

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Local Partnership - Renfrew

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 11 February 2021	18:00	Remotely via Teams,

### Membership

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families): Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Thomas Johnston (Renfrew Football Club): Karen MacCrimmon (Friends of Knockhill Park); Ramsay MacLennan (30 Acres): Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Jim Paterson: Moira Searl (Renfrew Community Council): Roberta Robertson (Renfrew Development Trust): Councillor Jane Strang:

Councillor John Shaw (Chair), Samantha Gillan (Vice Chair), Renfrew YMCA.

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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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| <b>1</b> | <b>Minute of Previous Meeting</b>   | <b>1 - 4</b>   |
|          | Minute of meeting of Renfrew Local Partnership held on 24 November 2020.              |                |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Budget Monitoring Report</b>   | <b>5 - 18</b>  |
|          | Report by Chief Executive.  |                |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Covid-19: Impact on Communities</b>  | <b>19 - 40</b> |
|          | Presentation by Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager and Partnership Manager. |                |



## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership – Renfrew

Tuesday, 24 November 2020	18:00	Teams Meeting

### Present

Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Jim Paterson:  
Councillor John Shaw: Councillor Jane Strang.

### Chair

Councillor John Shaw, Chair, presided.

### In Attendance

A McArthur, Head of Finance (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnerships Planning & Development Manager and C Tolan, Senior Planning & Policy Development Officer (both Chief Executive's); and C MacDonald and T Slater, both Senior Committee Services Officers (both Finance & Resources).

### Also in Attendance

K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire); K McGee (Police Scotland) and D Cuthbertson (Renfrewshire Leisure).

### Apologies

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families): Samantha Gillan (Renfrew YMCA): Councillor Cathy McEwan: Karen MacCrimmon (Friends of Knockhill Park) Councillor Edward Grady.

### Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

## **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 Local Partnership held on 23 September 2020.

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

## **2 Applications For Local Partnership Funding For Renfrew 20/21**

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of meeting of this Local Partnership held on 24 November 2020 there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council relative to applications for Local Partnership Funding for Renfrew 2020/21.

The report advised that two applications had been deferred from the previous meeting and two further funding applications had been received and submitted for consideration.

The available allocation for Renfrew Local Partnership was £107,813, made up of £40,453 from the General Fund and £67,360 from the Common Good Fund. If all funding allocated at the September meeting was claimed, there would remain £33,035 in the Common Good Fund and £4,141 in the General Fund for further allocation. The Youth Challenge Fund component of Renfrew Local Partnership Funding was £18,657 which was being allocated by young people through a Participatory Budgeting process which was currently underway.

FR1126 - Home Start – declined

FR1127 – Playbus – declined

FR1222 - Arkleston & Newmains Community Centre – awarded £11,000

FR1221 – Renfrew YMCA – awarded £10,000.

**DECIDED:** That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above.

## **3 Fulbar Avenue and Craigielea Road Underpass Mural Project**

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of meeting of this Local Partnership held on 6 November 2019 there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Fulbar Avenue and Craigielea Road underpass mural project.

The report advised that at the meeting of the Renfrew Local Partnership held on 6 November 2019 it had been agreed that £10,000 be allocated from the Common Good Fund to complete a mural project on the underpass between Fulbar Avenue and Craigielea Road.

The report advised that the project would be led by a local youth group and involve pupils from the two local primary schools and a professional artist.

The report proposed that an additional £2,620 be allocated from the Common Good Fund to this project to cover the involvement of all four primary schools through a programme of development sessions with local children and professional artist's fees.

**DECIDED:** That it be agreed that Renfrew Local Partnership award a further £2,620 from Renfrew Common Good fund to support the increased scope of this project

#### **4 Budget Monitoring Report**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Renfrew Local Partnership budget for 2020/21.

The report advised that Renfrew Local Partnership provided funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding was allocated from the General Grant Fund, the Renfrew Common Good Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund. An Appendix to the report detailed the funds allocated by Renfrew Local Partnership at the meeting which was held on 23 September 2020.

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

#### **5 Date of Next Meeting**

**DECIDED:** That it be noted that the next meeting of the Renfrew Local Partnership would take place on 19 January 2021.





**To: Renfrew Local Partnership**

**On: 11 February 2021**

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

**TITLE:**  
**Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report**

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 Renfrew Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Renfrew Local Partnership at its meeting on 23 September 2020 is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 The outcome of the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise for Renfrew Local Partnership is also attached. The purpose of the Youth Challenge Fund is to fund projects to benefit young people aged 12-25. The Youth Challenge Fund was renamed as "Celebrating Renfrewshire: By young people, for young people" by the youth steering group, and has a value of £18,657 in the Renfrew Local Partnership area.
- 1.4 The Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise was carried out in a virtual format in 2020, as a result of coronavirus pandemic.
- 1.5 The project was co-produced by young people, supported by Renfrewshire Youth Voice, Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools and Young Scot.
- 1.6 Voting took place between 12 October and 6 November 2020 with the award announcement taking place in an online event on Friday 13 November.
- 1.7 341 young people voted in the Renfrew area, casting three votes each for different projects, resulting in 1,023 votes in total. Eleven projects were funded, which fully allocated the Renfrew Youth Challenge budget of £18,657.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report and allocation of Celebrating Renfrewshire funding be noted.

				<b>Funds</b>	
ORGANISATION	Grant Ref	Budget	Funds Applied For	Awarded	Over / Under Cttd
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>					
<b><u>Budget 20-21</u></b>		<b>£40,453.00</b>			
Allowance for 7 community members				£350.00	
Renfrew over 50s swim club	FR1066		£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
Renfrew accordion and fiddle club	FR1075		£440.00	£440.00	
Renfrewshire Walking network	FR1095		£500.00	£500.00	
Our Place Our Families	FR1103		£8,950.00	£8,950.00	
Boys Brigade Paisley & District	FR1111		£250.00	£250.00	
Renfrewshire Toy Bank	FR1128		£1,214.00	£1,214.00	
Arkleston & Newmains over 60s	FR1134		£1,200.00	£1,200.00	
C-Change Scotland	FR1144		£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
Friends of Knockhill park	FR1151		£10,000.00	£10,000.00	
RAMH	FR1156		£2,311.00	£2,311.00	
Renfrewshire Access Panel	FR1172		£2,239.32	£2,239.32	
Renfrew Assoc of Growers & Gardeners	FR1201		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
Shopmobility Paisley & District	FR1212		£1,358.00	£1,358.00	
Paisley & District U3A	FR1215		£500.00	£500.00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£40,453.00</b>	<b>£35,962.32</b>	<b>£36,312.32</b>	<b>£4,140.68</b>
<b><u>Renfrew Common Good</u></b>					



<b>Budget 2020-21</b>		<b>£67,360.00</b>			
Renfrew YMCA	FR1220		£13,325.00	£13,325.00	
Renfrew YMCA	FR1221				
Arkleston Primary School				£3,500.00	
Newmains Primary School				£3,500.00	
St James Primary School				£3,500.00	
Kirklandneuk Primary School				£3,500.00	
Renfrew High School				£3,500.00	
Trinity High School				£3,500.00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£67,360.00</b>	<b>£13,325.00</b>	<b>£34,325.00</b>	<b>£33,035.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£107,813.00</b>	<b>£49,287.32</b>	<b>£70,637.32</b>	<b>£37,175.68</b>
				<b>Funds</b>	
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Grant Ref</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funds Applied For</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Over / Under Cttd</b>
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>Celebrating Renfrewshire Budget 20-21</u></b>		<b>£18,657.00</b>			
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	CE1001			£1,800.00	
Loud and Proud	CE1014			£2,000.00	
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	CE1016			£2,000.00	
Paisley Pirates Supporters	CE1021			£1,371.00	
Lamont Farm Project	CE1023			£2,000.00	
St Mirren Youth Football Club	CE1029			£2,000.00	
Renfrew High Sports Leaders	CE1031			£2,000.00	
Always Included	CE1036			£2,000.00	
Renfrewshire Carers	CE1037			£1,886.00	
Trinity High School Leaders	CE1038			£850.00	
Rainbow Turtle	CE1049			£750.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£18,657.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£18,657.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>



# Celebrating Renfrewshire Participatory Budgeting Results October 2020

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## Introduction

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Renfrewshire Council commissioned Young Scot to manage an online vote for a participatory budgeting exercise taking place in October 2020. This was branded as the 'Celebrating Renfrewshire' event.

