

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 30 August 2016	16:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

L O'Brien, Barnados; I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; S Clark, Create; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, Linstone Housing Association; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S McLellan, RAMH; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; K Taylor, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau; S Graham, Renfrewshire Council; J Cram, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; K Graham, Renfrewshire Wide Credit Union; and J Kiddie, Renfrewshire Law Centre.

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire.

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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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Minute of Meeting

Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
1 June 2016	916:00	RAMH, 41 Blackstoun Road, Paisley, PA3 1LU

PRESENT

A Clark, Create; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S McLellan, RAMH; and J Cram, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

CHAIR

A McNiven, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

I Cunningham S Miller, J Ferrie and K Miller (all Engage Renfrewshire); and S Graham, A Armstrong-Walter, D Dunn, S Tkacenko and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; K Taylor, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 5 of the agenda before item 4.

SEDERUNT

The Chair welcomed Alan Clark from Create on to the Board.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board held on 8 February 2016.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

RF.27.01.15(2) – Local Engagement Events

S Graham advised that this action had been passed over to Development & Housing Services and it was agreed that this action be removed from the action log.

DECIDED:

- (a) That action RF.27.01.15(2) – Local Engagement Events be removed from the action log; and
- (b) That the rolling action log be approved.

3 TACKLING POVERTY UPDATE: AFFORDABLE CREDIT IN RENFREWSHIRE

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform) relative to affordable credit in Renfrewshire.

The report advised that the Community Planning Partnership had given a commitment to reducing the causes and impact of poverty and the Tackling Poverty Action Plan included a range of activities focused on tackling financial exclusion, both a symptom and cause of poverty, experienced by citizens of Renfrewshire unable to access appropriate financial services or products.

The report intimated that Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board members were from local Third Sector and community organisations within Renfrewshire. It had been developed to reflect organisations that had a spread of knowledge; resources; operated as local employers; and could help support general communication to a wide community of service users within Renfrewshire. It had, however, no representation from Credit Unions as Community Planning partners at present. The report recommended that the Forum for

Empowering Communities Thematic Board co-opted, for the duration of the partnership, a Community Planning Partnership representative with responsibility for affordable credit from the Renfrewshire Credit Union community. In addition, the report also requested that the Forum established, as a sub-group of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board, a local affordable credit partnership which would include representatives from the advice and health organisations. It was envisaged that the credit partnership, as part of the Community Planning structure, would advance access to affordable credit in a strategic way throughout Renfrewshire and would be able to measure progress in this area. The partnership and representatives would tie in with further work being done with the funds remaining in the Credit Union Development Fund which would be used to facilitate further recommendations from the “Gateway to Affordable Credit” report published in February 2016 by the Carnegie Trust, such as improving credit scores for CU members and targeting those who would not be able to access mainstream finance.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed that the Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board would introduce a Community Planning Partnership representative with responsibility for affordable credit from the Renfrewshire Credit Union community who would be coopted for the duration of the partnership; and
- (b) That it be agreed that a local affordable credit partnership sub-group be established as part of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board.

4 NATIONAL THIRD SECTOR GIRFEC PROJECT - LEARNING REPORT AND NEXT STEPS IN RENFREWSHIRE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire relative to the national third sector GIRFEC Project learning report entitled “Are We Ready For The Community Empowerment Act?”, a copy of which was attached as an appendix to the report.

It was noted that Renfrewshire was one of nine community planning partnership areas in Scotland that had participated in the National Third Sector GIRFEC (Getting It Right For Every Child) project. The GIRFEC report considered opportunities for the GIRFEC project to influence, develop and support the implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) 2015 Act in Renfrewshire, which was a key area of focus for the Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board. Additional funding for the GIRFEC project had been secured to March 2017 and proposals were currently being developed to ensure that this resource was used to build the capacity of local third sector organisations to be involved effectively in planning and developing children’s services.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed that the Board would endorse the proposal to use additional GIRFEC funding to build local capacity to participate in planning and delivery of children's services;
- (b) That it be agreed that the Board would endorse the proposal to present a report to the Children and Young People Board to discuss the development of third sector and community involvement in developing children's services; and
- (c) That it be agreed that the development of the Renfrewshire approach to the Community Empowerment Act would take account of the learning from the National Third Sector GIRFEC project.

5 RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire relative to a programme of Community Planning Conference events which were taking place between March and June 2016 at venues in Paisley, Johnstone and Renfrew which focused on the Paisley UK City of Culture bid; Community Empowerment; and Regeneration. It was noted that third sector organisations had played a significant part in planning, supporting and presenting at events, which had been well attended by communities within Renfrewshire.

The feedback from the community planning conferences would be used to gather evidence of involvement to strengthen the UK City of Culture 2021 bid and influence the development of the bid, the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act in Renfrewshire and the way in which communities were engaged in the significant physical regeneration of Renfrewshire taking place over the next decade. The feedback from the conferences held to the end of May 2016 was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the feedback from the community planning conference events held between March and May 2016 be noted; and
- (b) That it be agreed that a further report on the remaining conferences would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

6 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

S Graham gave a presentation relative to Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership's response to the Scottish Government consultation on a number of aspects of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) 2015 Act. It was noted that the guidance which would emerge following the consultation would provide the framework for Community Planning Partnerships to work within when implementing the provisions of the Act.

The presentation outlined the questions and the proposed response from the Partnership relating to asset transfer, participation requests, community planning, community right to buy abandoned, neglected or detrimental land, and highlighted some of the feedback from the Community Empowerment Conference which took place on 20 May 2016. The development of the Community Planning toolkit was also summarised.

S Graham advised that the finalised guidance would be presented to the Partnership Board once it had been agreed by the Scottish Government.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 CITY OF CULTURE

A verbal update was given by the Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire relative to an update on the Community Engagement and Participation Strategy and Action Plan.

He advised that the draft Strategy and Action Plan had now been developed as a collaborative piece of work between the Bid Team and the Community Engagement and Participation Work Stream Group. The branding 'packs' had now been developed and were ready to be promoted and a commitment had been given to establish five local 'info-desks' which would be located in each Local Area Committee area.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

8 UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS

Feedback reports from the members who had been present at the various Thematic Boards were submitted for noting.

DECIDED: That the feedback provided within the reports be noted.

9 COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

A McNiven advised that this item had been deferred to a future meeting of the Board. He expressed concern that no reports or presentations had been forthcoming with regard to the Community Learning & Development Strategy.

