

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 21 April 2017	14:00	CMR 2, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM  
Head of Corporate Governance

### Membership

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, S MacDougall, J Cameron, J Lynch, C Thorpe, L Feely and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); ICunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; M Buckland, Forestry Commission Scotland; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; R Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; G Tarvit, Keep Scotland Beautiful; J Downie, Police Scotland; J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; M Maclaren, Scottish Water; K Boag, SEPA; J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; A Ritchie, West College Scotland; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

### Present

### In Attendance

### Chair

Councillor E Devine.

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## Items of business

### Apologies

Apologies from members.

### Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY PLANNING GOVERNANCE

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| <b>6</b> | <b>Community Planning Governance Arrangements</b>           |
|          | Discussion and workshop on the new governance arrangements. |



## Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 30 January 2017	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

### PRESENT

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, J Lynch, C Thorpe and L Feely (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; and A Ritchie, West College Scotland.

### CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

### IN ATTENDANCE

C Dunn and J Kaczmariski (both Keep Scotland Beautiful); and S Graham, K Dalrymple, C Grainger and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council).

### APOLOGIES

S Marklow, Development & Housing Services; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; and M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## 1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 7 November 2016.

**DECIDED:** That the Minute be noted.

## 2 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

**DECIDED:** That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

## 3 **CLIMATE CHANGE/SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACTION PLANS (SEAPS)**

A presentation was given by C Dunn and J Kaczmariski from Keep Scotland Beautiful in relation to Climate Change/Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the Sustainable Scotland Network; highlighted Renfrewshire Council's strengths; detailed the Climate Change Plan and the background of SEAPs; outlined the next steps in the process; indicated the baseline scenario and impact of policies and actions; discussed why Renfrewshire Council should pursue a SEAP; and outlined some regional case studies.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

## 4 **PHOTO VOLTAIC CARPORT RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE**

A presentation was given by C Thorpe, Corporate Energy & Asset Manager, Development & Housing Services, Renfrewshire Council in relation to a proposed Solar Carport project.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the project; detailed the proposed solar Carport project; highlighted examples of PV panels; and outlined details of the PV system and the possible annual savings.

**DECIDED:** That the presentation be noted.

## 5 **PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING 2015/16**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Council's requirement to prepare and submit an annual climate change report.

The report advised that during 2007, all 32 local authorities in Scotland had signed up to the Scotland's Climate Change Declaration. Signatories to the Declaration acknowledged the importance of climate change and were committed to mitigating their impact on climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions; taking steps to adapt to the

unavoidable impacts of a changing climate; and working in partnership with their communities to respond to climate change. The Declaration recognised that Scottish local authorities played a key role in helping to tackle the challenges of climate change through example and signatories had committed to preparing a voluntary annual report detailing progress in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

The Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015 had come into force during November, 2015. As a result all public bodies, classed as 'major players', required to submit a climate change report for 2015/16 and each year thereafter. A link to Renfrewshire's Council Public Sector Climate Change Duties 2015/16 annual report was included within the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## 6 COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Commissioning, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council relative to the proposed new Community Planning governance arrangements.

The report advised that following discussion with Conveners and Lead Officers of the Community Planning Thematic Boards and agreement by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board and Renfrewshire Council, community planning structures in Renfrewshire would be changed from the second quarter of 2017. The review of community planning arrangements recognised that much good work had been achieved through the community planning Boards since they were established in 2013. The purpose of the changes to the community planning structures was to build on existing strengths of the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership, take account of changes to the partnership landscape since 2013 and further strengthen and streamline community planning meeting arrangements. A report detailing the new governance arrangements had been agreed by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 7 December 2016 and was attached as an appendix.

The new arrangements would commence from May 2017, with an early focus on delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and associated Locality Plans by 1 October 2017. Engagement with communities on development of the LOIP/Locality Plans would take place in February/March and May/June 2017. The Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans would require to be signed off by all community planning partners by September 2017 prior to publication by 1 October 2017.

It was noted that the remaining meetings of the existing community planning Board structure would play a key role in shaping the priorities of the new LOIP and ensure that the positive elements of existing partnership working and delivery would transition effectively to the new working arrangements. In particular, the Greener Renfrewshire Board were asked to consider at its next meeting key questions which were detailed within the report.