Young Scot Supported the vote in two ways. Firstly, a campaign was created at the Young Scot website, [young.scot](http://young.scot). This campaign allowed young people to check out the projects before the vote went live and also allowed the projects themselves to check the information that they had supplied. After the vote is complete we will change the campaign page to reflect the winning projects.

Secondly, voting took place online using the Young Scot online voting platform. Young people were able to vote using a valid Young Scot card issued in Renfrewshire or by using one of 50,000 temporary numbers that were issued to Renfrewshire Council staff. The vote was open to all young people aged 12-25 in the area. We know that the vast majority of young people in the area have been issued with a Young Scot card. Renfrewshire Council staff handled the issuing of temporary numbers with a robust process to ensure that young people were not issued with more than one number.

Voting took place from Midday on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 until 17:00 on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. This was during the global COVID-19 pandemic, which meant that all promotion of the vote was online rather than face to face

One vote was held with seven geographic areas as constituencies. Young people logged into the system using their Young Scot card number or a temporary number issued by Renfrewshire Council staff. Young people then had to choose one of the seven geographic constituencies based on the Local Partnership Boundaries within Renfrewshire. Each card number or temporary number allowed that young person to vote in any one, but only one constituency. Young people were then presented with between 5 and 24 projects to choose from. Voters had to use 3 equal votes, with only one vote being allocated to any one project. This gave a first past the post result.

Voting could be carried out using a computer, phone or other internet device. Renfrewshire Youth Services promoted the vote by visiting schools and youth groups around the area.

## Voting summary:

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**1721** individual young people voted in total

**5163** choices were made in total – (exactly 3 choices per person)

There were **43** spoiled votes\*

## Results

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The results of the seven areas are as follows:

## Paisley North, West and Central

**421** valid votes, with **1263** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Requested	Rank	votes	Awarded
Pachedu	2,000	1	171	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	164	1500
Loud n Proud	2,000	3	163	2000
Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	1,686	4	110	1685.82
Own Yer Bike	1,982	5	80	1982.28
Darkwood Crew - Helping Ferguslie FlourishVillage Green Mural Projec	2,000	6	64	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	7	62	2000
Cameron Dance Group	1,000	8	54	1000
Pals of the privies (SCIO)	2,000	9	48	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	10	46	1886
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	11	40	2000
Right2dance	1,980	12	39	1078.9
Blue Triangle Housing Association Covid 19 and Mental Health	384	13	31	0
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	14	30	0
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	15	27	0
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	16	24	0
Paisley Barbell	2,000	17	22	0
CREATE Paisley	1,905	18	17	0
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	18	17	0
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2,000	20	16	0
CREATE Paisley The Event Team-	2,000	21	11	0
Renfrew Rocks	2,000	22	10	0
CREATE Paisley	2,000	23	9	0
Afroscots United Fc	2,000	24	8	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,823</b>		<b>1,263</b>	<b>21,133</b>

**341** valid votes, with **1023** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	1800	1	199	1800
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	2	134	2000
Renfrew High Sports Leaders	2000	3	121	2000
Trinity High School	850	4	113	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	5	64	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	6	63	2000
Rainbow Turtle	750	7	49	750
Always included	2000	8	48	2000
Loud n Proud	2000	9	47	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	10	46	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2000	11	42	1371
I Am Me Scotland	2000	12	38	0
Renfrew Rocks	2000	13	34	0
Afroscots United Fc	2000	14	25	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25286</b>		<b>1023</b>	<b>18657</b>

## Johnstone and Linwood

**251** valid votes, with **753** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Pachedu	2000	1	127	2000
Paisley YMCA	1500	2	114	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1886	3	79	1886
YOUTH INTERVENTIONS SC046578	2000	4	75	2000
Active Communities	2000	5	65	2000
Own Yer Bike	1982.28	6	50	1982.28
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2000	7	43	2000
Sandyflats tenants and residents association	2000	8	42	2000
Always included	2000	9	31	2000
Fordbank Scout Group	2000	10	29	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	11	23	1164.36
Afroscots United Fc	2000	11	23	1164.36
CREATE Paisley Event Team-Amplified	2000	14	20	0
CREATE Paisley CREATE Mentoring	2000	15	11	0
Spoiled votes*			21	
<b>totals</b>	<b>27368.28</b>		<b>753</b>	<b>21697</b>

## The villages

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**249** valid votes, with **747** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Gryffe High School	1500	1	230	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	179	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	175	2000
Johnstone Burgh 2007's Football Team	2000	4	82	2000
1st Lochwinnoch Boy's Brigade	2000	5	81	2000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9386</b>		<b>747</b>	<b>9386</b>



## Paisley East

**246** valid votes, with **738**  
candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Loud n Proud	2,000	1	125	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	123	1500
Pachedu	2,000	3	114	2000
St Andrews Academy	2,000	3	114	2000
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	5	67	1500
Paisley Barbell Powerlifting Club	2,000	6	52	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	7	38	2000
Own Yer Bike	1,982	8	24	1982.28
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	8	24	2000
Who Cares? Scotland	1,736	10	23	1736
CREATE Paisley	2,000	11	16	2000
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	12	13	2000
Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited	2,000	13	5	1376.72
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24,718</b>		<b>738</b>	<b>24,095</b>

## Gleniffer

**146** valid votes, with **438** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Gleniffer High School	2,000	1	117	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	2	94	1886
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	3	58	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	4	47	2000
RAMH	2,000	5	45	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	6	39	2000
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	7	38	2000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,886</b>		<b>438</b>	<b>13886</b>

## Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

**67** valid votes, with **201** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Trinity High School (will be applying on behalf of the Sports Leaders group)	850	1	39	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	37	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	27	2000
Erskine Youth Council	1997	4	26	1997
Always included	2000	5	23	2000
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	7	14	2000
Renfrew Rocks	2000	8	13	2000
Spoiled votes*			22	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12733</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>12733</b>

## Conclusions

The celebrating Renfrewshire vote was a success with a total of 1721 voting young people. This represents a great achievement from young people and the staff of Renfrewshire, particularly during the time of the global COVID-19 pandemic and Young Scot hope to be able to support similar votes in the future.

\*Votes spoiled due to project not meeting the requirements of the fund

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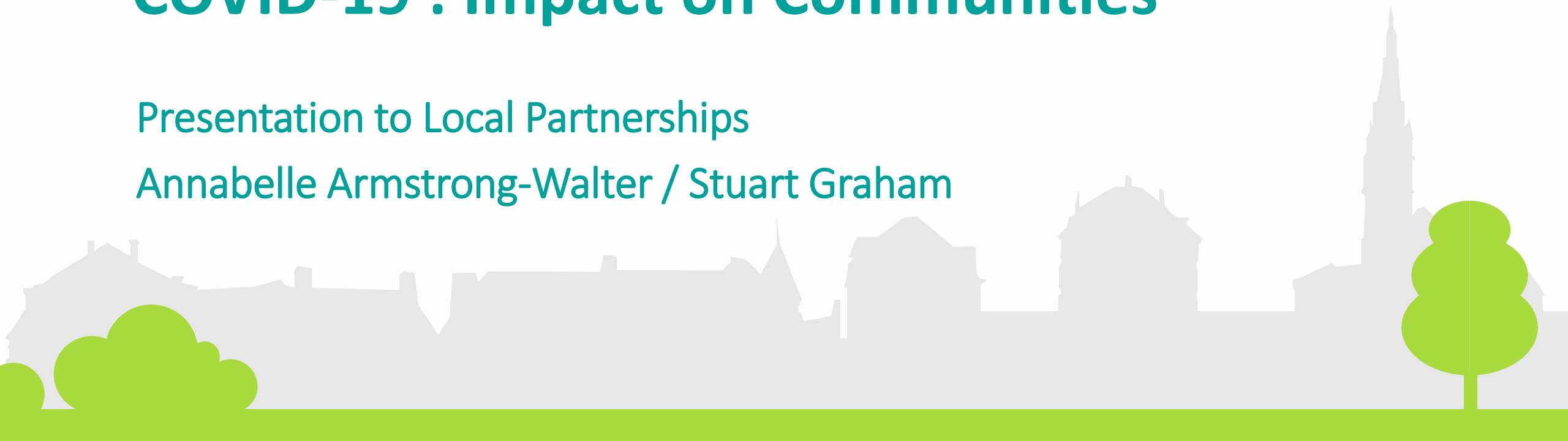
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# COVID-19 : Impact on Communities