He intimated the Renfrewshire Community Learning and Development Partnership was to be a Sub-Group of the Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board and was in the process of being developed. However, it was vital that the Board had an awareness and understanding of the Strategy in order to undertake their governance role effectively.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES ROLLING ACTION LOG

<div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div> <div>Action is on track</div> <div>Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed. Action required to bring up to satisfactory level</div> <div>Past deadline date and action required.</div> </div> <div> <div>KEY</div> </div> </div>					
Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure
RF.10.09.13(8)	<u>Development of Targets & Baselines.</u>	Forum Members		Future Meeting	
					<p>RF.12.11.13(6)</p> <p>Priorities for third sector work to be further discussed and a presentation to the relevant thematic Boards setting out potential third sector contribution to delivery of the action plans would take place. Each Forum representative to submit a presentation to their respective Thematic Board outlining the actions the Forum will deliver that contribute to the Themed targets.</p> <p>January 2016</p> <p>(a) S Graham to send to each Thematic Board representative a list of actions in each Thematic Board's action plan that relates directly to Forum involvement.</p> <p>(b) In consultation with the Forum representative on each Thematic Board, Engage Renfrewshire support staff on each Board to agree with C. MacDonald a date for a presentation to each Board by the Forum representative.</p> <p>January 2016</p> <p>Draft Action Plan in development.</p> <p>RF.30.03.16(9)</p> <p>Revised Action Plan agreed and will be reviewed regularly.</p>
RF.17.11.15(8)	<p><u>Widening Opportunities for School Work Experience Placements</u></p> <p>(a) The issue of barriers to appropriate work placement opportunities for young people with disabilities to be raised with the Children & Young People Thematic Board.</p> <p>(b) The Forum to look at third sector employment engagement strategies and collate a list of organisations that could provide work placements for disabled young people.</p>	Lead Officer/ SG		Future Meeting	
					<p>January 2016</p> <p>A McNiven/S Graham to write to third sector organisations to quantify the number of placements that could be offered in the sector.</p> <p>RF.30.03.16(9)</p> <p>Funding released from the Tackling Poverty Programme to provide supported volunteering and work experience opportunities targeted at young people with Additional Support Needs.</p> <p>August 2016</p> <p>First phase of work experience for 15 pupils completed in Renfrewshire Access Panel/Environmental Training Team. Future opportunities to be sourced through Volunteer Managers Forum.</p> <p>RF.09.02.16(2)</p> <p>The key points from the Charrette in Erskine to be incorporated into a report which will form part of draft strategy plan for Erskine.</p>
RF.27.01.15(2)	<p><u>Local Engagement Events</u></p> <p>(i) Engage looking at organisations in the Bridgewater area in Erskine to ascertain if any are currently undertaking a public engagement exercise in order that they can piggy-back on</p>				

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	to it. (ii) Names are being collected for development of engagement activity within Foxbar.					August 2016 Localised events held in 2016 in Elderslie and Foxbar. Event now being planned in conjunction with Renfrewshire Carers Forum.
<u>RF.27.01.15(5)</u>	<u>Streets for All</u> Contact to be made with Renfrewshire Council, the Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board, the Jobs and Economy Thematic Board and the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to discuss the possibility of introducing safer pavements as an equality outcome for Renfrewshire Council and the Community Planning Partnership			Future meeting		<u>RF.30.03.16(7)</u> (a) The Living Streets report to be submitted to the relevant Community Planning boards for consideration; and (b) Renfrewshire Access Panel to undertake further Living Streets reports of appropriate locations in Renfrewshire. The Living Streets report has been submitted to the Greener Board and will be submitted to the remaining Community Planning Boards in the August/September 2016 Board cycle.
<u>RF.05.05.15(3)</u>	<u>Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</u> Symposium event to be developed around the Community Empowerment Bill and Asset Transfer and to liaise with Council staff, Housing Associations and DTAS to participate in the event.	Lead Officer		Future meeting		<u>RF.17.11.15(7)</u> Engage Renfrewshire to organise an event around transfer of assets in 2016, following the publication of Scottish Government Guidance on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. <u>RF.09.02.16(4)</u> Engage Renfrewshire would progress the organisation an event around transfer of assets, as agreed at the meeting on 17 November 2015, but that this event would be arranged before the publication of Scottish Government guidance on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. <u>RF.30.03.16(2)&(5)</u> A session on asset transfer to take place at the Community Planning Conference on 20 May, 2016. Sub-Group to be established to develop a Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 action plan; (b) Further reports on the progress of the Sub-Group to be submitted to future meetings of the Board.
<u>RF.01.09.15(6)</u>	<u>Community Council Elections</u> examine the availability of resources to assist ethnic and disabled people become members of their community councils.	Lead Officer/ A McN		Future meeting		August 2016 Outline content for a Community Empowerment Toolkit presented to the Forum in August 2016. <u>RF.17.11.15(3)</u> An analysis of the data from the equalities monitoring form to be passed to Engage Renfrewshire for analysis and development.
<u>RF.01.09.15(8)</u>	<u>Promoting And Supporting The Third Sector</u> Forum will deliver a presentation to the	Lead		Future meeting		February 2016 Information passed to Engage January 2016 A McNiven/S Graham to write to third sector organisations to identify potential placements for professionals within third sector

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	Community Planning Partnership Board on practical ways for statutory partners to support local third sector organisations Lead Officer and Empowering Communities Manager develop the presentation.	Officer/ SG				organisations and discuss the possibility of college accreditation with West College Scotland.
<u>RF.17.11.15(4)</u>	<u>Renfrewshire Forum for Communities Development</u> (a) Forum to invite members of other Boards to a development session to discuss the contribution of the Forum to other thematic agendas; (b) Forum Members originally co-opted for the duration of the Advice Services review confirm that they wish to retain their place on the Forum, following the conclusion of the review.	Lead Officer/ SG		Future meeting		<u>RF.30.03.16(10)</u> (a) An invitation be extended to additional third sector organisations that have the capacity to contribute across the range of issues that the Forum addressed to join the Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board; (b) Forum Board Members to nominate a substitute from their organisation to attend meetings in the event that they are unable to attend; and (c) Chair of the Forum write to appropriate organisations to invite them to join the Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board. <u>August 2016</u> Members have been contacted regarding continuing to be represented at the Forum.
<u>RF.09.02.16(4)</u>	<u>Community Learning & Development Regulations and Strategic Plan</u> The Senior Officer responsible for the CLD Regulations and Strategic Plan to report key successes and milestones through the Forum for Empowering Communities.	A Conboy		Future meeting		<u>August 2016</u> Discussions taking place to agree CLD governance arrangements between the Forum and the Children and Young People's Board
<u>RF.30.03.16</u>	<u>Stakeholder Engagement Framework</u> (a) Board to act as a Reference Group on the development of the external stakeholder aspect of the Engagement Framework; (b) Board to provide expertise on content and sections or advise who could assist; (c) Board to sign off the framework before it is presented to the CPP Board; and (d) Board to suggest a name for the framework.					<u>August 2016</u> Development of the Stakeholder Engagement Framework continuing and an update will be reported at the meeting of the Forum in November 2016.



