



To: **Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities**

On: **30 March 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 note the updates.

UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

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

Lynne O'Brien

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Children & Young People

DATE OF MEETING:

4 th Feb 2016

KEY POINTS:

<p>Joint Children's Services Inspection Report – Peter MacLeod updated the Board of the overall Very Good Grade and the key points. Renfrewshire are in the top 4 in Scotland. There has already been progress in key areas since the inspection</p>

<p>Presentation on pre-term babies – this presentation provided an overview of the issues regarding pre-term babies. The impact on a child's development is different depending on how early a child is born. The report highlights the impact on learning in the classroom and other wider children's services</p> <p>Further scoping will be carried out and an action plan will be presented to the board.</p>

<p>Barnardo's Threads gave an overview of the services for young parents- family support, pre & post natal education and specialist interventions for Domestic Abuse and also for substance mis-use.</p>

<p>Heathy Hearts – yp attended and updated the board of the impact of the health & well-being work in St Benedict's. There have been positive results in relation to health eating and sports activities.</p> <p>6 schools are working with Active communities to develop peer mentoring.</p>

<p>Poverty Commission – a summary report was presented of the impact and outcome to date. The commission has been far reaching and have been significant progress in tackling poverty across the partnership.</p>

<p>Care Leavers Update– the Corporate Parenting group is currently reviewing Corporate Parenting Strategy. The Champions Board are involved in this consultation. A plan will be presented to the May Board.</p>



The Scottish care leavers covenant co-produced by leading Children's Charities and Celcis is an ambitious agenda for improving outcomes for young people leaving care.

GIRFEC – looked after children – a report will be presented to the next Board

Decided – the Board agreed to aspire to the commitments outlined in the covenant.

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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: CAROL MACDONALD (IN THE ABSENCE OF STEPHEN MCLELLAN AND JOE FERRIE)
NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: COMMUNITY CARE, HEALTH & WELLBEING THEMATIC BOARD
DATE OF MEETING: 21 JANUARY, 2016
KEY POINTS: RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP: STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT A report was submitted relative to the consultation draft of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's Strategic Plan. Members were invited to comment on the Plan during the formal consultation period which was to end on 3 February 2016. F MacKay gave a presentation which set the context for the Plan; highlighted the steps to be taken; outlined the timescales; and summarised the key points. COMMUNITY-LED HEALTH An update was given on the delivery of the Community-Led Health contract since 2013. The report outlined what had been delivered in each of the three agreed key areas and the legacy that was being developed as a result of the work. S McDonald gave a presentation which outlined the vision for the organisation; the building capacity and training opportunities. It highlighted the partnership working and the successes and achievements of the organisation and took a look at how the organisation was funded. It was noted that they were holding a celebration event which would take place on Monday 8 February, 2016 at Linwood Parish Church at 6pm and all Members were invited to attend.
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NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Ian McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association, Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Jobs and Economy

DATE OF MEETING: 8 February 2016

KEY POINTS:

- Renfrewshire youth JSA rate was below the Scotland and UK averages for the third period in a row. Renfrewshire is now launching a Full Youth Employment Initiative, with a partnership group to be established.
- West College Scotland Youth Employment Initiative will deliver 7086 credits to 443 participants across the WCS college region.
- The outline business case for £15million Heritage Lottery Funding was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in December 2015.

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

Stephen Cruickshank and Stuart Miller

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Safer & Stronger

DATE OF MEETING:

3rd February 2016

KEY POINTS:

The CEDAR project has submitted an application to BIG Lottery. BIG Lottery are positive about the outcome of the application, as BIG are quoting the CEDAR Project as an example of best practice.

Gordon Paterson from The Scottish Government provided a presentation on a Scottish Government consultation on the future priorities for Scottish policing. 3 main questions are
Is Policing working for the communities it is working in?

What are the key things we believe the police should be?

What should the police look like from the late 2020s and beyond?

There was a lengthy discussion on the ways in which Renfrewshire Council are working in partnership with Police Scotland. Some of these are quite innovative. It has been noted that local police can access resources for specific issues from out with the Renfrewshire area without any impact on the policing of Renfrewshire.

Police officers will become more visible at events and around communities as the working relationship with Renfrewshire Council continues to improve.