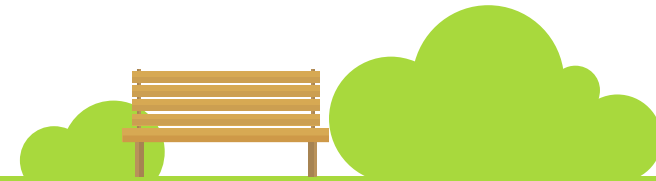
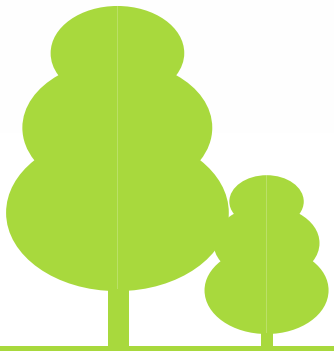
Presentation to Local Partnerships

Annabelle Armstrong-Walter / Stuart Graham



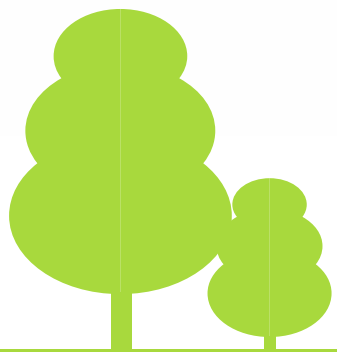
- COVID has disproportionately impacted people across Renfrewshire
- Evidence that pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities
- Short vs medium to long term impact
- Ongoing restrictions continue to be felt – tension between response and recovery
- Community Impact Assessment launched in August 2020
- Aim to gain deeper understanding of key issues / impact

**“listening and learning to inform response and to fundamentally address existing inequalities going forward”**



## In this presentation:

- Update Local Partnership members on Community Impact Assessment work done to date
- Share data from Public Services Panel relevant to this Local Partnership
- Discussion on Local Partnership members experience of how COVID has impacted their community



# Data + research – key points

## COVID cases

- 7,381 positive cases in Renfrewshire / 512 deaths to date

## Employment / Support for businesses

- 80% increase in universal credit claimants between March and October
- At its peak in August 2020, 28,300 people were registered with the UK-wide furlough scheme – 8,800 people at the end of October 2020.
- Grant support in excess of £28.5m being paid out for more than 2,500 businesses





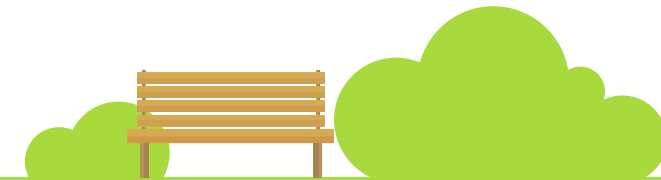
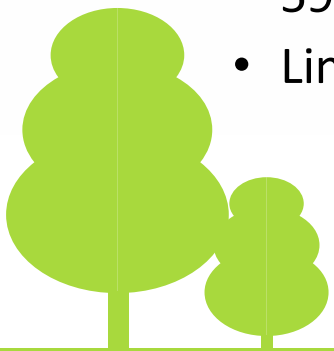
# Data + research – key points

- Increase in crisis grants March – October – up 1,030 from same period last year to 6225.
- 4,000 contacts to Advice Works over same period (70% from recognised priority groups for child poverty)
- Increasing concerns re fuel poverty – community organisations increasingly focusing on distribution of fuel vouchers
- Renfrewshire Foodbank has provided food support to 3,148 adults and 1,200 children to date (broadly in line with previous years due to community food)
- Community food – hundreds of food parcels every week e.g. 350 visits to STAR food pantry in 2019/20 - 6,700 supports to date in 2020



# Data + research – key points

- Neighbourhood Hubs – almost 700 referrals, 109 of which in the Renfrew LP area
- 1,250 digital devices/connectivity being distributed in Renfrewshire through the Connecting Scotland Programme through the hubs and partners
- Health and wellbeing
  - Ongoing impact on delivery of health and care services e.g. service waiting times
  - National surveys indicate 25-28% of people would not contact a GP at this time about a non-COVID related medical concern
  - In Scotland-wide Ipsos MORI surveys carried out between May and July 2020 between 53-59% felt lonely some/most/almost all or all of the time.
  - Link to alcohol and drug use





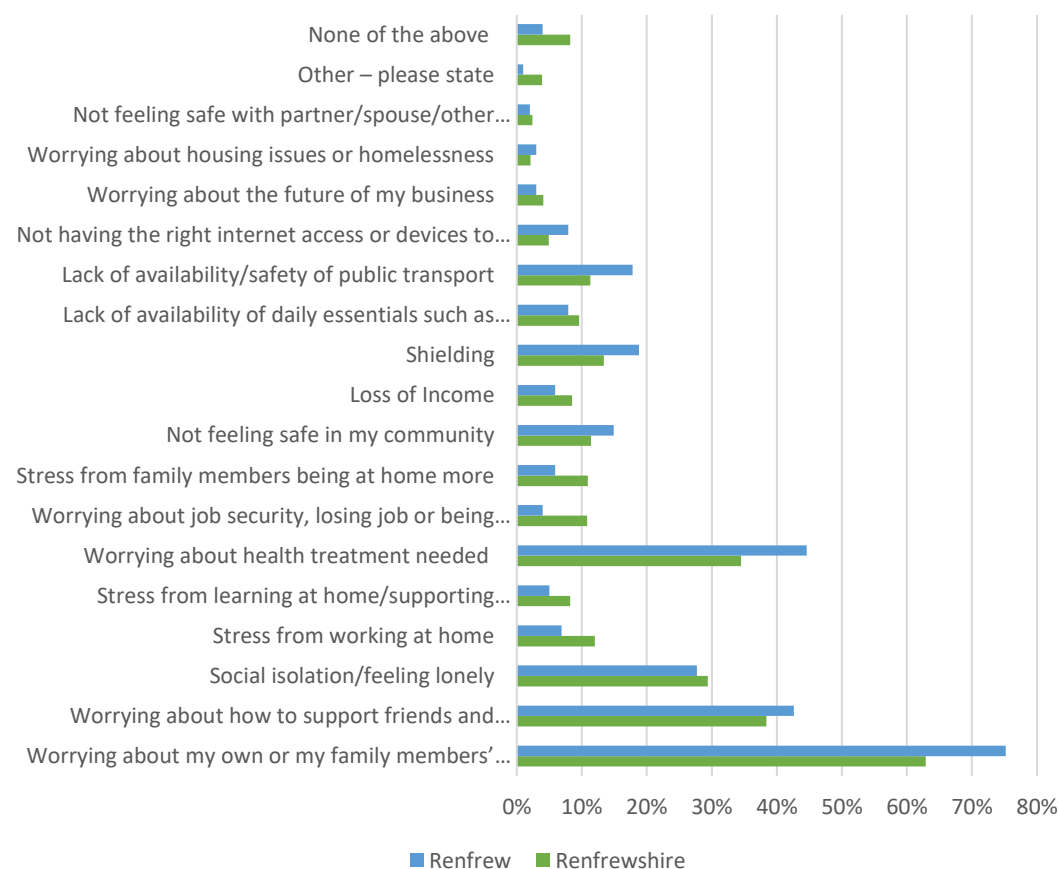
# Public Services Panel

- Issued recently to 1,500 local people by post/email
- Survey of behaviours / attitudes in light of COVID
- Focus on : - financial and income worries, family issues, mental health and wellbeing, access to support, access to information, digital inclusion etc

# What has affected you most during the coronavirus pandemic?

People reported being most affected by:

- worrying about their own or their families future (63%)
- worrying about how to support family and friends who need help (38%)
- worrying about health treatment needed (35%)
- social isolation/feeling lonely (29%)



# Which of the following things, are major worries for you ...

Major worries at the moment include:

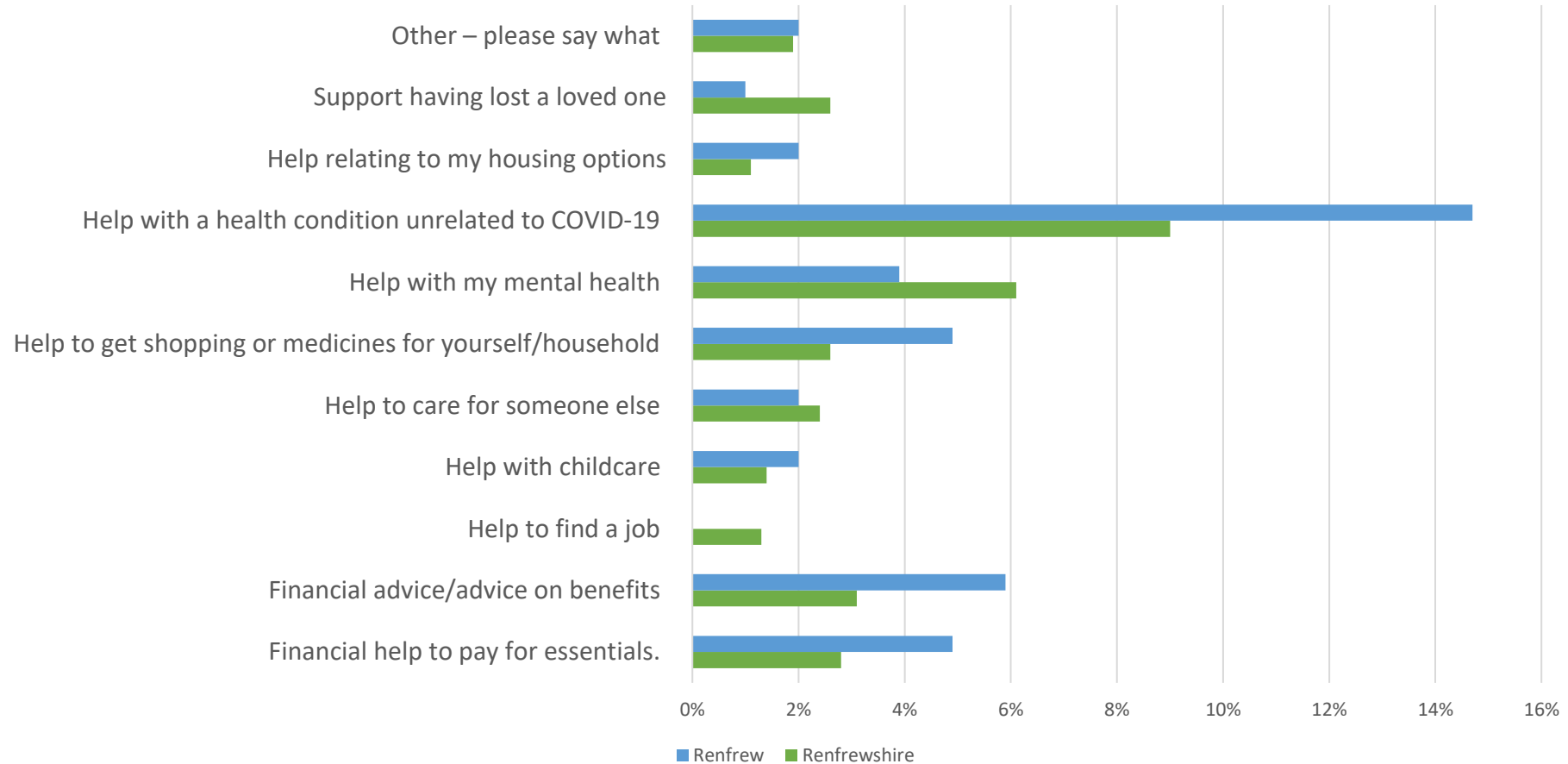
- friends or family becoming seriously ill with COVID (73%)
- becoming seriously ill themselves with COVID (49%)
- a family member or friends mental health (28%)
- their own mental health (22%)
- their financial situation/losing their job (11.2%)

# How is your household managing financially?

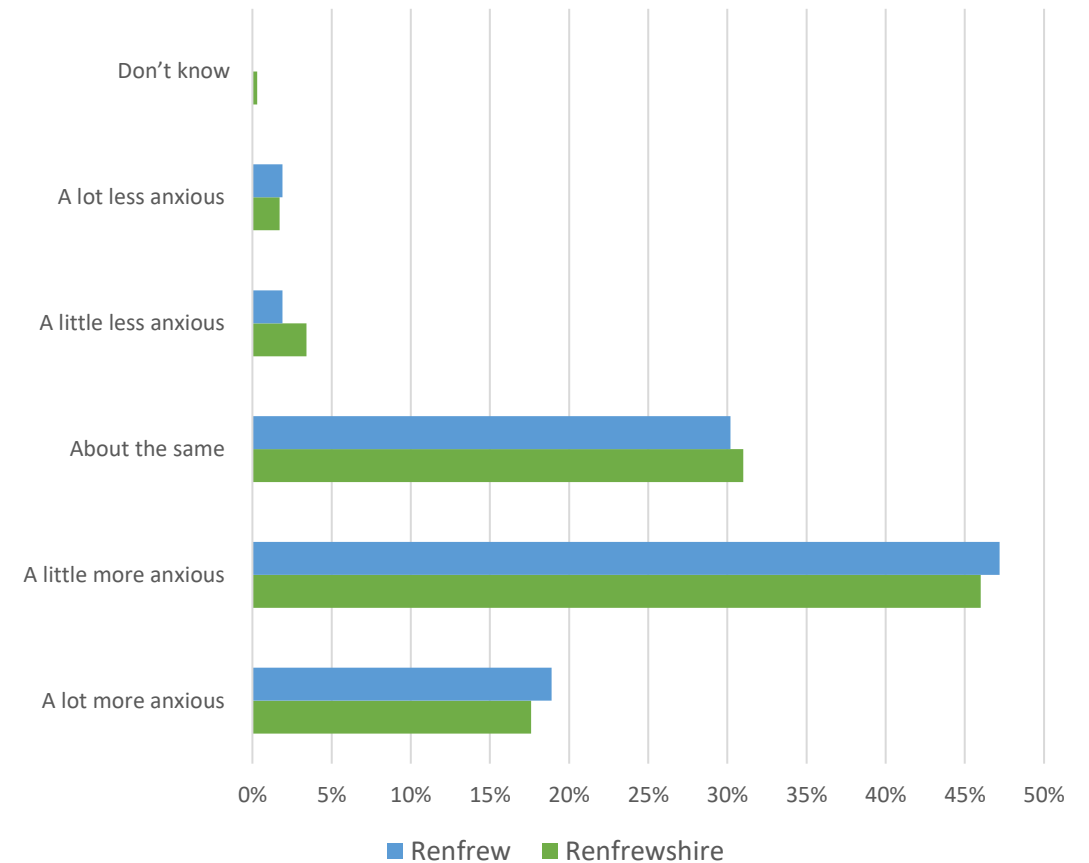
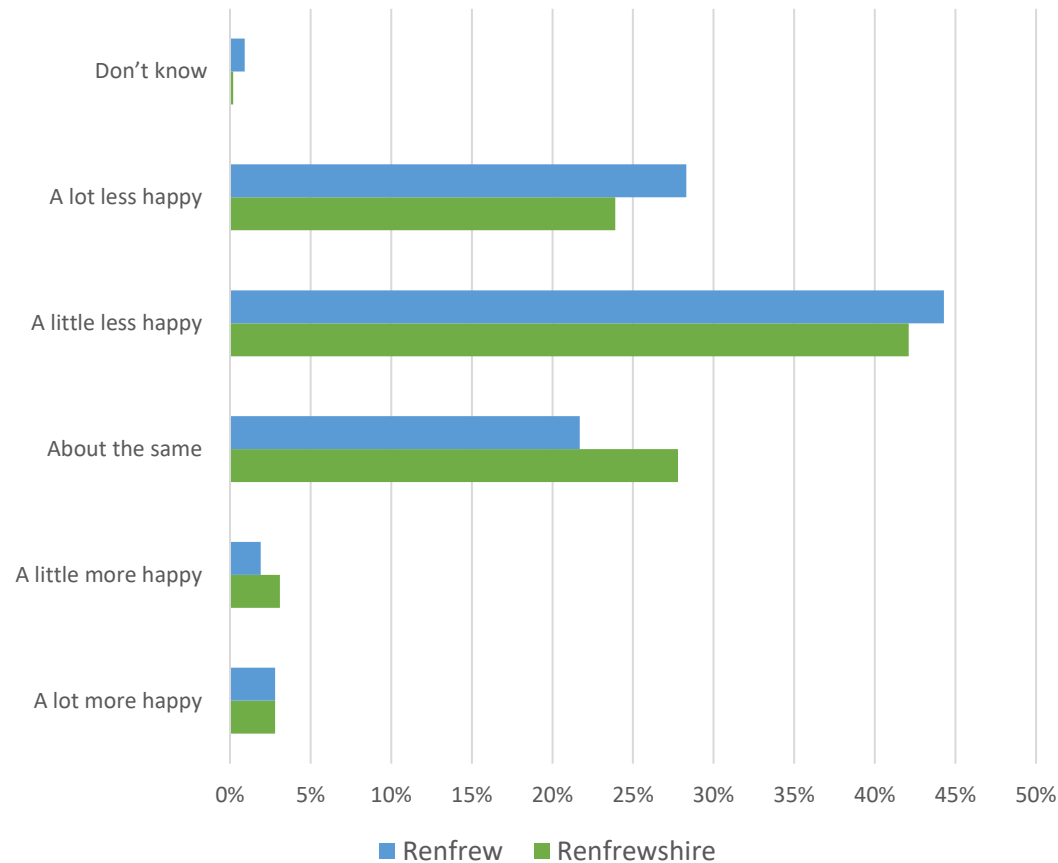
Q8a	<b>Again, thinking back to the start of March this year, before the coronavirus lockdown, which of the following best describes how you and your household were managing financially?</b>	
408 (47.6%)	Manage very well	
269 (31.4%)	Manage quite well	
150 (17.5%)	Get by alright	
9 (1.0%)	Don't manage very well	
18 (2.1%)	Have some financial difficulties	
4 (0.5%)	Experiencing serious financial difficulties	

