

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 30 March 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; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, Linstone Housing Association; J Wilby, Paisley West End & 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; and J Kiddie, Renfrewshire Law Centre.

Chair

Alan McNiven.

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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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| | Verbal update by A Conboy, Education Manager, Children's Services. | |
| 5 | Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 | |
| | Joint presentation by A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire and S Graham, Partnerships Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 6 | City of Culture Update | |
| | Verbal update by A McNiven, Chair of Forum for Empowering Communities. | |
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Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 09 February 2016	16:00	Engage Renfrewshire, 1 Falcon Crescent, Paisley, PA3 1NS

PRESENT

A McNiven and S Graham (both Engage Renfrewshire); J Wilby, Paisley West End & Central Community Council; and S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel.

CHAIR

As A McNiven had been delayed in another meeting it was agreed that S Graham would chair the meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE

I Cunningham, K Miller and J Ferrie (all Engage Renfrewshire); C Walker, Renfrewshire Community Health & Social Care Partnership; and J Mackie, P Sale and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

L O'Brien, Barnados; I McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association; A Fraser, Linstone Housing Association; S McLellan, RAMH; and J Cram, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

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 6 of the agenda after item 2.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities held on 17 November 2015.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

RF.27.01.15(5) - STREETS FOR ALL

S Graham advised that a report would be submitted to the next cycle of the Community Planning Thematic Boards.

RF.27.01.15(2) - LOCAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

The key points from the Charrette in Erskine would be incorporated into a report which would form part of draft strategy plan for Erskine.

DECIDED: That the updated Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 ERSKINE CHARRETTE

A presentation was given by J Mackie relative to the Scottish Government and Renfrewshire Council planning-led “Charrette” engagement exercise which took place in Erskine the first week in February 2016 to look at the future of Erskine town centre and surrounding areas.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the event which had been funded by the Scottish Government; outlined the timetable; highlighted the key themes; and detailed the delivery and next phase of the project.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND STRATEGIC PLAN

A report was submitted by A Conboy, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 which came into force 1st September, 2013. The Regulations placed a legal requirement on local authorities to provide clear leadership and direction, and to drive the action needed to ensure they maximised the contribution of Community Learning and Development partners in the reform of public services.

The report intimated that the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Regulations supported the achievement of four policy goals and had a specific focus within the strategic objectives for the reform of public services. A specific requirement of the Regulations was the creation and implementation of a strategic plan which was attached as an appendix and detailed how CLD activities would be delivered; who would deliver them; and what specific target groups would benefit from them.

J Mackie gave a presentation outlining which groups had been consulted during the process; summarised the workshop event and the methods used to obtain the information; and highlighted the next steps.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the implementation of the Regulations for Community Learning and Development including the strategic plan be noted; and
- (b) That it be agreed that the Senior Officer responsible for the CLD Regulations and Strategic Plan would report key successes and milestones through the Forum for Empowering Communities.

5 COMMUNITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT 2016

A report was submitted by Engage Renfrewshire relative to a series of local community-led events developed with community groups and organisations and larger scale events for a wider audience to be held during the first six months of 2016. The report intimated that in addition to the events already being planned, there would be further opportunities for local community-led events during the course of 2016.

DECIDED: That the proposals to develop further community planning events in response to local demand be agreed.

6 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

A report was submitted by the Chair of Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities relative to a Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 update.

The report intimated that Alasdair McKinlay, Head of the Community Planning and Empowerment Unit at the Scottish Government, made a presentation on the Community Empowerment Act at the meeting of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 9 December 2015. The presentation noted that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was expected to be implemented by late summer 2016; a sounding board had been created to look at regulations that might be required to enable partners to make decisions; Renfrewshire's Local Improvement Plan would be linked to the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework which now had a statutory basis; the Right to Buy local land and assets had been extended to urban Scotland through the Act and included privately-owned assets; and the Scottish Community Development Foundation was leading on work to refresh the National Standards of Community Engagement on behalf of the Scottish Government.

