

To: **Forum for Empowering Communities Group**

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Report by:
Director of Finance & Resources

**TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE
FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES GROUP TO JUNE 2018**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to submit for consideration the proposed calendar of meeting dates for the Forum for Empowering Communities Group for the period to June 2018.

2. Recommendations

- (a) That it be agreed that the meeting on Wednesday 20 September 2017 commence at 2pm instead of 4pm, with a review of this arrangement to be undertaken for future meetings; and
- (b) That the timetable of meetings to June 2018 as indicated within the report be agreed.

3. Background

- 3.1 At the Council meeting held on 15 December 2016, Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership revised its governance arrangements in order to reflect the requirements of the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 and changes that had emerged over the last three years to partnership working structures in Renfrewshire.



- 3.2 Under the new arrangements, the new community planning groups were amended to incorporate existing and emerging partnership arrangements where appropriate, thereby providing greater strategic focus and reduce duplication, recognising that some groups would maintain their own independent status outwith the formal community planning structure.
- 3.3 The Forum for Empowering Communities Group was given an enhanced role to maximise opportunities for engaging with communities emerging from the Community Empowerment Act 2015 and to ensure that the third sector and communities had a voice and would influence in shaping partnership decisions and activity.
- 3.4 A workshop was held on 15 March 2017 to discuss the changes to the community planning structures; shape the priorities of the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan; and to ensure that the positive elements of existing partnership working and delivery transitioned effectively to the new working arrangements.

As a result of the workshop and discussions it was agreed that the frequency of the meetings be reduced from 5 meetings per year to 4 meetings per year and it is proposed to trial a change of time to the meeting to commence at 2pm instead of 4pm on Wednesday 20 September 2017, with a review of this arrangement to be undertaken for future meetings.

- 3.5 The proposed dates and times are as follows:-
- Wednesday 20 September 2017 - 2pm at Engage Renfrewshire.
 - Wednesday 13 December 2017 - time to be agreed, at Engage Renfrewshire
 - Wednesday 21 March 2018 - time to be agreed, at Engage Renfrewshire
 - Wednesday 27 June 2018 - time to be agreed, at Engage Renfrewshire
- 3.6 The timetable takes account of all standard meetings of the Forum for Empowering Communities Group but does not take into account any ad-hoc meetings which might be held as and when necessary.

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