Q8b	<b>And thinking about now, which of the following best describes how you and your household are managing financially?</b>	
353 (41.1%)	Manage very well	
256 (29.8%)	Manage quite well	
191 (22.3%)	Get by alright	
20 (2.3%)	Don't manage very well	
31 (3.6%)	Have some financial difficulties	
7 (0.8%)	Experiencing serious financial difficulties	

# Is there help that you feel you currently need but you are not receiving?



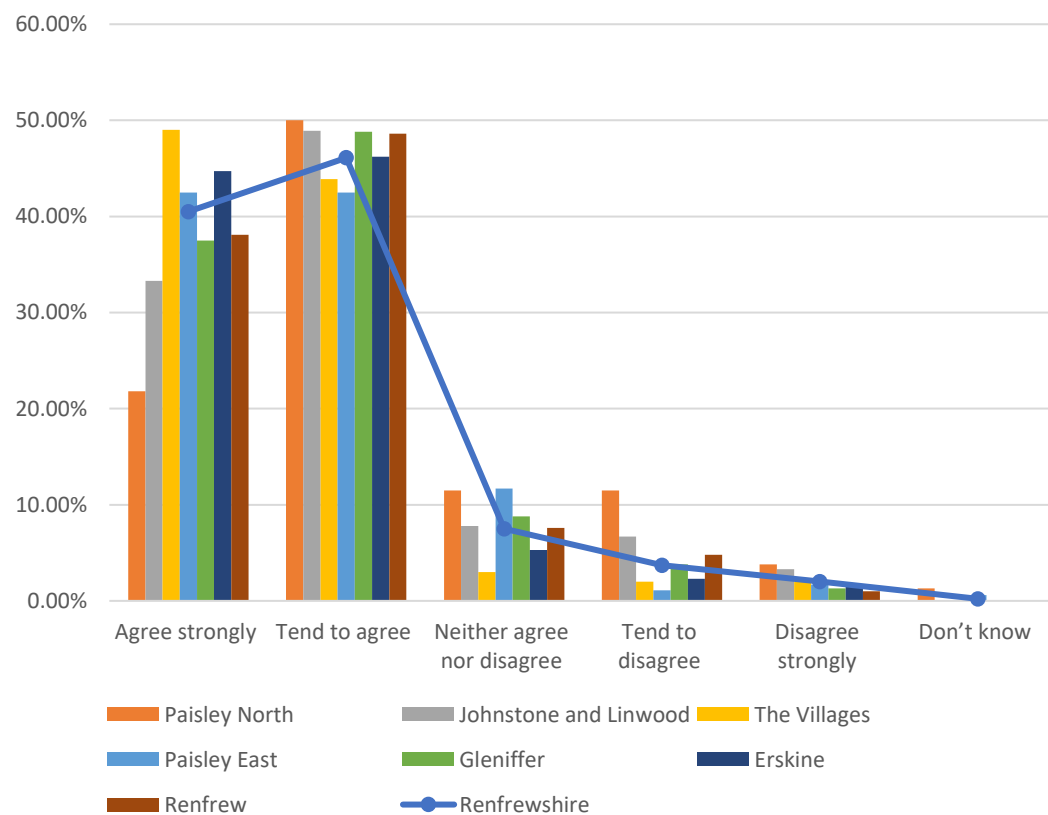
# Compared with how you felt on a typical day before the start of March, would you say you felt....