DECIDED:

(a) That the key points of the Scottish Government presentation to the Community Planning Partnership Board meeting on 9 December 2015 on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act be noted; and

(b) That it be agreed that 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.

7 TACKLING POVERTY

S Graham gave a verbal update relative to the progress of the Tackling Poverty Commission strategy. He intimated that the work of Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Commission and the partner response to the Commission's recommendation had already shown significant progress towards the three key pledges.

DECIDED: That the updated be noted.

SEDERUNT

A McNiven entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

8 UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS

Feedback reports from the members who had been present at the various Thematic Boards were submitted in respect of:

- Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board
- Jobs & the Economy Thematic Board
- Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board
- Children & Young People Thematic Board; and
- Community Care Health & Wellbeing Thematic Board.

DECIDED: To note the feedback provided in the reports.

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES ROLLING ACTION LOG

Action is on track



Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed. Action required to bring up to satisfactory level



Past deadline date and action required.



KEY

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
RF.10.09.13(8)	<u>Development of Targets & Baselines.</u>	Forum Members		Future Meeting		<p><u>RF.12.11.13(6)</u> 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.</p> <p><u>RF.04.02.14(4)</u> 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><u>RF.12.11.13(6)</u> Forum representatives on each of the relevant Boards takes responsibility for progressing the actions set out in each of the tables regarding Forum involvement.</p> <p><u>RF.01.09.15(2)</u> Timetable of Thematic Board meetings to be sent to Members in order they can schedule in a presentation to their respective Board; and Forum representative on each of the Thematic Boards to be sent a list of actions set out in each of the Thematic Board's action plans that directly relates to Forum involvement.</p> <p><u>January 2016</u> 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>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>
		Forum Members		February 2014	Sept 2015	
<u>RF.17.11.15(8)</u>	<u>Widening Opportunities for School Work Experience Placements</u> (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. (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.	Lead Officer/ SG		Future Meeting		<p><u>January 2016</u> A McNiven/S Graham to write to third sector organisations to quantify the number of placements that could be offered in the sector.</p>

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<u>RF.27.01.15(2)</u>	<u>Local Engagement Events</u> (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 to it. (ii) Names are being collected for development of engagement activity within Foxbar.					<u>May 2015</u> (a) Programme of engagement events to be finalised during May 2015. (b) Steering Group for establishment of a Community Council in the Foxbar/Brediland area now agreed. <u>RF.01.09.15(2)</u> more localised events, in collaboration with local groups to be delivered throughout Autumn 2015/Spring 2016; and a new community council has been established in the Foxbar & Brediland area with 18 members. <u>RF.17.11.15(2)</u> Charette Exercise being held in Erskine before end of financial year. <u>January 2016</u> Event held at the Disability Resource Centre in December 2015. Events planned in Elderslie (25 January 2016) and Foxbar (17 February 2016) <u>RF.09.02.16(2)</u> The key points from the Charrette in Erskine to be incorporated into a report which will form part of draft strategy plan for Erskine.
<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>May 2015</u> Papers on Streets For All to be submitted to the following meetings of CPP Boards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer and Stronger (14 May 2015) • Greener (3 June 2015) • Jobs and Economy (11 June 2015) <u>RF.17.11.15(2)</u> Jobs & Economy TB on 16/11/15 – Paisley First to contact Disability Forum to discuss how they can assist. Street audit now done and feedback will take place with Thematic Boards in the New Year.
<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.09.02.16(2)</u> S Graham advised that a report would be submitted to the next cycle of the Community Planning Thematic Boards. <u>RF.01.09.15</u> Format and timing of a symposium about the Community Empowerment Act and the implications for the transfer of Council assets under discussion.