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board

On: 30 August 2016

Report by:

Alan McNiven, Chair of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

**RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PROGRESS
AGAINST YEAR 3 TARGETS**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities is responsible for delivering four outcomes of the Renfrewshire Community Plan 2013-2023, supported by ten performance indicators.
- 1.2 Of these ten indicators, eight are on track to be delivered successfully at the end of Year 3. One indicator has a “warning” impact measure status and one has an “alert” impact measure status, both of which require remedial action. The position with these indicators and remedial action being taken is outlined in Section 6 of this report.
- 1.3 The Forum For Empowering Communities has a significant number of key achievements to report in Year 3, including significant increases in the number of volunteers recruited and placed, action to improve local environments and significant engagement of the third sector in strategic partnership projects and programmes such as the Paisley bid for UK City of Culture 2021, Tackling Poverty and the establishment of the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum For Empowering Communities:

- a) Notes the Year 3 performance of impact measures against our targets.
- b) Agrees that the performance report be submitted to the meeting of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 21 September 2016.

3. Background

The Renfrewshire Community Plan/Local Outcome Improvement Plan was approved by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 12 June 2013 and was subsequently “signed off” by the Minister for Local Government and Planning in August 2013. The Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan clearly sets out our agreed outcomes together with the one, three and ten year targets for each impact measure. This report provides the progress we have made against our year three targets.

4. Key achievements

The Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities key achievements include:











- Evidence from Renfrewshire Public Services Panel and Engage Renfrewshire members’ surveys indicate an increase in the percentage of people and organisations who feel that they can influence decisions affecting their local area, which is the main objective of the Forum.
- Due to a change in approach by Engage Renfrewshire to promoting, recruiting and placing volunteers, there has been a significant increase in the number of volunteers in Renfrewshire. An active Volunteer Managers Forum has been established in the third sector, with a membership of 48 organisations.
- The Chief Executive leads Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities, which is made up of senior third sector managers operating in Renfrewshire and is one of the six community planning Thematic Boards. The Forum has now been in operation since May 2013 and reviewed its progress in 2013. As well as securing the continued commitment of the third sector organisations to the Forum, there was agreement that the sector should focus its contribution to community planning in Renfrewshire on a number of strategic priorities. These priorities are: tackling poverty, Paisley’s bid to be UK City of Culture 2021, implementing the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, integration of Health and Social Care, digital participation, follow up to the 2015 inspection of Children’s Services in Renfrewshire, community justice and the response to the Syrian Humanitarian crisis.
- Engagement of third sector organisations through the Greener Communities Group has led to significant action to deliver environmental improvements by community-led organisations. In particular, through the Stalled Spaces fund, the Greener Communities Group has generated ideas and action from community groups that have brought neglected or underused spaces back into community use.
- Since January 2016 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership has led 7 community engagement events (two community planning conference events on the Paisley 2021 bid, one community planning conference on the Community Empowerment Act, two community planning conference events on Regeneration, one event each co-produced with Elderslie and Foxbar & Brediland Community Councils). A further engagement event co-produced with Renfrewshire Disability Resource Centre took place in December 2015. The Community Planning Partnership team has also provided support for a further five events since January 2016 led by other service partners (Community Learning and Development, Open Data, Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan, Erskine Charrette, Early Years conference). In addition to these events, the Partnership also displayed a photographic exhibition of its work as part of Sma’ Shot Day.

- A Social Enterprise Network was established by Engage Renfrewshire during 2015/16 with 26 members, with a total of 53 Engage Renfrewshire member organisations now classed as “socially enterprising”. 18 funding bids have been supported including 12 to the Renfrewshire Council Social Enterprise Fund.
- 1220 volunteers were recruited during 2015/16 and 817 volunteers were placed with third sector organisations. 86 volunteers were successful in moving into paid employment from their volunteering opportunity and a further 100 volunteers moved on to further and higher education.
- 252 young people who volunteered during 2015/16 received the Challenge Award, 209 the Approach Award, 224 the Ascent Award and 11 the Summit Award.
- Discussions were progressed between Renfrewshire Council and the third sector about the potential for third sector employers to pay the Living Wage in Renfrewshire.
- The first “Living Streets” audit, which considers the quality of streets and public spaces from the perspective of people with mobility issues, took place in October 2015, looking at the area from Moss Street to Cotton Street in central Paisley. This work was supplemented by voluntary work by three STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) students from University of the West of Scotland who researched possible improvements in use of materials. The audit has now been reported back to the other community planning thematic groups in order to identify and implement practical improvements where possible.
- Discussion on the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act in Renfrewshire has taken place with the Leader of the Council and other key officers, particularly around issues of Asset Transfer. A working group has now been formed to look at arrangements to progress this and the Community Planning Partnership Board received a presentation on the Community Empowerment Act in May 2016. Following this presentation, partners are working on a Community Empowerment Toolkit for Renfrewshire. A Community Empowerment Conference attended by 70 people was held in Johnstone Town Hall on 20 May 2016 as part of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership’s commitment to raise awareness of the Act.
- Members of Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities have participated in the establishment of Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership through the Integrated Joint Board and Strategic Partnership Group. Forum members have also actively supported the Paisley UK City of Culture 2021 bid and the Tackling Poverty Strategy. In particular, the Chief Executive of Engage Renfrewshire has chaired the Community Engagement and Participation Workstream of the Paisley 2021 bid. Through its members’ contribution to the development of these significant strategic areas of work, Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities has strengthened the connection of the third sector with these areas of work and has also kept the wider third sector informed via distribution of Forum minutes as part of Engage Renfrewshire’s e-alerts to its 384 members.
- The third sector in Renfrewshire has contributed to the successful integration in Renfrewshire of families fleeing the humanitarian crisis in Syria, by acting as first point of contact for people wishing to volunteer to assist refugees and also by arranging volunteer places for some of the younger members of the Syrian families with a local third sector organisation.