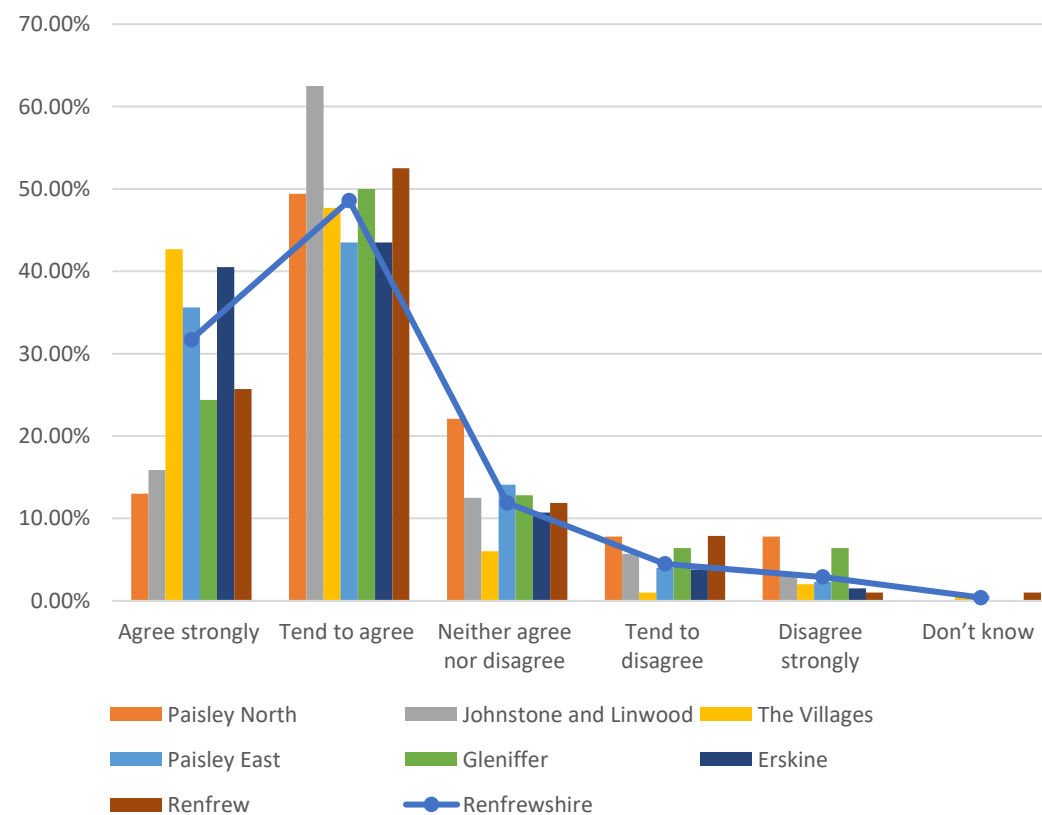


# Public Services Panel responses

I am satisfied with my neighbourhood as a place to live

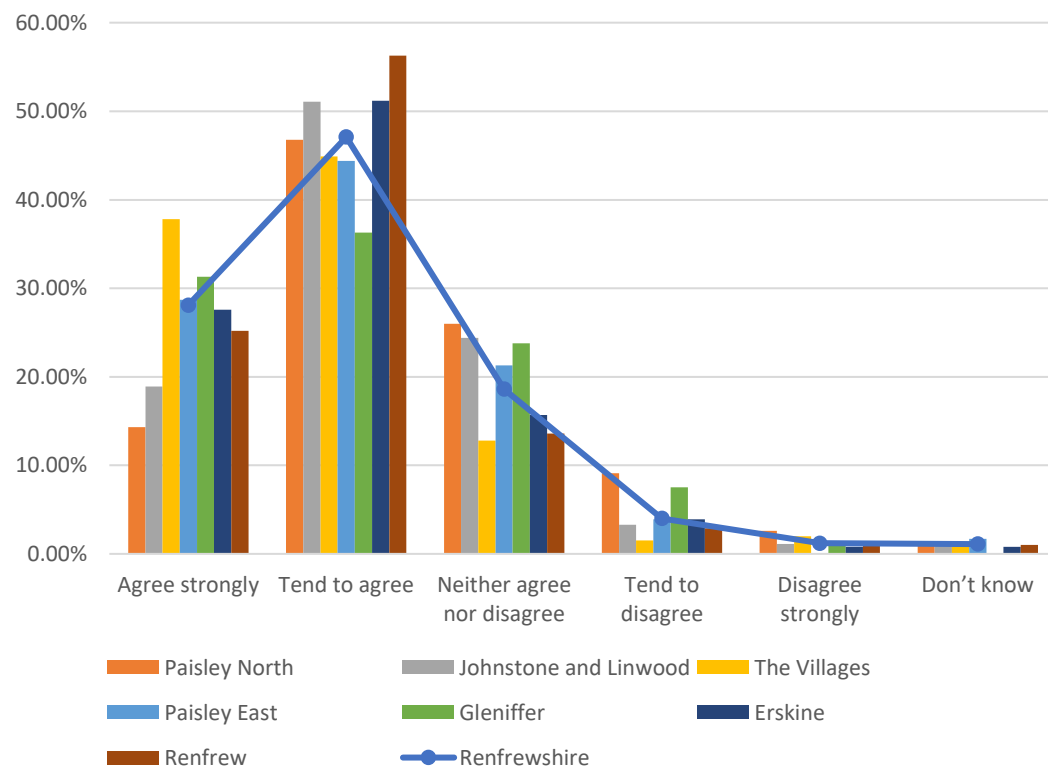


My local area is a safe place to live

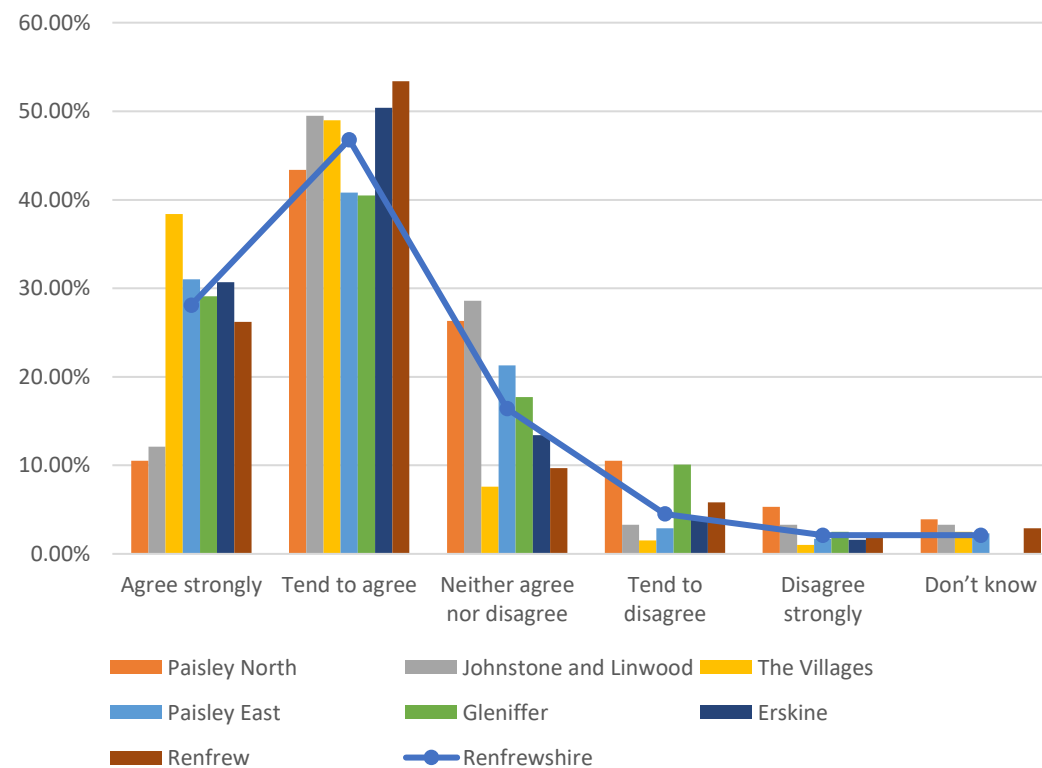


# Public Services Panel responses

This is a neighbourhood where people are kind to each other

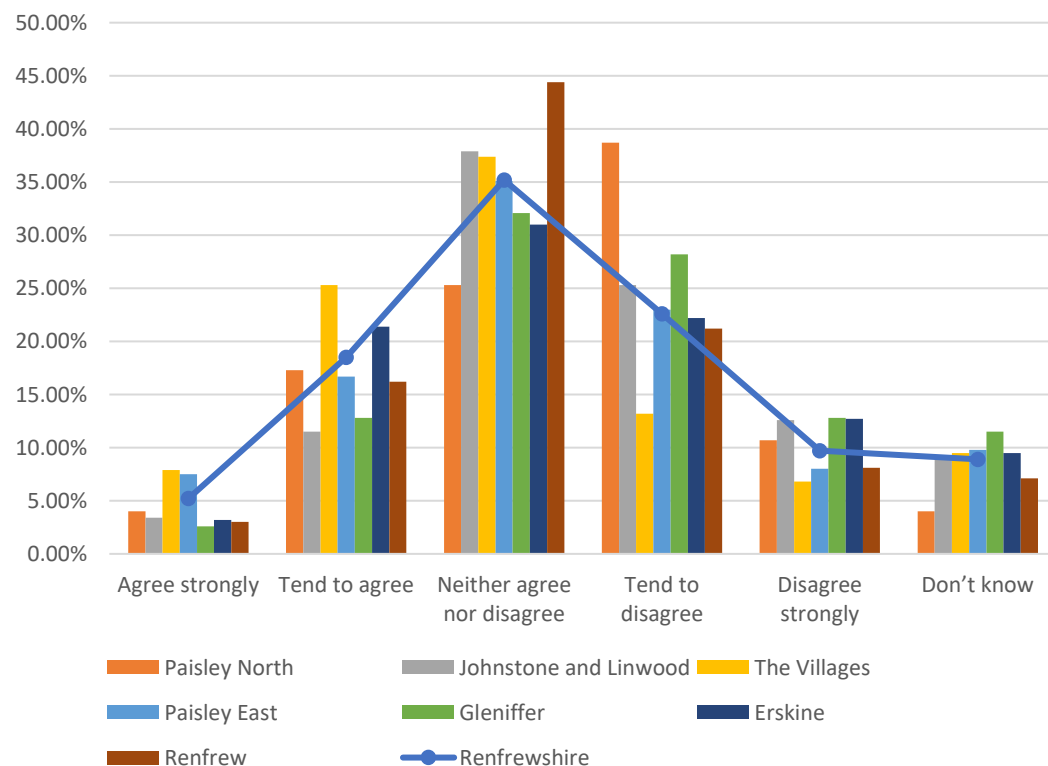


This is a neighbourhood where most people can be trusted