The report intimated that Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board had been successful in developing shared leadership of the Greener agenda among partners and the contribution of the three sub-groups was recognised. It was envisaged that the work programme of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board would be mainstreamed across the work of the other groups in the structure.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the changes to the governance structure of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership and, in particular, the arrangements for mainstreaming the work of the Greener Renfrewshire Board and discontinuing the Board be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that board members participate in work which will take place during the first six months of 2017 to finalise details of the new arrangements and ensure an effective transition to new working arrangements for activity within the current Greener Renfrewshire Action Plan.

**7 SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S AIR QUALITY STRATEGY CLEANER AIR FOR SCOTLAND - THE ROAD TO A HEALTHIER FUTURE**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Scottish Government air quality strategy entitled Cleaner Air for Scotland – The Road to a Healthier Future (CAFS).

The report stated that the purpose of CAFS was to provide a national cross-government strategy which set out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations proposed to achieve further reductions in air pollution in order to fulfil Scotland's air quality responsibilities as soon as possible. The strategy outlined a series of actions across a range of policy areas and introduced a number of important initiatives. These included a National Modelling Framework intended to provide a standard air quality assessment methodology for use across Scotland; a National Low Emissions Framework which would assist local authorities in determining effective measures for addressing air quality issues within their areas; and a national air quality public awareness campaign. The key overall outcome to be achieved, by 2020, through implementation of the strategy, was full compliance with EU air quality legislation, together with significant progress towards revocation of all Scottish Air Quality Management Areas.

The majority of action measures would be implemented by the Scottish Government and partner organisations, however, there were actions that local authorities would be expected to deliver. These included the production of corporate travel plans which were consistent with air quality action plans and the encouragement of Freight Quality Partnerships. It was noted that a Renfrewshire-wide air quality action plan was currently being developed which would take into account actions for all three of Renfrewshire's Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's). The specific local authority actions detailed within CAFS would be considered in more detail during the Council's action planning process, would consider the Clean Air for Scotland strategy and outline how it would assist in delivering the aims and objectives of the strategy.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

**8 RENFREWSHIRE CYCLING STRATEGY 2016/2025**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy 2016/25.

The current local cycling policy position had evolved in response to the initial Cycling Strategy for Renfrewshire, produced in 2004, and the Renfrewshire Local Transport Strategy 2007, which had updated the cycling strategy objectives and aims as a

consequence of significant developments in both National Policy and various initiatives within the Council. In addition mention was made within the report of the increased focus on cycling within a national context, with national targets set for cycling and a Cycling Action Plan published, the Scottish Planning Policy, which strongly supported cycling, and the SPT Regional Transport Strategy 2014/17. It was also stated that the agreement of City Deal had been a step change for the partnership authorities and that the Renfrewshire projects included substantial elements of cycling infrastructure. Reference was also made to cycle routes which had been incrementally designed and constructed throughout Renfrewshire and included strategic routes.

Against this background, the proposed Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy 2016/25, the link to which was detailed in the report, reviewed the context and performance of cycling uptake and infrastructure, set objectives for moving forward and achieving 2020 targets and made a number of recommendations in respect of actions required to achieve a step change.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## **9 RENFREWSHIRE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to Renfrewshire Responsible Dog Ownership Strategy.

The proposed strategy, a copy of which was appended to the report, recognised that the significant majority of dog owners were responsible and that having a dog could be a hugely rewarding experience, but also recognised that owning a dog came with responsibilities. Across Scotland there continued to be a persistent minority of dog owners who adversely affected communities through their lack of control over their dogs' behaviour. As well as causing welfare issues for their pet, irresponsible dog owners allowed their dogs to cause a nuisance or even a danger to others.

A summary of the local and national landscape in terms of dog control issues was provided. Particular reference was made to the significant number of complaints received annually related to dog fouling and the significant work undertaken locally to tackle dog fouling and irresponsible dog ownership. The introduction of legislation during 2016 had provided an opportunity for a review of the Council's procedures in relation to dog controls. A key outcome of this review was the development of a strategy for promoting responsible dog ownership, which brought together successful elements, including education, communication and enforcement campaigns, into a single planned co-ordinated approach to promote and support responsible dog ownership in the area.

