



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland. It takes account of the emerging work streams and actions identified by the Board.
- 1.2 A similar update will be provided for each Board to stimulate awareness and decisions about the wider Greener theme and agenda. If any Board member has any information they would like included and circulated in future issues of the update, please forward to the report author.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 In order to provide the Board members with support, policy advice and consistency of approach, this report explores communication received from the Scottish Government and other statutory bodies, good practice examples from other local authorities as well as national and local initiatives and projects. Where available, a local view has also been provided on the topic.
- 3.2 An area to be noted, in particular is the revisiting, remapping and documenting of all 106 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) within Renfrewshire Council. This is being done to check that they have retained their wildlife interest, as part of the statutory Biodiversity Duty.



4. Resources

- 4.1 Information on funding streams which have been identified and which Community Planning Partners can apply for in relation to the Greener agenda are included in the appendices of this report.

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Appendix 1

Good Practice Examples

LEAP (Local Environmental Action Plan)

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ReMode is based in Lochwinnoch village, Renfrewshire and is run by and for young people, learning how to; mend, upcycle and redesign clothes. ReMode is part of the YEP! Project (Youth Engagement Programme) and also runs bike maintenance workshops. Through this LEAP hope to demonstrate a circular economy – encouraging a culture of reuse and repair rather than a ‘make it, use it & chuck it’ one. LEAP was awarded a Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) grant of £61,036 in March 2016 to run the YEP! Project which is one of 70 currently funded CCF projects that involve reducing, reusing or recycling of waste.

Greenspace Scotland

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Ordnance Survey and the Scottish Government released an update on the project which will ultimately make it easier for people to find and access every green corner of our neighbourhoods, towns and cities.

Building on the 2011 Scottish Greenspace Map the new OS dataset will provide a comprehensive view of location, extent and type of recreational spaces across Scotland.

The project will deliver two detailed datasets, both an open data and premium version. The open data version will be available to download and will also be accessible to view via the popular OS Maps app from Ordnance Survey. The premium version will provide more detailed information to support work by public sector partners and academics on greenspace planning, management, policy and research. This dataset will be available as Open Data and via the OS Maps app from March 2017.



Renfrewshire Council

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Over the years Renfrewshire Council has identified a number of sites it recognises as being a local significance for biodiversity – known as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation or SINC's for short. As part of the response to its statutory Biodiversity Duty, the Council has started to revisit and resurvey these areas, to check that they have retained their wildlife interest, that the mapped boundaries are accurate and to ensure that the ecological information held is up to date.

There are currently 106 SINC's in Renfrewshire. Revisiting, remapping and documenting all these sites will take some time and the Council wants to boost its efforts by collecting information from local people about wildlife sites which are important to them and also to involve people in visiting sites to collect wildlife information. If you are interested in helping with this task, please contact the Placemaking Team at 0141 618 7837

Sustrans

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Sustrans have published their Greenway management handbook - the UK's first ever guide on how to manage traffic free cycle and walking routes or 'greenways' for both people and wildlife.

The handbook is based on 20 years of experience managing the National Cycle Network and provides an introduction to maintaining hard and soft infrastructure along greenways, with advice about to improve the management of routes to create wildlife corridors too.

The guide is for local authorities, professional land managers, volunteers and anyone who manages linear land, including cycle paths, bridleways, towpaths, disused railway corridors and forest roads.

The guide contains practical advice and examples of best practice on topics from the management of invasive plant species to how to encourage bees and butterflies to colonise grassland.



Appendix 2

Funding Opportunities

Climate Challenge Fund

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Development Grants are available from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund to help community-led organisations develop an application for future climate action funding or to support peer-to-peer learning activities that build their capacity to tackle climate change. Development Grants of up to £1,500 are available now. Scottish based community-led organisations are eligible to apply.

The four criteria for meeting the status of community-led organisation must be:

- Scottish based
- Led by the community
- Operating on a not for profit basis, and
- Legally constituted (by the time of being awarded funding, if not at the time of application).

Grants will be considered on a monthly basis with 2016 deadlines outlined below.

Deadline for submission	Grants considered
12 September	23 September
7 October	21 October
11 November	25 November
2 December	16 December

Resource Efficient Scotland

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Resource Efficient Scotland has published a webpage specifically dedicated to sources of funding for both public sector and private sector organisations. Types of funding include:

- Green Deal which is an innovative financing mechanism that allows organisations and individuals to pay for energy efficiency improvements to their building through savings on energy bills.
- Low Carbon Transport Loan helps meet the costs of a wide range of measures that help lower the carbon footprints of transport and travel, such as; video and teleconference facilities; cycle facilities, including bicycles, storage racks and lockers; and fleet management software.



In order to secure funding, a business case must be created to support the proposed investment decision.

Resource Efficient Scotland has produced guides and templates to help create a successful business case. More information can be found on their website:

<http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/funding>.