- Renfrewshire Access Panel and Engage Renfrewshire have also contributed to the Joint Employability Project of the Tackling Poverty Programme. The first of two phases of this project supported 15 young people from Mary Russell School to have a work experience placement with either the Access Panel or the Environmental Training Team. The second phase of this work will provide work experience for Christmas 2016 leavers from Mary Russell school and potentially children with physical disabilities or additional learning needs from other schools in Renfrewshire.

5. Performance against year 3 targets

The table below highlights the year three performance against our targets:

Impact Measures	Current Status	Baseline	Year 1 Actual	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual
Outcome 1. Our communities will be confident, fully engaged and regularly consulted by public services.					
Increase the percentage of people agreeing that they can influence decisions affecting their local area.		21% (2014)	21%	23%	24%
Increase the level of satisfaction with local public services.		68% (2014)	68%	69%	67%
Increase the percentage of people using the internet for engaging with the Community Planning Partnership.		33% (2014)	33%	35%	29%
Increase the membership of Engage Renfrewshire with viable community anchor organisations.		322 members (2014)	322 members	327 members	384 members
Increase percentage of people using the internet for personal use.		90% (2014)	90%	92%	93%
Outcome 2. Have the capacity and resources to lead projects and be involved in service delivery.					
Increase Social Enterprise and Community Business growth.		43 (2014)	43	45	53 socially enterprising organisations
Outcome 3.					
Increase the number of registered interests regarding local control of community assets which are to be used and managed for sustainable local initiatives.		8 (2014)	8	8	10 registered interests
Increase the number of registered interests regarding local control of public spaces and under used sites which are to be used and managed for sustainable local initiatives.		6 (2014)	6	6	12 registered interests (NB 7 of these were also queries about building assets)
Outcome 4.					
Increase the number of people registering to volunteer.		614 (2013)	1006	817	1220 registered volunteers
Increase the number of registered volunteers who have been placed.		484 (2013)	122	644	817 volunteers placed

6. Areas for Improvement and Remedial Action

Under Outcome 1 (Our communities will be confident, fully engaged and regularly consulted by public services), the impact measure of “Increase the level of satisfaction with local public services” is measured through Renfrewshire Public Services Panel. The percentage of panel respondents indicating satisfaction with local public services has decreased slightly from 68% in 2014 to 67% in 2016.

Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities works primarily with the third sector in Renfrewshire to ensure strong connections between the sector and other community planning partners. The Forum has responsibility for delivering the programme of community conferences and engagement on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership, which focuses on listening to communities about ways in which public and partnership services can improve to increase overall levels of satisfaction.

The key area of activity for the Forum to improve the level of satisfaction with public services is by communicating the opportunities for communities to be more involved in improving outcomes through implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The main role of the Forum will be to support communities to achieve their ambitions through the opportunities of the Community Empowerment Act.

Also under Outcome 1, the impact measure of “Increase the percentage of people using the internet for engaging with the Community Planning Partnership” is measured through the Public Service Panel. In 2014, 33% of Panel respondents said they used the internet to contact local public services but this had decreased to 29% in the 2016 survey.

Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership uses its website and social media to increase opportunities for people in Renfrewshire to get information and engage with public services. The Community Planning Partnership has its own Renfrewshire 2023 website, which includes information on the work of the partners in delivering community planning outcomes in Renfrewshire and also encourages local organisations to use the website to publicise their own events and activities. User traffic on the website increased significantly over the past year, with a 66% increase in sessions from 7178 in 2014/15 to 11,916 in 2015/16 and an 81% increase in users from 5,274 to 9,554 over the same period.

Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership has a Facebook page with over one thousand likes and set up a Twitter account during 2015/16. Increasing use of social media by partners should increase the ability to engage with people who would not otherwise visit websites and increase the number of people in total engaging with public services via the internet.

Through the Tackling Poverty Programme, the Digital Participation Strategy aims to increase the number of people who have access to the internet for personal use and, by extension, for contacting public services. The Chief Executive of Engage Renfrewshire chairs the group leading the Digital Participation Strategy and Engage Renfrewshire has, within the last year, started hosting a Council staff member working to increase digital skills within the voluntary sector. These actions should empower communities and voluntary organisations to increase the extent to which they engage with public services via internet.

7. Revisions to Renfrewshire’s Local Outcome Improvement Plan

There are no revisions at present to the Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. As a result of the development of the Renfrewshire Digital Strategy, new outcome measures for digital participation will be available later in 2016, which may then replace the existing digital participation measures in the Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities outcome measures.

8. Prevention

The purpose of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities is to ensure that communities and the third sector are equal partners with the public and private sectors in Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership and that communities and the third sector are empowered to make their full contribution to improving outcomes.

During its three years of operation, the Forum and the wider third sector have contributed significantly to the prevention and early intervention agenda identified as a priority by the Christie Commission. The Forum has provided a key route to enable third sector partners to raise issues and initiatives with statutory partners, within the context of the Community Planning Partnership.

Renfrewshire Forum members have played a leading role as commissioners in Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Programme. This has set the policy and strategy for improving outcomes for people currently in poverty and for ensuring that fewer people experience poverty. The work of the Tackling Poverty Commission was based in part on the testimony of lived experience of poverty, drawn from the users of third sector organisations in Renfrewshire. The Forum has Tackling Poverty as a standing item on the Forum For Empowering Communities to ensure that the third sector addresses the issue on an ongoing basis and a third sector Tackling Poverty conference was held in May 2015, attended by around 80 local organisations, to ensure that community and third sector action is at the heart of the strategy to tackle poverty.

Through the Forum, Renfrewshire Access Panel raised the issue of the lack of work experience for school leavers with additional learning needs or physical disabilities. Through the Tackling Poverty programme, third sector agencies are engaged in a pilot programme providing work experience for these children leaving school in summer and winter 2016. The purpose of this intervention has been to enhance the employability of school pupils with disabilities or additional learning needs and reduce prospects of unemployment.

Additional resource provided to supporting volunteers in Renfrewshire has led to the establishment of Renfrewshire Volunteer Managers Forum. The significant increase in volunteer numbers recruited and placed has built the capacity of organisations to carry out work related to prevention across all community planning themes. 86 volunteers in Renfrewshire went on to find paid employment during 2015/16 and 100 went in to further education, demonstrating the effectiveness of volunteering as a route to build skills and prevent unemployment.

Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH) raised the issue of the ability of the third sector to meet the Living Wage and contract relationships with the statutory sector. Although a solution has not yet been achieved regarding this issue, there is now a greater awareness of the context of the Living Wage in the third sector and its potential to address low income among third sector workers in Renfrewshire.