The proposed strategy focused on four priorities which had been highlighted following consultation, namely: (i) enhanced partnership working; (ii) promoting responsible behaviours; (iii) tackling persistent offenders and improved enforcement; and (iv) tackling out of control dogs and the delivery of a number of key outcomes. These key outcomes included increased awareness among dog owners and the general public regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership and control, reduction in the number of stray dogs or dogs under investigation that had not been micro-chipped, an increase in the number of dog owners who adhered to the responsible dog ownership pledge, an increase in the number of dogs in Council rented properties that had been microchipped, a reduction in the number of complaints regarding dog control issues, a reduction in the number of dog owners who failed to pick up after their dogs and an increase in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling. A copy of the proposed Responsible Dog

Ownership Pledge was attached to the report as Appendix 2.

Subject to approval it was proposed that the strategy be implemented throughout 2017 in three key phases, Phase 1: Initial Communications and Enforcement Activities, Phase 2: Partnership Engagements, and Phase 3: Targeted Campaigns and Enforcement. The strategy would be reviewed during December 2017 and March 2018 to determine the success of the approach and the key priorities for 2018/19.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

**10 SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY (SEPA): ONE PLANET PROSPERITY - OUR REGULATORY STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the regulatory strategy entitled “One Planet Prosperity – Our Regulatory Strategy” published by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). A copy of the strategy was appended to the report.

The strategy established a clear purpose for SEPA which sought to support and create both social and economic benefits for Scotland by devising and delivering environmental improvements. It was highlighted that this approach was a step change from SEPA’s previous focus, which had been purely on environmental issues. In addition it reflected the Scottish Government’s commitment to better regulation and was consistent with the approach adopted by the Council. The report outlined the principles and organisational objectives which SEPA were committing to with their regulatory strategy, together with the anticipated benefits for communities, businesses and stakeholders.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

**11 GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP MINUTE**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Transport Sub-Group which took place on 19 January 2017.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

**12 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE**





There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection which provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

# RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

## GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

### ROLLING ACTION LOG

KEY	
	Action is on track
	Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed.
	Action required to bring up to satisfactory level
	Past deadline date and action required.

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
GR.17.12.14(6) – Building Greener/Safer Communities	(a) Relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership to work up proposed options for submission to the National programme; and (b) Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.			Future meeting		<u>GR.05.03.15(5)</u> Progress update noted.  <u>GR.01.02.16(6) – Multi-Agency Approach</u> Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.
GR.01.02.16(3)	<u>Active Travel Plans Across Renfrewshire</u> Agreed that this action be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group with resource implications also to be explored with the Chief Executive's Service.					<u>GR.15.08.16(5b) – Low Carbon Travel &amp; Transport Challenge Fund</u> Progress Report to be submitted to a future meeting  <u>GR.07.11.16(5b) – Low Carbon Travel &amp; Transport Hubs Funding</u> Presentation given and information noted, A further report to be submitted advising of progress at a future board.
GR.01.02.16(5)	<u>Renfrewshire's Local Air Quality Management 2015 - Updating And Screening Assessment And Detailed Assessments For Johnstone, Renfrew And Montgomery Road, Paisley</u> That a further report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board incorporating comments from the Environment Policy Board.	Lead Officer				<u>GR.15.08.16(10)</u> A further report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board with more details on the programme, should the application for Pre-Application Support Funding be successful.  <u>GR 30.01.17(7)</u> The Board noted the contents of the report on the Scottish Government's Air Quality Strategy Cleaner Air for Scotland - the Road to a Healthier Future which was approved by Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board In November 2016.
GR.01.04.16(4)	<u>Streets For All: Street Audit For Moss Street, Paisley to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley</u> Appropriate officers of Renfrewshire Council to be contacted to discuss in detail with Renfrewshire Access Panel the findings of the report and the potential solutions suggested by UWS students in order to agree a set of design principles to promote accessibility.	Lead Officer/ SG		Future meeting		<u>GR 30.01.17(2)</u> It was noted that this would be carried over in to the new structure.