It was noted that Police Scotland is reviewing their Annual Police Plan for 2016/17. A draft of this was attached with minutes. Police Scotland are seeking views on the Plan which has been developed with a focus on the themes of:-

Localism

Prevention

Collaboration

Equality

Participation

A finalised version will be published during April 2016.



Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Scotland (HMICS) is reviewing their annual scrutiny plan to develop a planned inspection programme for 2016/17. HMICS are seeking the views of key stakeholders on the proposed inspections and any topical, high risk or emerging areas in policing that could be included within the 2015/16 annual inspection programme.

Building Safer greener Communities – Multi Agency Approach

Police Scotland have agreed with the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group to undertake a multi-agency tasking approach in specific geographical areas with vulnerabilities and problems that could be addressed by a multi-agency approach. This is proven successful in other Council areas.

The programmes will focus on issues such as

Domestic violence

Anti-social behaviour

Vandalism

Etc.

The programme will be carried out in 4 phases:-

Phase 1 – weekend of action

Phase2 – community engagement/environmental visual audit and enforcement

Phase 3 – diversionary activities

Phase 4 lifetime management

Report on the inspection of services for children and young people in Renfrewshire.

The inspection took place between December 2014 and February 2015, with the report published in December 2015. Renfrewshire received 6 “very goods”, 2 “good” and 1 “adequate”. These are very positive results given the scale of the inspection. This places Renfrewshire in the top 4 of these inspections undertaken to date.

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

I Cunningham & J Wilby

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

DATE OF MEETING:

KEY POINTS:

GREENER COMMUNITIES UPDATE ON PROGRESS

The sub group continues to attract new members. Each group provided a members update.

The current Greener Communities Sub Group action plan has been updated and a progress report will be submitted to the Committee at the February Greener board meeting. The sub group have produced a new draft action plan which will also be presented at the board meeting for approval.

STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection updating members on the Stalled Spaces Scotland applications. The report advised that two applications for funding had been considered and approved in principal at the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting.

Nine applications have now been approved, this will take the total spend to £19,377.00 as outlined in the table below.



Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR)	£2,400.00
Paisley West & Central Community Council	£1,900.00
Loud n Proud	£2,007.00
Environmental Training Team	£1,996.00
Renfrew Development Trust	£2,960.00
Kilbarchan Community Council	£2,180.00
I Am Me Project (Pending)	£2,000.00
Erskine Music & Media (Application Submitted)	£2,100.00
STAR Project (Application Submitted)	£1,834.00
Total	£19,377.00

ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANS ACROSS RENFREWSHIRE

M Higginbotham gave a presentation on active travel plans across Renfrewshire. He gave a brief overview of the involvement from Council departments and external organisations; outlined the current and future Council projects and outreach projects; and highlighted the funding streams. He advised that the Council required assistance to promote active travel in schools; to ensure better co-ordination between partners in order to deliver a joined up network; to put in place with partners a long-term comprehensive programme based on published strategies; to raise awareness of known funding requirements in advance; and for CPP partners to participate in joint funding applications to maximise opportunities. Discussion took place on how to resource the co-ordination of the strategy. It was agreed that this action would be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group and resource implications would also be explored with the Chief Executive's Service.

LOW CARBON & ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A report was submitted by SPT which provided details on the fuel types used by SPT's fleet of buses and cars/vans. The report also provided information regarding alternative fuel vehicles in the wider bus network across the West of Scotland and gave some analysis of current experience of SPT and bus operators in emerging fuel technologies.

GREENER RENFREWSHIRE SUB-GROUPS UPDATE ON PROGRESS

A report was submitted by the Greener Transport Sub-Group relative to the progress made by the Sub-Group in achieving the high level priorities of the Board. Thematic Board. The report detailed key achievements and challenges, together with refreshed action plans and targets which were detailed within the appendices.

Discussion took place on the progress of the Sub-Groups and it was agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board relative to the Greener Housing Sub-Group which would include an updated action plan and a summary of the progress that had been made.



BUILDING SAFER GREENER COMMUNITIES – MULTI AGENCY APPROACH

A report was submitted by the Head of Public Protection relative to a Multi-Agency approach to building safer and greener communities. The report advised that following discussions with Police Scotland and the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group, the monthly tasking process was being developed into a Renfrewshire Multi-Agency Tasking Group. This would develop the principles set out in the Building Safer Communities National Strategy of reducing victims of crime and reducing victims of unintentional harm to carry out structured multi-agency interventions in key communities to help them build capacity to resolve issues which affected the area in which they lived.

