

**To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership**

**On: 28 November 2023**

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

**TITLE:**  
**Johnstone & Linwood Local Priorities**

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership agreed a set of local priorities in 2019 and reassessed these in winter 2020/21 in the context of research on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on communities within Renfrewshire. The current priorities are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 The intention behind each Local Partnerships was to provide a focus for development and a framework to assist award decisions on grant applications.
- 1.3 As it is now three years since the priorities were considered, members of Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership are invited to discuss their continued relevance to the area and any amendments required. It is intended to discuss the local priorities at the November 2023 meeting and the first meeting of 2024, in order to ensure that members of the Local Partnership are satisfied with the relevance of priorities in advance of the 2024/25 award decisions.
- 1.4 Key questions for the members of the Local Partnership are:
  - Considering each of the current priorities, which of these should be retained and should any be discontinued?
  - For each current local priority being retained, do any amendments need to be made to refocus or refine these further?
  - Are there any new priorities that should be added?

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Local Partnership members discuss the local priorities for Johnstone and Linwood with a view to agreeing these in advance of 2024/25 funding decisions.



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### **Key theme: Focus on young people**

The Local Partnership are particularly keen to see a focus on how young people can be engaged and involved in work around the Local Priorities.

### **Taking pride in the look and feel of our towns**

The Local Partnership want people in Johnstone and Linwood to take pride in the look and feel of their towns and their heritage, with vibrant and well-used town squares, fewer derelict buildings, and making sure the streets are clean.

### **What's on in Johnstone and Linwood**

The Local Partnership want to explore how people know what's going on across Johnstone and Linwood. They also want to see community spaces and community events which are safe and affordable, particularly in community halls and hubs.

### **Roads and transport**

The Local Partnership want to address a range of issues related to roads and transport, including congestion, speed, parking and public transport connections.

### **Community safety**

The Local Partnership want to see safe spaces, both safe from crime but also safe physical environments. They also want to look at how they can, along with other community leaders, promote the reporting of crime and anti-social behaviour.