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
GR.30.01.17(6)	<u>Community Planning Governance Arrangements</u> Members will participate in work which will take place during the first six months of 2017 to finalise details of the new arrangements and ensure an effective transition to new working arrangements for activity within the current Greener Renfrewshire Action Plan	Lead Officer/ SG				

**To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

**On: 21 APRIL 2017**

**Report by:**

Oliver Reid, Lead Officer,  
Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  
**LOW CARBON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT CHALLENGE FUND**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 In September 2016 the Transport Policy Directorate of Transport Scotland awarded Renfrewshire Council £10,000 to study the feasibility of a network of active travel hubs throughout Renfrewshire. These would act as employment and recreational trip attractors. The resultant report was to be used to support a potential bid to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund for 40% capital match funding.
- 1.2 Renfrewshire Council used the funding awarded to employ Sweco to undertake a feasibility study into the potential of the project which was completed at the end of January 2017. Sweco recommended a central hub be located in a vacant unit beneath Paisley Gilmour Street Rail Station with two satellite hubs at Braehead and Glasgow Airport. A capital cost of £243,000 was identified and a revenue operating cost of £179,800, per year amounting to a total revenue cost of £889,000 over 5 years.
- 1.3 In an attempt to meet the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund's minimum project value of £500,000, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Strathclyde University and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, each offered to combine their proposed applications with Renfrewshire Council's. Renfrewshire Council gained agreement from Transport Scotland that its City Deal investment in cycle routes would be eligible for its proposed 60% match funding. However, ultimately the project failed to obtain sufficient capital commitment from the other major partners to meet the minimum project value.



- 1.4 As a result the proposal project does not meet the eligibility thresholds for ERDF funding and cannot be submitted as an ERDF application at this time.
- 1.5 However, the project still has potential and could possibly be taken forward at lower cost. Some of the partners wish to continue and officers will continue to work up the project on this basis and continue to explore funding options for a smaller project which would include all of the key elements and benefits of the original.
- 1.6 In addition Transport Scotland have been informed of the progress made to date and advised that should project funding become available for lower cost projects the Council and its partners would be in a strong position to be able to submit an application.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
  - a) Note the award of pre-application support funding for the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund and the subsequent completion of the funded feasibility report by SWECO.
  - b) Note that Renfrewshire Council has been unable to submit the joint application for LCTT Challenge Funding on behalf of Renfrewshire Council, NHS Glasgow and Clyde Valley, Strathclyde University and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.
  - c) Note the proposal to investigate taking forward the project at lower cost.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Transport Scotland was awarded up to £25m under the European Regional Development fund (ERDF) 2014-2020 programme, namely the Low Carbon Travel and Transport (LCTT) Challenge Fund, to deliver projects relating to low carbon travel and transport hubs. These hubs can take the form of:
  - active Travel Hubs - these will provide focal points for cycling and walking routes;
  - low Carbon Transport hubs - providing refuelling facilities for a range of alternative fuels and transport modes; or
  - a combined hub(s) covering both of the above activities.



- 3.2 To assist in the development of bids to the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund, a pre-application support fund was opened for applications, offering funding of up to £10,000 to assist organisations in carrying out scoping or feasibility studies and associated activities. The Greener Transport Sub-Group completed an application for this funding which outlined plans for the creation of a Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub in Renfrewshire. Subsequently £10,000 was awarded to Renfrewshire Council on behalf of the Greener Transport Sub-Group and the consultant Sweco was appointed to undertake a feasibility study.
- 3.3 Following the study, Sweco recommended a central hub be located in a vacant unit beneath Paisley Gilmour Street Rail Station and two satellite hubs be located at Braehead and Glasgow Airport at a capital cost of £243,000. Annual revenue operating costs would amount to £179,800 giving a total revenue operating cost of £889,000 over 5 years.
- 3.4 The Low Carbon Travel and Transport fund had a minimum project value of £500,000, and through the Greener Transport Sub-Group, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Strathclyde University and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, each offered to combine their applications with Renfrewshire Council's to meet this scale of project. Renfrewshire Council gained agreement from Transport Scotland that its proposed 60% match funding could be met through its City Deal investment in cycle routes. However, the project ultimately failed to obtain sufficient capital commitment from the other major partners to meet the minimum project value and they had to withdraw.
- 3.5 However, the project still has potential and could possibly be taken forward at lower cost. Some of the partners wish to continue and officers will continue to work up the project on this basis and continue to explore funding options for a smaller project which would include all of the key elements and benefits of the original.
- 3.6 Early discussions with Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and third sector operators such as Bike Station and LEAP have suggested that a solution to the revenue funding gap could be found. In addition, a recent statement from Transport Scotland that 'Smarter Choices Smarter Places' funding can be used for this purpose, has provided an additional projected revenue solution, albeit this fund is awarded annually and is not guaranteed from one year to the next.

