

## Minute of Meeting Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 27 March 2024	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

**Present:** Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Graeme Clark, Councillor Anne Hannigan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Andy Steel

### Chair

Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Convener, presided.

### In Attendance

L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Partnerships, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager, D Dunn, Social Renewal Lead Officer (all Chief Executive's); and C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Cunningham, Committee Services and Licensing Officer (both Finance & Resources).

### Apology

Councillor Leishman.

### Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

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

### Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Sub-committee would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

### 1(a) **Cost of Living Update**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an overview of the key context and evidence around current pressures on household finances, both in terms of household income and expenditure.

The report intimated that since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee on 31 January 2024, there had been a number of changes in economic factors including a decrease in the Energy Price Cap from 1 April 2024, meaning households were paying less for their energy use, while inflation had reduced to 4% and interest rates had remained the same. The report also highlighted the latest insights into the cost of living from the Office of National Statistics in January.

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

### 1(b) **Draft Cost of Living Dashboard**

The Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager gave a presentation relative to the Cost-of-Living Dashboard.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the dashboard; highlighted key statistics; and detailed average monthly rent costs and rent affordability.

**DECIDED**: That the presentation be noted.

## 2 **Fairer Renfrewshire Programme Update**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to key projects being progressed through the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme, highlighting key priorities which would be the focus of future activity.

The report provided updates on current projects, detailed within Section 4 of the report, including the Scottish Government Council Tax Debt Pilot Project; School Support Service; Lived Experience Panel; Community Needs Assessment in Gallowhill; Easter holiday provision; Thrive Under 5; and the Fair Food Renfrewshire. The report also highlighted key priorities for the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme for March to June 2024.

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

## 3 **Alcohol and Drugs Change Programme Update**

The Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager gave a presentation relative to an update on the Alcohol and Drugs Change Programme.

The presentation outlined the timeline; gave an update on service; partnership and research developments; highlighted the resources available; advised of the importance of housing services; detailed facilities visited; gave a brief overview of the

focus on trauma; indicated how the evaluation would be carried out; and advised of the next steps.

**DECIDED**: That the presentation be noted.