The report advised that Police Scotland had successfully implemented this approach in a number of communities with positive results and with the full co-operation of all other partners with an agreement to participate, allocate and focus resources as required. It was highlighted that the group would identify geographical areas with vulnerabilities and problems that could be addressed by a multi-agency approach, including high numbers of victims of crime and victims of unintentional harm.

Over a six week period the group, made up of relevant Community Planning Partners, would work together to make improvements in the local community with a view to building long term community capacity. The proposed model would support a number of key priorities currently being taken forward by Community Planning Partners. The report intimated that an evidence based action plan would be developed to tackle issues relating to each area where there was evidence of need using the EPIC approach of Enforcement, Prevention, Intelligence and Communication.

This will be carried out in 4 phases and the Group would access and coordinate the relevant partner resources required to tackle the issues identified in each area. The group would operate throughout the 2016 – 17 financial year using the additional capacity delivered by the Tackling Poverty Special Wardens and Special Constables programme to focus on key tackling poverty communities and town centres. The intention was to engage with between 6 and 8 communities during 2016/17, starting in March 2016 when the Special Wardens and Special Constables would be in place during the 2016/17 financial year.

RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT 2015 - UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND DETAILED ASSESSMENTS FOR JOHNSTONE, RENFREW AND MONTGOMERY ROAD, PAISLEY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the findings of the most recent 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment, and advising of the conclusions of the detailed assessments undertaken at Johnstone High Street, Montgomery Road, Paisley and Renfrew.

The report intimated that following the introduction of the Environment Act 1995, all Scottish local authorities required to undertake a regular review and assessment of air quality within their area and submit their findings to the Scottish Government. The



Council had completed annual reviews and assessments of local air quality across Renfrewshire since 1998. Where a review of air quality indicated that there was a risk of a limit value or objective being exceeded, local authorities were required to follow a clear process. The process was outlined within the report.

The report provided the findings of the 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment, which reviewed 2014 air quality data, as well as the conclusions of the detailed assessments undertaken at Johnstone High Street, Montgomery Road, Paisley and Renfrew. The 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment had identified that there was a risk that nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels were being breached at West Walkinshaw, Paisley and Inchinnan Road, Renfrew and that a detailed assessment would require to be carried out for NO₂ at those locations.

The Detailed Assessment reports for Johnstone High Street, Montgomery Road, Paisley and Renfrew had been undertaken as the 2014 Updating & Screening Assessment had identified that the annual mean NO₂ objective had been exceeded at these locations. The key conclusions of the detailed assessment reports were provided. The report stated that there were currently 693 air quality management areas declared in the UK, one of which was in Paisley town centre. Options included the expansion of the current Air Quality Management Area in Renfrewshire to include the above areas or the creation of a number of additional smaller air quality management areas. There were perceived benefits and disadvantages in both approaches and it was proposed that a detailed analysis of these be undertaken and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of this Board setting out options and recommendations.

SPOTLIGHT ON NHS

G Brown gave a presentation relative to sustainability in the NHS. She gave a brief overview of the direction and change of strategy; outlined the sustainability circle; highlighted some large scale and some small scale projects; detailed some of the staff engagement projects; and drew attention to some of the sustainability projects relating to transport and waste.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Local Social Enterprise Klas care have been awarded £12k from the BA carbon fund to work in partnership with LEAP to upgrade the Janitors house (Asset transfer) within East Fulton Primary School to a green energy and efficiency standard.

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NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board
DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, 24 February 2016
KEY POINTS: Presentation on the Scottish Care Leavers Covenant – Now signed off Renfrewshire: Full Youth Employment Initiative Proposal – aims for a ‘zero’ youth employment target Community Planning Engagement 2016 – layout of the planned events. Financial Settlements - Discussion and verbal update by CPP Partners Strategic Partnership Agreements - Presentation by UWS and CPP partner discussion Implications of Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and Review of CPP
ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Meeting Set for 30 th March to discuss the Implications of Community Empowerment Act with the Leader of Renfrewshire Council
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