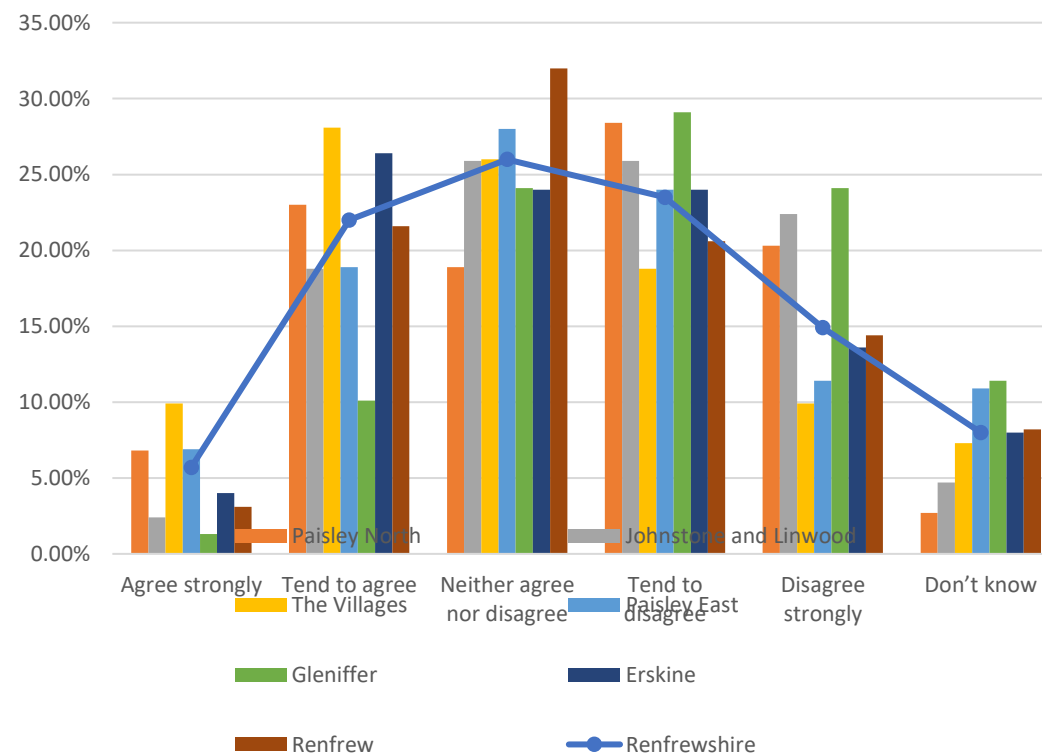


# Public Services Panel responses

There are welcoming places and opportunities to meet new people

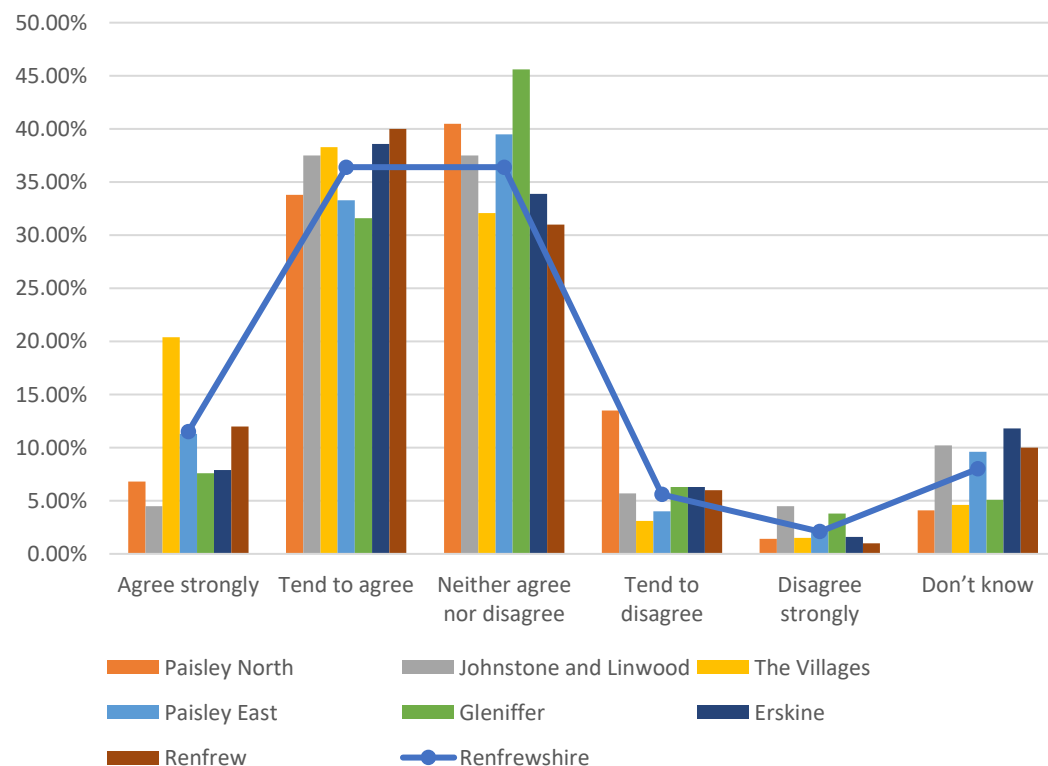


There are places where people can meet up and socialise

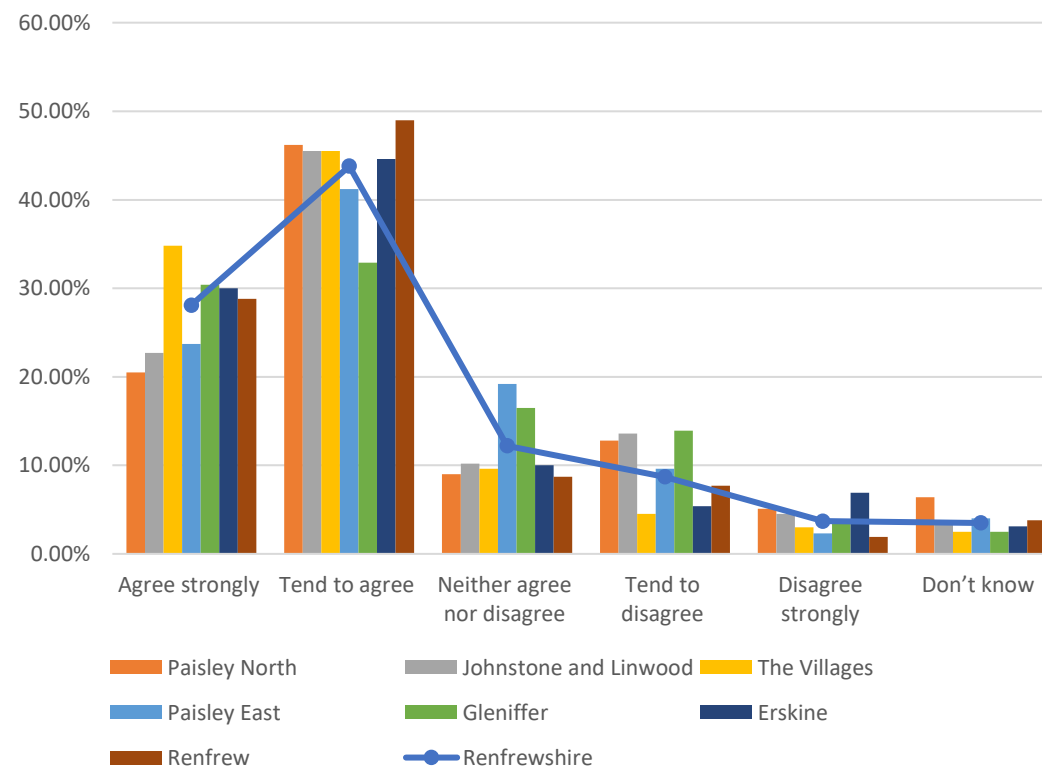


# Public Services Panel responses

This is a neighbourhood where people from different backgrounds get on well together

