



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

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**Report by:
Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire**

Membership of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities has operated productively to date with its original membership, supplemented by members co-opted on to the Forum to address specific issues.
- 1.2 It is now appropriate that the Forum seeks to widen its membership to ensure that there continues to be to be good representation at meetings and to enable some additional third sector organisations to participate in the Forum as appropriate, in accordance with emerging guidance from the Community Empowerment Act
- 1.3 In addition, it is proposed that arrangements be put in place to enable substitutes to attend in place of Members of the Forum in the event that they are unavailable.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Forum:
 - a) Agrees to extend an invitation to join Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities to additional third sector organisations that have the capacity to contribute across the range of issues that the Forum addresses.
 - b) Agrees that Forum members nominate a substitute from their organisation to attend meetings in the event that they are unable to attend personally.
 - c) Agrees that the Chair of the Forum write to appropriate organisations to invite them to join Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering reviewed its role, remit and membership in 2015. It was agreed that existing members of the Forum would continue to participate.
- 3.2 The Community Empowerment Act 2015 will encourage organisations to participate in community planning partnerships. With this in mind, it is appropriate for the Forum to consider widening the membership of the group. This will also assist with the issue of continuing to achieve a sustainable number of members attending each meeting of the Forum.

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