31 August 2015 at Gleniffer High. From this meeting, issues were identified and an action plan developed within two weeks of the meeting.
ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The Wood Commission Report, which has 39 recommendations, was presented to the Board. It was agreed that the Jobs and Economy Board and Children and Young People Board would develop a joint action regarding the 39 recommendations and would and would hold a joint meeting of the two Boards once per year. The first annual conference/workshop will be held early in 2016. A presentation was made on the West Region Developing Young Workforce Group (see update from the Jobs and Economy Board on 16 November). A report on School Leaver destinations was presented. The latest information on School Leaver destinations will be available from December 2015.
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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:

LYNN O'BRIEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, BARNARDOS

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 17 NOVEMBER, 2015

KEY POINTS:

Renfrewshire Carers Strategy 2013-2016

Update of the Renfrewshire Carers Strategy 2013-2016 was presented in relation to the young carers forum. The Renfrewshire Young Carers Strategy Group had been established to focus on the implementation of the actions from the Carers Strategy. Members from the Young Carer's Forum gave a presentation to highlight the issues for them currently and historically. The presentation was acknowledged. The work of the Carers Centre was also acknowledged by the Board. Members of the Board asked questions in relation to ease of access to support services. It was acknowledged that there had been improvements by all departments to improve support and information for Young Carers.

Children and Young People's Engagement Event

An action plan was presented which highlighted the key actions to improve the issues that young people had raised during the engagement event. The action plan report progress made on travel costs, access to Volunteering opportunities, leisure activities.

PERMANENCE AND CARE EXCELLENCE (PACE)

Dorothy Hawthorn presented a report on the good practice of the Team who are delivering positive outcomes for children and young people. Progress is being made in relation to this target area.



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<p>NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Alan McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire</p>
<p>NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board</p>
<p>DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday 9 December 2015</p>
<p>KEY POINTS:</p> <p>Revisions to the Single Outcome Agreement were presented to the Board for agreement. It was also agreed that, following publication of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the amended SOA would now be known as Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership will also be required to produce "locality plans" at a more local level for areas experiencing particular disadvantage.</p> <p>Progress on the impact measures that had an adverse variance of 10% (red alert) was reported. One of these indicators is the number of registered volunteers who have been placed and the significant efforts by Engage Renfrewshire to improve this indicator were set out. The Board will receive regular update reports on further progress.</p> <p>Community Planning Partnership members will be contacted by Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive's Service in order to develop revised community planning arrangements and a cohesive participation strategy in the context of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act.</p> <p>The Board received a spotlight report on Community Care, Health and Wellbeing, focused on enabling positive health choices and prevention of ill health. The Renfrewshire Community Justice Transitions Plan 2016/17 and the initial Open Data Strategy for Renfrewshire was also agreed.</p> <p>Alasdair McKinlay, Head of Community Planning and Empowerment Unit, Scottish Government, presented on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Issues regarding community ownership and participation were outlined and it was emphasised that Community Partnerships should act "as if the Guidance is in place".</p>
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