

**To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership**

**On: 26 March 2019**

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

**TITLE:**  
**Membership of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to invite standing members of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership to agree the appointment of community representatives to vacant positions within the Local Partnership.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that standing members of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership:
- (a) Consider the summary of applications received in relation to the places for community representatives on the Local Partnership which require to be filled, as set out at paragraph 3.3 and;
  - (b) Discuss and agree those applicants which members of the Local Partnership wish to appoint to fill the vacant community representative positions on the Local Partnership.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The first meeting of the Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership held on 29 January 2019 agreed community representatives to fill eight of the nine remaining spaces. The intention was that the remaining space would be taken up by a young person's representative if possible.
- 3.2 Criteria have been developed to support members to come to a decision on the appointment of community representatives. These were set out as part of the application and are as follows:
- Size of the community the group represents.
  - Mechanisms in place to communicate with the local community.

- Whether a group represents or support a community of interest and how connected the group is to other community groups in the area.

3.3 Four organisations have expressed an interest in providing a community representative. The applications are:

| Applicant        | Organisation                                | Summary of Application Information  |
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| Susan McDonald   | Active Communities                          | Deliver physical activity, community sport and health and wellbeing programmes with participants from 2 months to 91 years. Active Communities have a health and wellbeing hub in Johnstone and are working on asset transfer of the police station. Engaged with 2,000 people in the area last year with 18,725 attendances at activities (700 people per week)  |
| Michael Young    | St Benedict's High School Parent Council    | The Parent Council supports over 740 students on the school roll and their families. Pupils come from across Linwood and Johnstone (and also Kilbarchan, Elderslie, Howwood and Lochwinnoch). The Parent Council can help shape Local partnership priorities and also bring local insight and knowledge back in to the school.  |
| George MacDonald | Corseford Tenants and Residents Association | Corseford Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) formed in 2018 to establish a children's playground in the area. The TARA represents 900 people in 504 households. Communication is through a social media page (233 members) and also through leaflet drops to residents.   |
| Wilma Dean       | Friends of Shanks Park                      | Friends of Shanks Park represent all ages within the community. It has 20 members working to renew equipment in Thomas Shanks Park and create a new community garden. The majority of the Committee are young people aged 14-25. Engagement takes place within the local community on a face to face basis by attending meetings at Tenants and Residents Associations, local venues and youth venues. Engagement with a wider audience takes place through social media. |

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