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
						<u>RF.17.11.15(7)</u> Engage Renfrewshire to organise an event around transfer of assets early 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.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		<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 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.	Lead Officer/ SG		Future meeting		<u>January 2016</u> A McNiven/S Graham to write to third sector organisations to identify potential placements for professionals within third sector 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 Day – 30 September, 2015</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>January 2016</u> Draft Action Plan is in development.
<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		



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

On: 30 March 2016

**Report by:
Chair, Renfrewshire Access Panel**

LIVING STREETS

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Access Panel has carried out its first Living Streets report that provides comment on the accessibility of pavements and public spaces in Renfrewshire. This report was on an area of Paisley Town Centre from Moss Street to Cotton Street/Abbey Close.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities:
 - (a) Agree that the Living Streets report be submitted to relevant Community Planning boards for consideration: and
 - (b) Agrees that Renfrewshire Access Panel undertake further Living Streets reports of appropriate locations in Renfrewshire.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities previously agreed a report initiated by Renfrewshire Access Panel, recommending that a number of Living Streets audits be carried out to consider the accessibility of streets and public spaces and how to improve this.
- 3.2 Greener Renfrewshire, Jobs and Economy and Safer and Stronger community planning boards previously received the report on the principles of the Living Streets approach and agreed that Renfrewshire Access Panel conduct street audits.
- 3.3 The first Living Streets audit was carried out in October 2015. This looked at the accessibility of a route in Paisley Town Centre from Moss Street to Paisley Cenotaph, then on to Cotton Street and Abbey Close.

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Street Audit for Moss Street, Paisley to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley

Date	Revised By:	Summary
24/11/15	Morven	Version One

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ii Definition of Disability

What is disability?

When we think of disability we so often think of wheelchairs (understandable when you consider the disability symbol that is used *absolutely everywhere*), yet only 5% of disabled people actually use a wheelchair.

Under the Equality Act 2010, a person is considered to be disabled if they have

"a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to perform normal day-to-day activities"

Lets break this down into simple terms:

Physical impairments

Well, this could include anything from a loss of a limb to a dexterity or sensory impairment, such as visual or hearing. It would also include health conditions with fluctuating effects such as Diabetes, Cancer, Osteoporosis, MS, ME, Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Arthritis. Also included would be progressive conditions such as Muscular Dystrophy and Motor Neurons Disease, and respiratory conditions such as Asthma, and Cardiovascular diseases, including Thrombosis, Stroke and Heart Disease. In fact, people with HIV, Cancer or Multiple Sclerosis, and people who are certified blind or partially sighted are protected by the Act from the point of diagnosis (they do not need to demonstrate that their condition has a long term, adverse effect on their daily life). Severe Disfigurement is also covered by the act (again no need to demonstrate adverse effects).

Mental impairments

Well, this would include learning disabilities such as Downs Syndrome. It would also include developmental disorders such as Autism, Asperger's, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. Also covered under mental impairments are mental health issues - this could include anything from severe Depression, Nervous Breakdown, OCD, Eating Disorders, Dementia, Bi-polar Disorder, Schizophrenia, as well as some personality disorders and self-harming behavior. In the past, a mental health condition had to be clinically recognised in order for it to be regarded as a mental impairment for the purposes of the Act. However, this requirement was removed in 2005.

Substantial

Quite simply this means it must be more than minor or trivial

Long-term

This is where the effect of the impairment has lasted or is likely to last for at least twelve months. There are also special rules for recurring or fluctuating conditions.

Normal day-to-day activities

Well, this would include everyday things that everyone does - like cooking a meal, having a bath or wash, or walking to the shop.

Past disabilities

any person who has had a disability in the past (that meets the above definition) is also protected by the Act.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO NEVER MAKE ASSUMPTIONS - SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY CAN BE PHYSICALLY VERY FIT AND STRONG, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE.

iii Principles of an Access Audit

An access audit is a measure of how well an environment and method of service delivery meets the needs of its users. It is also a process through which potential barriers to access may be identified and recorded alongside suggested improvements in a way that enables people responsible for a site, building or service to move on to the next step of planning and implementing change.