The Living Streets project initiated by Renfrewshire Access Panel is intended to improve the accessibility of the public realm in Renfrewshire in order to reduce inequality of access and the risk of accident and harm to people who have issues related to mobility.

Barnardos and Engage Renfrewshire participated in a national Scottish Government pilot project to embed Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) across third sector partners, with a second phase of this work now about to commence. This work will build the capacity of third sector organisations working with children to improve long term outcomes and prevent problems that drive future costs to the public sector.

Partners in Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities supported the integration of Syrian refugee families in Renfrewshire, primarily through Engage Renfrewshire and Barnardos working with Renfrewshire Council to enable volunteers to support integration have been professionally managed and members of the Syrian community have been able to access volunteering opportunities. This has contributed to addressing potential isolation faced by families arriving in a new country.

The Forum has played a key role in building awareness and support for the Paisley 2021 City of Culture bid through community engagement. A particular focus of this work has been on the power of culture to empower individuals and communities to build skills and enhance confidence, cohesion and employability.



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board

On: 30 August 2016

Report by:

Alan McNiven, Chair of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT – OUTLINE CONTENT OF PROPOSED TOOLKIT

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities seeks to promote and encourage use of the provisions of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The Forum has proposed that a Renfrewshire Community Empowerment Toolkit be developed in order to assist community groups considering asset transfer, purchase of abandoned, neglected or detrimental land or participation requests.
- 1.2 At the Community Empowerment community planning conference on 20 May 2016, community groups heard presentations on the Community Empowerment Act, the experience of community groups who have had involvement in community planning arrangements and a national organisation supporting communities. Some initial discussion took place at the conference regarding the views of local groups on implementation of the Act.
- 1.3 An outline of proposed content for a Renfrewshire Community Empowerment Toolkit is attached for discussion and input from Forum members at Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum For Empowering Communities:

- a) Agrees the outline content of the proposed Community Empowerment Toolkit for development; and
- b) Agrees that the finalised toolkit be submitted for approval to a future meeting of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Scottish Government is due to issue finalised guidance on the Community Empowerment Act during autumn 2016. Part of the guidance will focus on the duty of Community Planning Partnerships to publicise the Community Empowerment Act and raise awareness of its potential benefits.
- 3.2 At a presentation to Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 24 February 2016, it was proposed that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities develop a localised toolkit to raise awareness of the provisions of the Community Empowerment Act, encourage communities to consider using the provisions of the Act and provide some initial advice and assistance to interested community groups.
- 3.3 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership held a community planning conference event on the subject of Community Empowerment on 20 May 2016 in Johnstone Town Hall, attended by 70 members of local groups, with inputs from Engage Renfrewshire, Erskine Music and Media and Community Ownership Support Service. Workshop sessions were held which discussed some of the content of the Scottish Government consultation on the Community Empowerment Act. These discussions will be used to inform the content of the Toolkit.
- 3.4 Attached at Appendix 1 is an outline of chapter headings for the Toolkit and content topics to be developed in order to provide advice and support to community groups. Members of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities are invited to discuss and comment on the proposed content of the Toolkit and provide input on any sources of information for inclusion within the Toolkit.

Community Empowerment Act Toolkit

Draft Content To Be Developed

Who This Toolkit Is For?

Community groups or people wanting to start community groups who are interested in being involved in community planning in Renfrewshire, taking over use, lease or ownership of a community assets (usually a building in public sector use), taking over an area of abandoned or neglected land or get involved in delivering a service.

The idea is to help people get an idea of what's involved in any of these things, what you need to do to achieve the things you want to do and who can help you along the way.

Asset Transfer

- Define what “asset transfer” is and the other possibilities (lease etc).
- Why asset transfer - what to consider before you start.
- What does a community group need to qualify for asset transfer.
- What skills do you need or need to organise (note: are there lawyers, accountants etc on the trusted trader scheme?)
- What needs to be considered regarding making assets “digitally ready” and what advice and support is available.
- What is the “road map” (see COSS)
- How can you access funding?
- What support is available?
- What is the Council/other partners asset transfer policy and who are the relevant contacts?
- Case studies of local groups who have undertaken asset transfers.
- What is the appeals process if the asset transfer is refused?

Abandoned, Neglected Or Detrimental Land

- What is the definition of abandoned, neglected or detrimental land?
- How to identify owner of the land – what help is available?
- What is the “road map” for purchase of abandoned, neglected or detrimental land and how does it differ from other land/asset transfer.
- What services are required to progress right to buy of abandoned, neglected or detrimental land?
- What role do statutory authorities play in the process regarding purchase of abandoned, neglected or detrimental land?
- What is the appeals process if purchase is refused?

Community Planning

- Description of community planning and Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership.
- How can your group be involved in community planning in Renfrewshire?
- Case studies of how local organisations are currently involved in community planning in Renfrewshire.
- Engagement and consultation opportunities within Renfrewshire.
- How to use Renfrewshire 2023 website as a community resource.
- Community engagement in development of Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- Community engagement in development of Locality Action Plans.
- How the Community Empowerment Act will be encouraged/promoted.
- Explanation of Christie Commission “Prevention” agenda.

Participation Requests

- What is a participation request?
- Who can make a participation request?
- What service areas would statutory partners particularly welcome participation requests in?

- What is the process for a participation request and how long does this take?
- What should a participation request contain?
- Who can advise on/support a participation request?
- What is the decision- making process
- What resources do you need to have/consider to deliver your participation request?
- What is the appeals process if a participation request is refused?

Further Information and Support

- Sources of advice and information available to community groups



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board

On: 30 August 2016

Report by:
Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire

TITLE:
**Renfrewshire Community Planning Conferences 2016 Feedback: Regeneration
Conference Events**

1. Summary

- 1.1 A programme of Community Planning Conference events focused on the Paisley UK City of Culture bid, Community Empowerment and Regeneration is taking place between March and June 2016 at venues in Paisley, Johnstone and Renfrew. Third sector organisations have played a significant part in planning, supporting and presenting at events, which have been well attended by communities in Renfrewshire.
- 1.2 Feedback from the community planning conferences will be used to gather evidence of involvement to strengthen the UK City of Culture 2021 bid and influence the development of the bid, the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act in Renfrewshire and the way in which communities are engaged in the significant physical regeneration of Renfrewshire taking place over the next decade. Feedback from the conferences held to the end of May 2016 was presented to the Forum meeting on 1 June 2016. Feedback from the final conference events held on the subject of Regeneration on 20 June is attached below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Forum notes the feedback from the Regeneration community planning conference events held on 20 June 2016.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership carried out a series of six large-scale conference events between March and June 2016. Daytime and evening events are being held across Renfrewshire on the following themes: Paisley UK City of Culture 2021 bid (Paisley), Community Empowerment (Johnstone) and Regeneration (Renfrew). The purpose of the conferences is to raise awareness within our communities of the significant policy developments within Renfrewshire and opportunities for communities to influence these.
- 3.2 The Paisley UK City of Culture 2021 events were held on 11 March and 9 May 2016, attended by 90 and 93 people respectively and the daytime Community Empowerment conference took place on 20 May. The Regeneration events were held on 20 June 2016.
- 3.3 All conference events had speaker input from third sector organisations, reflecting both the strength of the sector and the community empowerment agenda within Renfrewshire. The views of people attending the conferences were recorded through workshop exercises and through customer feedback handsets.