#### **4. Project Aims**

- 4.1 Transport Scotland aims to deliver a Low Carbon Travel and Transport programme which consists of the following three operations:



- Active Travel Hubs - active travel hubs will provide focal points for cycling and walking routes. The specifics of each Hub will be tailored to the location and based upon need but will typically include bike library initiatives/bike hire, safe and secure facilities for personal bikes, bike repair/maintenance facilities, improved links to public transport, local path networks, travel information and associated outreach activity;
- Low Carbon Transport hubs will provide refuelling facilities for a range of alternative fuels and transport modes. It is envisaged that the locations and composition of these hubs will be determined by local circumstances and demand but typically are likely to include a mixture of low carbon vehicle refuelling infrastructure, such as electric vehicle charging points, hydrogen refuelling stations and gas refuelling facilities;
- National Smart Integrated Ticketing Scheme - the aim is to create a strategic and holistic approach to a National Smart Transport Card system acting as a catalyst for increased public transport use, resulting in a reduction in emissions and congestion from road transport.

4.2 The overall Low Carbon Travel and Transport programme, aims by 2023 to:

- create 20 Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hubs;
- construct up to 100 km of cycle networks or walking paths;
- create a National Smart Ticketing Scheme; and
- increase the number of ultra low emissions vehicle (ULEV) registrations in Scotland by 200.

Of which, Phase One of the Low Carbon Travel and Transport programme aims by the end of 2018 to:

- create 6 Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hubs;
- construct up to 53 km of cycle networks or walking paths; and
- increase the number of Ultra Low Emission Vehicle registrations in Scotland by 50.

These outcomes will go towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport and improving air quality.

4.3 The Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund is a capital fund and applicants can bid for up to 40% of the eligible costs of the project. Applicants must find 60% match-funding for delivery of projects. Match-funding cannot come from any other European funding source. Private sector organisations are welcomed as part of consortium bids but private sector funding is not acceptable as match funding in this phase of the programme.

## 5. Community Involvement/Engagement

5.1 The Greener Transport Sub-Group held a workshop at Glasgow Airport, together with a number of additional parties, to generate ideas of what a Low Carbon



Travel and Transport Hub could look like in Renfrewshire. Suggestions and ideas from this workshop were collated and were incorporated into the pre-application funding application.

5.2 The Greener Transport Sub-Group of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board has membership from across the Community Planning Partnership as well as a number of private sector organisations. This membership has been extended for the purposes of the working group for the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub and includes the following organisations:

- Glasgow Airport
- SPT
- West College Scotland
- Sustrans
- NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- University of West of Scotland
- Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)
- University of Strathclyde (Inchinnan campus)
- INTU Braehead
- Hillington Park
- Scotrail (Abellio)
- Westway
- Renfrewshire Leisure Limited
- Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park
- Representatives from various service areas across Renfrewshire Council

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**To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

**On: 21 APRIL 2017**

**Report by:**

Oliver Reid, Lead Officer,  
Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council  
**STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND**