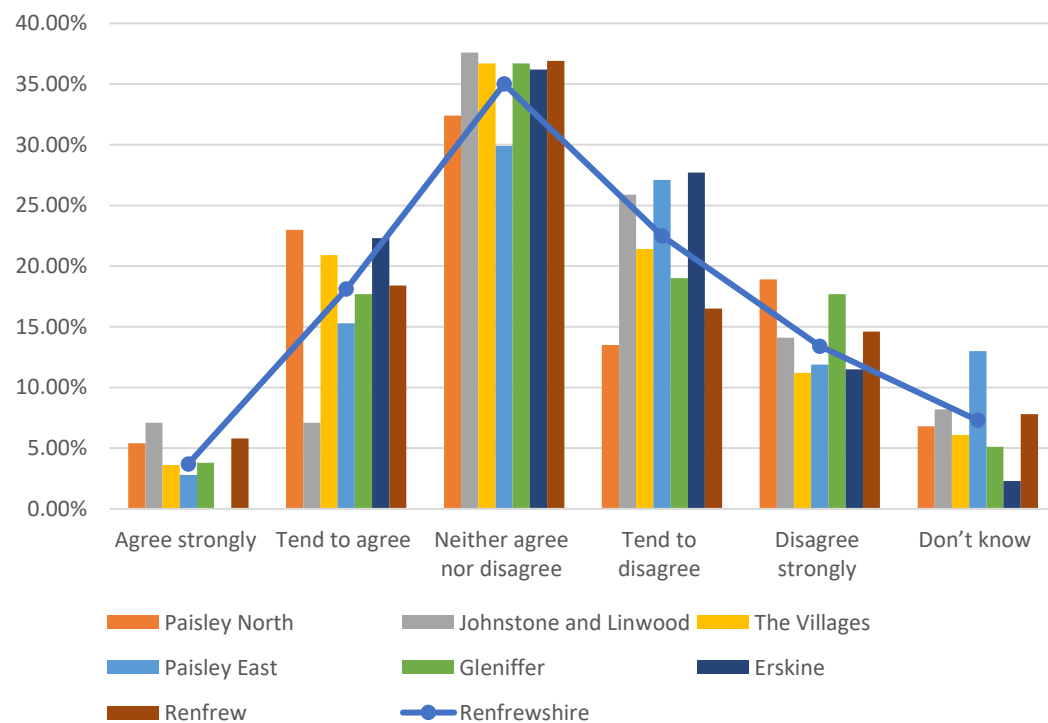


If I was alone and needed help, I could rely on someone in this neighbourhood to help me

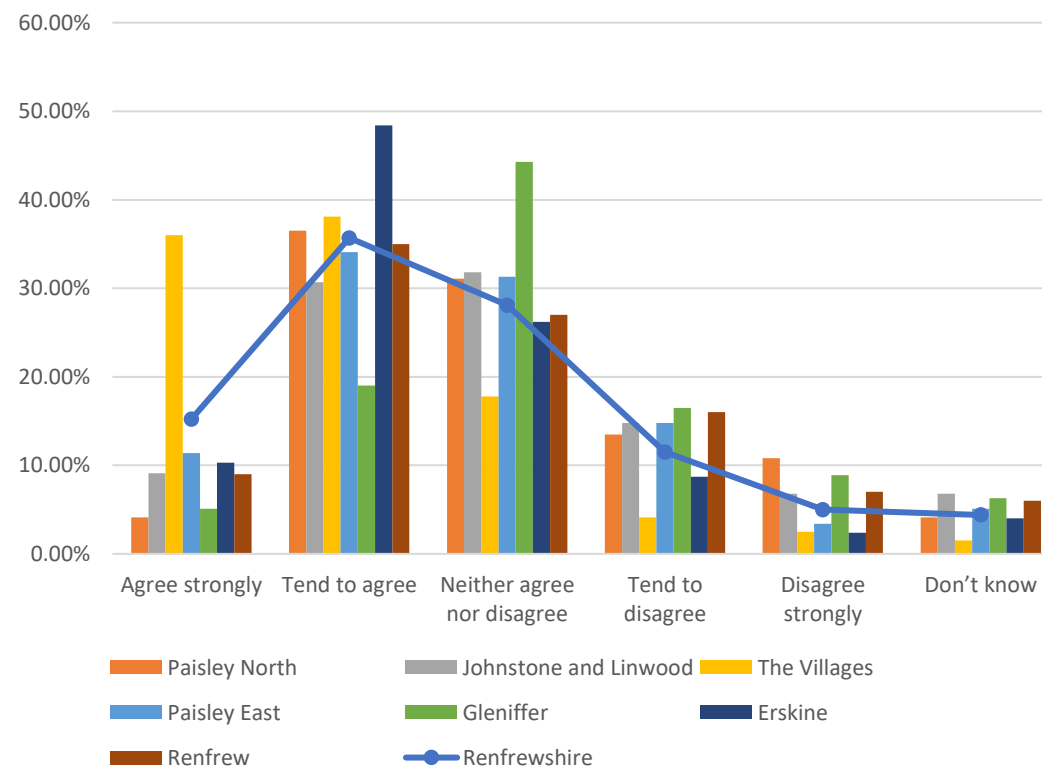


# Public Services Panel responses

To what extent do you agree you can influence decisions about public services and other issues of public interest



This is a neighbourhood where local people take action to help improve the neighbourhood



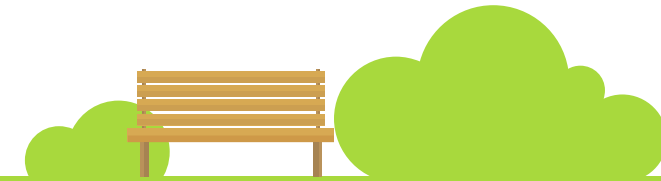
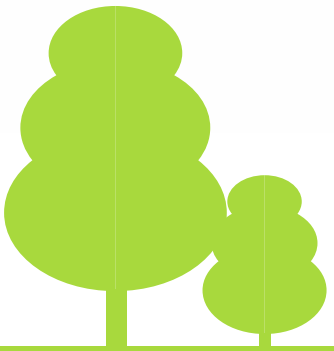


## Listening events

- Programme of Listening Events held over winter 2020/21, facilitated by Engage Renfrewshire
- Targeted engagement is being prioritised going forward, i.e. with Diversity and Equality Alliance Renfrewshire and local women's groups
- Discussions with Local Partnerships also important part of this!

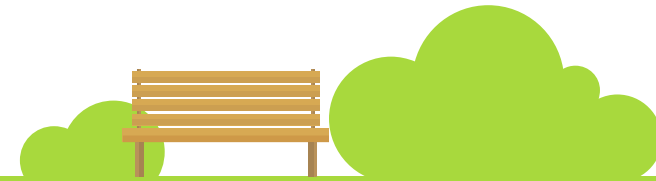
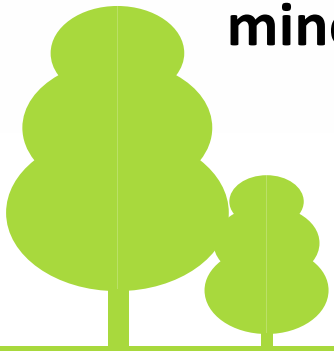
# Listening events - key points to date

- The impact of the pandemic on people with **low incomes or who are in more insecure employment** is increasingly apparent to community groups and support organisations across Renfrewshire
- **Food insecurity and fuel poverty** are seen as being particular issues, with high ongoing demand for community based supports.
- Partners and Neighbourhood Hubs seeing increasing **complexity in needs** and demand – people with COVID / multiple needs / not always in contact with services or have any other support networks.



# Listening events - key points to date

- **Digital exclusion** is a key issue – engagement indicates online provision had worked well in some instances, but that significant issues remained in terms of access and engagement through online means.
- There are particular concerns with the ongoing nature of restrictions and the health and wellbeing of local people, particularly in relation to **loneliness and isolation** and the impact that this can have on **mental health and wellbeing**. Young people were a particular area of concern.
- Engagement indicates that some specific groups are also experiencing potentially greater impact as a result of the pandemic, including those from **black and minority ethnic communities, women, and carers**.





An illustration of two stylized figures holding a large white rectangular sign. On the left, a man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a dark jacket and a red scarf, holds the sign. On the right, a woman with dark hair, wearing an orange and white striped shirt and blue pants, holds the sign. The background features light blue clouds and green hills.

## Discussion

- What have been the impacts of COVID-19 in your communities?
- Does this influence the Local Priorities previously identified by this Local Partnership?