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Renfrewshire Community Planning Conference 2016

Opportunities for our Communities: Regenerating our Communities

**Themes identified from the Workshop sessions, 20th June
2016,**

**9.30am – 2.30pm and 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Renfrew Town
Hall**

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Introduction

Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership has organised larger-scale community planning conferences throughout 2016. On 20th June 2016 Regenerating our communities conference took place with a focus on regeneration initiatives in Renfrewshire, such as Glasgow & Clyde Valley City Deal Programme.

The event took place in the Renfrew Town Hall. Over 50 delegates attended the conference on the day. The conference delegates heard about Renfrewshire's ambitious regeneration projects from the guest speakers. The following guest speakers attended the event:

- Alasdair Morrison, Head of Planning and regeneration, Renfrewshire Council
- Steve McFadden, City Deal Project Director, Renfrewshire Council
- Lesley Fisher – Development Manager, Renfrew Development Trust

In the second half of the event, delegates were invited to participate in the workshops where they were asked to identify key areas of improvement in their local area and outline how these can be achieved. In this report you will be able to find the key issues that were highlighted during the conference and detailed results from the workshop sessions.

Key issues



Workshop results: Daytime Event

What?	When?	Who?	How?
Group 1			
Build more social housing	1000 homes by 2020	Renfrewshire Council and Housing Associations	Funding via Scottish Government, Renfrewshire Council and Housing Associations.
Community Involvement (Development Trusts etc.) to identify gaps and link with the Community Planning Partnership (CPP)	Now and ongoing	Third Sector Interface (TSI), Council, CPP, Housing Associations and	Engage Renfrewshire to assist with group start up.

What?	When?	Who?	How?
		Communities	
City Deal employability options closely linked to actual jobs and how to access, training and preparation for employability	Now and ongoing	Schools, Housing Associations, Council, TSI, College and University	Newsletters, social media, training and education.
Affordable private housing development	Ongoing	Developers	Option for Local Authority to buy some stock and use for affordable housing/rental.
Improve transport facilities/resources including roads, cycle paths and footpaths	Prior to the start of new developments	Council, CPP, City Deal and Private Developers	Consultation
Group 2			
Transport and accessibility	Short term	Central and Local Government, Transport Agencies and Operators	City Deal Transport Strategy to support different modes
Communication and promotion	Short term	Council, Community groups and schools	Familiarise people with City Deal process, structure and participation
New Investment and activity including town centres for different age groups	Short to long term	Council, Job seekers, local businesses and community groups	Improve facilities which appeal to a variety of age groups. Creating opportunities for activity resulting in sense of attachment to place.
Group 3			
Sustainability	Always	Everyone	
Good public transport links to increase accessibility	Early development feasibility	Everyone	Integrated transport hubs.
Underused buildings or spaces	Opportunistic	Community, private sector, council and other	Working in partnership.

What?	When?	Who?	How?
		public bodies	
Place making	Always	Planning, regeneration and community	Improve design standards/development requirements.
Youth engagement	From the beginning	Schools, college and youth groups	Targeted event – go to the audience.
Group 4			
Improve transport links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links between Linwood and Paisley are poor • Limited number of late buses • People feel isolated • My Bus only used in Paisley 	Increase provision at weekends	SPT, third sector, My Bus, Bus companies and volunteers (similar to hospital routes)	Social Enterprise options available using buses that are in garages. Take up with Just-Enterprise first.
Make better use of community facilities e.g. Tweedie Halls, Linwood; On X not really used by locals; award ceremonies are being held in hotels; and Council use there own facilities	2016/17	Renfrewshire Leisure, Renfrewshire Council, Glasgow Airport (when using facilities out with the airport)	Publicise and encourage more use of facilities. Use own facilities when appropriate.
Reduce the amount of litter particularly in doorways and around Paisley Gilmour Street.	Short term – blitz Longer term – behaviour change	Paisley 2021, Renfrewshire Council (Wardens and Street Cleaning), Abellio Trains	Implement fines. Encourage more litter picks. Provide stub hubs for smokers. High visibility of street sweepers
Improve accessibility to existing facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer pavements • Mobility access 	Facilities already exist	Property owners, Renfrewshire Access Panel and Renfrewshire Council	Community Empowerment Act. Business Rates.
New Sports hub in Ferguslie not necessary – use existing facilities		Renfrewshire Leisure and the wider community	

Workshop results: Evening Event

What?	When?	Who?	How?
Group 1			
Accessibility of local jobs	Ongoing in the short, medium and long term	Private, Public and third sector partnerships	Consult and listen to local communities.
Improve transport and ensure that roads are fit for purpose and encourage active travel	Short, medium and long term depending on each element	Private, Public and third sector partnerships	Better consultation including bi-monthly events outside community councils.
Community empowerment, inclusion and education	Now	Private, Public and third sector partnerships	Recruit young people.
Group 2			
Good public transport links into and out of towns	Now and at all times including the evenings and weekends	SPT and McGills	Subsidised routes.
Better communication (The truth), consultation and feedback rather than having to search for information	Consistent and timely (every day) and not just through the Council website	Renfrewshire Council, Local Councillors, Community Councillors and Development Trusts	Use Community Councils and Development Trusts to become statutory consultees.
Realistic prices for the development and transfer of Council land	Addressed as a matter of urgency	Renfrewshire Council, Estates and Development Trusts	Discuss economic benefits of asset transfer
Social Housing – Affordable and mixed housing	Continuous development	Renfrewshire Council, Housing Associations and Private Sector	Public and private investment and infrastructure



To: **Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities**

On: **30 August 2016**

Report by:

Lead Officer, Forum for Empowering Communities

UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities draws members from local Third Sector and community operated organisations within Renfrewshire. It has been developed to reflect organisations that have a spread of knowledge, important resources, operate as local employers and can help support general communication to a wide community of service users within the communities of Renfrewshire.
- 1.2 The Forum deploys a member to attend each of the other 5 Community Planning Partnership Thematic Board meetings. Each Forum member is supported by a member of Engage Renfrewshire staff and is required to update the Forum on the progress/activity of their respective nominated Board.
- 1.3 The updates are attached as Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board note the updates.

UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Alan McNiven
NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Community Planning Partnership Board
DATE OF MEETING: Monday, 27 June 2016
KEY POINTS: <p>SPOTLIGHT - Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board noted the strong performance and strategic focus achieved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board and profiled the Greener Communities sub-group led by John Wilby, assisted by Iain Cunningham of Engage Renfrewshire. The Greener Communities sub group led on the successful project to improve stalled spaces across Renfrewshire.</p> <p>SPOTLIGHT - Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities – presentation aligned to paper presented at the Forum Meeting.</p> <p>Community Empowerment Act: Development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Action Plans - recommended that the Partnership Board notes the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act to produce and publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans and agrees the key tasks and indicative timescale for this work. Each Community Planning Partnership is required to have a new Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) in place by 1 October 2017. The LOIP must demonstrate and provide evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations and how engagement with local communities, business and third sectors has developed this understanding • Identification of communities that experience poorer outcomes than others in the area or elsewhere in Scotland
ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: An update on the 'Tackling Poverty in Renfrewshire programme noted that over the summer months, there would be engagement and consultation with citizens with a focus on capturing voices and perceptions of people living in poverty in Renfrewshire, capturing key successes of projects to date and identifying areas for development over the coming year.



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UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

<p>NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Stuart Graham</p>
<p>NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Jobs and Economy Board</p>
<p>DATE OF MEETING: 1 June 2016</p>
<p>KEY POINTS:</p> <p>Bob Davidson, Programme Director For Developing The Young Workforce (West Region) reported on the programme, which will last for 3 years. The West Region covers 29 secondary schools and 12,000 employers. The focus of the programme is on developing employer partnerships providing a more flexible approach to work experience and preparing young people in relation to “soft skills”.</p> <p>A report was presented regarding emerging issues in relation to regeneration and economic development in Renfrewshire. Renfrewshire’s population is ageing and is not growing at present, although there is an increase in the level of new build housing. A new transport strategy is being developed and there will be wider consultation on a new Paisley Town Centre action plan in autumn 2016. A new 130 acre business park at being developed at Netherton Farm.</p> <p>A new Renfrewshire Recruitment Incentive programme began from 1 May 2016 and will run to 30 June 2018, subject to amendments required by any new national programmes of support for recruits. Invest In Renfrewshire’s “Aiming Higher” Conference takes place at the Normandy Hotel on 15/16 June 2016.</p> <p>Glasgow Airport celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. There has now been 38 months of consecutive passenger growth and passenger numbers are projected to reach 9 million.</p> <p>Key priorities for the Jobs and Economy Board in the future are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic framework (standing item). • Renfrewshire “offer” to businesses and how this is monitored. • Development of a destination brand and place marketing strategy



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<p>NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:</p> <p>Lynne O'Brien & Karen Miller</p>
<p>NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:</p> <p>Children & Young People Thematic Board</p>
<p>DATE OF MEETING:</p> <p>26 May 2016</p>
<p>KEY POINTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Corporate Parenting Champions Board – Life Changes – Trust Funding Award</u> <p>Report submitted by the Senior Officer (GIRFEC), Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council outlining the additional funding awarded to develop the Champions Board by the Life Changes Trust (LCT).</p> <p>LCT established by Big Lottery April '13 with 10 year endowment of £50M to support transformational improvement in the quality of life, wellbeing, empowerment and inclusion of people affected by dementia and young people with experience of being in care. 2015 saw LCT inviting applications for funding to start / develop Champions Boards. Renfrewshire was one of eight Local Authority areas to receive funding – awarded £225K over three years i.e. 1 April '16 / '19.</p> <p>Updates will be provided at future meetings.</p> 2. <u>All Children's Study of Need</u> <p>Report submitted by Acting Head of Early Years and Inclusion, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to the All Children's Study of Need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership first in Scotland to work with Dartington Social Research Unit to conduct study of need in child population.



Work referred to as 'All Children Epidemiology Survey.'

- Second study of child need taking place – late 2016
- Short life group will ensure questionnaire is developed

3. Integrated Children's Service Improvement Plan – Outcome 4

Report submitted by Director of Children's Services. Focus being 'Our children and young people have good physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.'

4. Children & Young People Participation Group – Terms of Reference

Report submitted by Head of Childcare and Criminal Justice, Children's Services, in respect of terms of reference for the Participation Group to be established by Summer 2016.

Council's participation strategy set key principles of participation and how to ensure that the right to participate was realised for all young people and extended to more children and young people across Renfrewshire.

5. Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 – Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) – Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance

Report submitted by Senior Officer (GIRFEC), Children's Services.

Provided framework for information sharing between professional to support the functions of the Named Person and operation of the Child's Plan. Guidance approved 2014, further update August 2016.

6. Pregnancy & Parenthood in Young People Strategy

Report submitted by Director of Children's Services advising Scottish Government published Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy 2016/26. Strategy identified actions.

Agreed Children & Young People Thematic Board lead Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership response to Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy. This Board will identify a person to provide leadership and coordination for Pregnancy and Parenting in Young People Strategy.

7. Feedback from Glennifer High School

Head of Childcare and Criminal Justice, Children's Services, provided verbal update in respect of feedback from Glennifer High School pupils following the Youth Engagement Event on 31 August 2015.



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UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:

Stephen McLellan

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: COMMUNITY CARE, HEALTH & WELLBEING THEMATIC BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 2 JUNE 2016

KEY POINTS:

BACK TO BASICS: POPULATION HEALTH IN NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE 2015/17

The Interim Director of Public Health/Deputy Head of Administration gave a presentation relative to a report on Population Health in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2015-2017.

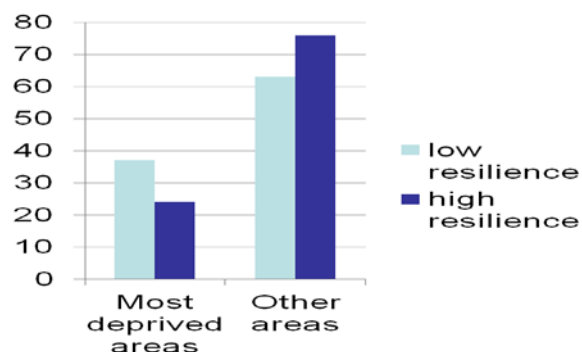
The most significant issue was the focus of Dr Emilia Crighton, the interim Director of Public Health's presentation on relative health inequalities across NHS GGC, with some specific comparisons to Renfrewshire.