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Stalled Spaces Scotland: Renfrewshire programme. In Phase 1 of the programme a budget of £20,000 was allocated to the programme, this comprised of £10,000 from Architecture and Design Scotland, match funded by Renfrewshire Council. Across Renfrewshire, nine projects were funded covering: growing and planting; live music; art and filming.
- 1.2 In August 2016 Architecture and Design Scotland provided a further allocation of £9,060 for a Phase 2 programme. No match funding was required and three project were allocated funded to develop further projects.
- 1.3 Architecture and Design Scotland are seeking to hold a learning event in May, 2017 and are looking to hold the event in Paisley. The event will explore learning experiences from the Stalled Spaces programme across Scotland.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
  - a) note the update position of Phase 1 & 2 of Renfrewshire's Stalled Spaces Programme;
  - b) note Architecture and Design Scotland's proposal to hold a Scottish Stalled Spaces learning event in Paisley and the ongoing discussions with Engage Renfrewshire on proposed arrangements.

## **3. Background**



- 3.1 In Phase 1 of the programme, Community groups were invited to apply for grants of between £250 - £5,000. The purpose of the programme was to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the wider Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based and applications were approved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities sub-group.
- 3.2 The application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix were made available on the Renfrewshire 2023 website ([www.renfrewshire2023.com](http://www.renfrewshire2023.com)). A scoring matrix was used by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to assess each application.
- 3.3 A total of nine projects were funded through the Stalled Spaces programme covering a wide range of communities, community groups and different age groups. Details of the projects are shown in the table below:

Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire	Development of disused site next to ROAR's premises
Paisley West & Central Community Council	Improve and clear two derelict sites in the West End of Paisley
Loud n Proud	Series of music events on unused ground near Sma' Shot Cottages in Paisley
Environmental Training Team	Revamp Alexander Wilson Park and install benches etc at site at St James' Street Paisley
I Am Me	Film making at derelict Coats site in Johnstone
Renfrew Development Trust	Artwork created on disused toilet block in Renfrew
Kilbarchan Community Council	Creation of a community garden at the old petrol station, Cartside Terrace, Kilbarchan
Erskine Music and Media	Pop up arena to host music events in the Erskine area
Star Project	Art work at the old St Mirren site in Paisley

- 3.4 Post-project Evaluation forms are now being completed for each of the nine Phase 1 projects. This will feed into Architecture and Design Scotland's final programme reporting.
- 3.5 Architecture and Design Scotland are also planning to carry out an external evaluation review of the programme. It is likely that the evaluation process will involve interviews with some of the Local Authority officers and partners who were involved in delivering the programme.



#### **4. Stalled Spaces Phase 2**

- 4.1 In August 2016, Architecture and Design Scotland advised that additional funding for the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme had been released with around £10,000 available for projects in Renfrewshire. Architecture and Design Scotland requested that details of applications for this additional funding be submitted to them by early October.
- 4.2 Information on this additional funding was shared with community groups across Renfrewshire and notes of interest were received from a number of organisations.
- 4.3 Three applications were ultimately submitted to Architecture and Design Scotland for approval. They were:

Applicant	Project	Funding Requested
Kilbarchan Community Council	2nd phase of the community garden at the disused petrol station	£2,900
Paisley West & Central Community Council/West End Growing Grounds Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of the Brown Street/Sutherland Street and Underwood Land projects	£1,160
Paisley West & Central Community Council/West End Growing Grounds Association	Creation of community garden at Carbrook Street, Paisley	£5,000

- 4.4 Funding has now been distributed to the three applicant organisations. Work is scheduled to complete within 3 months. Post-project Evaluation forms will be required to be completed for the three projects and will feed into the final Architecture and Design Scotland programme reporting.

#### **5. Stalled Spaces Planning and Learning Event**

- 5.1 Architecture and Design Scotland have indicated that they will be holding a planning and learning event for Stalled Spaces in May this year. As a result of the very successful Renfrewshire Stalled Spaces programme they have proposed that the event takes place in Paisley.
- 5.2 This event will bring together a range of people from the Scottish Government, Local Authorities and community organisations to explore learning from the



Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. It will also focus on ways in which this might impact on future activity.

- 5.3 Renfrewshire Council and Engage Renfrewshire are currently in discussion with Architecture and Design Scotland on the possibility of holding the event in Paisley. Architecture and Design Scotland has indicated a desire to make connections with Paisley's 2021 City of Culture bid as part of the learning event.

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