This evidenced that there remains a challenge for local agencies to work with communities to expand awareness of health seeking opportunities.

From a mental health perspective, Stephen McLellan was particularly attracted to slide 28 below. This shows factors associated with resilience and how the more assets an individual/community has (social connections, control over personal decision making, friendships, social support and reciprocity-doing and receiving "favours") the greater their resilience.

Factors associated with resilience

- Positive perception of control over life
- Social connectedness
- Reciprocity
- Local friendships
- Social support



During discussion Cllr Ian McMillan asked Dr Crighton, what she felt acted as a deterrent to positive health and what defined 'Scottish'. She suggested that the main factor which contributes to the Scottish Mentality was a lack of **confidence**.

Stephen McLellan indicated that this was, in his opinion, a significant factor which the third sector (and the Forum) could consider focusing on?

(If you wish a copy of the presentation please contact Carol MacDonald on 618 5967).



STUDENT CANNABIS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

A report was submitted and presentation given by the HI Senior, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to a multi-agency project, which was targeted at students in Renfrewshire and aimed to challenge the 'normalisation' of cannabis use and address the apathy or lack of information, which young people often felt towards the health and social issues surrounding cannabis use.

ADP UPDATE

The Alcohol & Drug Project submitted a report relative to an update on the work of the Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP).

The report intimated that new governance and accountability arrangements had been agreed following an independent review commissioned by the Chief Officers' Group. From 1 April 2016 the ADP would report directly to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and it was agreed that the Chair would be the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Chief Officer. It was noted that the arrangements would be ratified at the next scheduled meeting of the ADP on 20 June 2016.

It was noted that a paper outlining the planning architecture to support the IJB was currently being developed and this would include arrangements for the ADP and reported to the IJB Board scheduled to take place on 15 September 2016. The report intimated that links would also remain with Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership structures.

As a result of the review, structural changes to support the ADP had also been implemented. The newly established ADP Delivery Group would have key responsibility for planning, performance, implementation of national policy frameworks and the joint financial framework. The Drug Deaths Action Group would continue to review all drug related deaths and discussions were underway to consider Alcohol Related Deaths within the Group's remit, the Recovery Co-ordination Group would drive forward the recovery agenda and the SPEAR Group would lead in prevention and education initiatives. A copy of the ADP Performance Framework was attached as an appendix to the report.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTION PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership which provided an update on the Community Care, Health & Wellbeing action plan.

After discussion it was agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board highlighting gaps in the action plan.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Stuart Miller
NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Safer & Stronger
DATE OF MEETING: Monday 17 th May 2016
KEY POINTS: Presentations by Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (ADP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol & drugs positive attitudes to these by changing behaviour. • Naloxone supplied freely, to be used when someone overdoses on heroin • Safe alcohol levels now 14 units a week for men and women • New legal psychoactive drugs appearing all the time and being sold in shops. • Chair of ADP now David Leese of Health & Social Care Partnership • Being visited by Care Inspectorate with report distributed end of 2016 • Specialist services provide in Dykebar and offices in Back Sneddon Street • More links with Trading Standards • Problems continue around high numbers of women drinking, increase in drinking at home and violence linked to alcohol/drug use. Stronger Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot programme being tested in Glenburn ends July 2016. • Sustainability important to ensure programme has real outcomes that will be reached/achieved • Books have been created by parents and children during storytelling workshops • 200 people attended a fun day at Glenburn community centre • 180 came along to 'goal setting' day • One issue is ensuring everyone has all the details about all ongoing community based activities. • Parks – what about activities suitable for teenagers Tackling Poverty Initiatives With linkages to the safer and stronger thematic board. Funding has been granted to



Breakfast clubs - £120,000
Street stuff - £250,000
Joint Employability Initiative - £135,000
Private Landlords Registration & Enforcement - £30,000
All these projects value for money

Daily Tasking

This group meets every day with the Community Safety Partnership Hub. The purpose of the group is to review relevant incidents which have occurred over the past 24 hours. This information is then disposed to the most appropriate service to look at an earlier intervention to resolve the issue prior to further escalation. Areas focused on include: child protection, adult protection, offender management, community safety etc. Partners include Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Victim Support, Registered Social Landlords.

Counter Corruption, Serious Organised Crime & Counter Terrorism

This group develops a strategic response to this agenda to ensure a proportionate response to the risks identified across the Council. For example;
ensuring key policies and procedures are up to date and fit for purpose, e.g. whistle blowing
Better usage of ICT services e.g. cyber security

Ministerial Statement on Child Protection

Reviews –improve systems Renfrewshire Council already have in place. Not about highlighting any issues.

Looking at Carers/workers in Children's Homes being educated to Degree level.

Safer & Stronger Thematic Board Report

For noting only. That the Community Plan Partnership Board :

- Notes the strong performance & strategic focus achieved by the Safer & Stronger Thematic Board.
- Notes the agreed future work plan of the Safer & Stronger
- Notes the strategic review of priorities and focus for the Safer & Stronger.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE BACK TO CAROL MACDONALD, SENIOR COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO NEXT PRE AGENDA MEETING. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF DATES PLEASE CONTACT CAROL AT carol.macdonald@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk OR PHONE 0141 618 5967



To: **Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board**

On: **30 August 2016**

Report by:
Director of Finance & Resources

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THEMATIC BOARD – JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to submit for consideration the proposed calendar of meeting dates for the Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities Thematic Board for the period January 2017 to the June 2017.
- 1.2 The Board had agreed previously that it would develop a programme of visits to projects/initiatives to coincide with meetings, therefore consideration should also be given to identifying which projects/initiatives to visit and suitable venues for meetings.
- 1.3 It should be noted that although the Board meetings have been scheduled to June 2017 the Local Government Elections are due to be held on 4 May 2017 and therefore the Board meeting in June may be subject to change or cancellation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board approves the timetable of meetings to June 2017; schedules a programme of visits to projects/initiatives; and identifies suitable venues for meetings to coincide with visits.



3. Background

- 3.1 The timetable takes account of all standard meetings of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board but does not take into account any ad-hoc meetings which might be held as and when necessary.
- 3.2 The proposed dates and times are as follows:
- Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 4pm
 - Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 4pm
 - Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 4pm

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