An access audit is a means of:

- ❖ examining the accessibility of services and facilities
- ❖ identifying where physical barriers may compromise access to services by assessing the feature against predetermined criteria
- ❖ measuring the 'usability' of facilities within a building and the services being delivered in it

The basic principle of an access audit is to assess the accessibility of an environment, its facilities and any services delivered from it, taking into account all existing and prospective building users.

Renfrewshire Access Panel has carried out a street audit on Moss Street, Gauze Street & Cotton Street, Paisley

Details of the Street Audit:

Address:

Moss Street, Paisley to Cenotaph
Cenotaph down Gauze Street, Paisley
Gauze Street, Paisley to Cotton Street covering the front of Paisley Town Hall and
Circling round to the bottom end of Cotton Street

Surveyed By: Stephen Cruickshank
 John Thomas
 Morven Cruickshank
 Megan O'Brien
 Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire

Date Surveyed: 2nd October 2015

The findings of the access audit are detailed in the main report with pictures being referenced at the back of the report. We use the Executive Summary to highlight any issues and then the full details are found in the report again referenced to where it is in the report.

V Street Audit - Moss Street, Gauze Street & Cotton Street, Paisley Full Audit Report

1 Transport

We have checked transportation to and from Paisley. There is a lot of good transport links to and from Paisley via bus, train and car although for many of the surrounding villages the transportation stops around 6pm and therefore leaving people stranded or forced to use taxis which is sometimes not an option due to financial restrictions.



1.1 By bicycle you can use the Sustrans National Cycle Route

1.2 By car you either take the M8 and exist at one of the junctions or enter by one of the many main roads into Paisley. There is metered parking controls operated by pay and display tickets and various car parks are available.

1.3 By rail

1.4 By bus

Moss Street to the Cenotaph

Car Parking and Setting Down Points

2.1 There is an inadequate amount of Accessible parking spaces within Moss Street. The location of the accessible spaces to the dropped kerb is unacceptable as a person needs to travel 110 meters in the face of traffic to reach the dropped kerb although the location and proximity from the accessible spaces to the shops/café's is good.



2.2 There are no setting down points.

Pedestrian Routes

3.1 The pedestrian route from the bridge at the bottom of Moss Street to County Square is 140 meters in length with no dropped kerbs within this distance to allow access to any side of the street.

3.2 At the top of Moss Street there are no dropped kerbs to access County Square. On the day of the audit, panel members had to come off scooters and wheelchairs so that we could continue the audit. If we had a power chair user with us that day they would not been able to do this.

3.3 During the walk from the bottom of Moss Street, we would be lucky to travel ¼ a meter without a trip hazard. On one side of the street we found 5 major trip hazards and many minor trip hazards which were in a distance of 140 meters. All of these trip hazards will need to be addressed as anyone could cause a lot of problems for the council.

Shared Spaces

4.1 When heading towards the cenotaph from Moss Street you reach the shared space for cars and pedestrians, although this area is supposed to be pedestrianised it is still used by cars and vans which is very hazardous depending on the size and speed of the vehicle.

4.2 As we continued on the route the trip hazards continued along with other obstacles such as street furniture. Although street furniture can be moved there is other larger issue such as the large blocks of granite placed for the aesthetically pleasing to the eye. The blocks of granite are both a trip and injury hazard because even if you don't fall you will have some severe injuries from walking into them which happens a lot of the time to visually impaired people but not only the visually impaired have problems with these as it is difficult to manoeuvre round the blocks with either a pram, wheelchair or scooter.

4.3 Finally, we reached the cenotaph with a huge number of trip hazards to report. We have detailed the trip hazards individually on a separate table. At this point we reset the measuring tools and start the journey from the cenotaph down Gauze Street.

Street Furniture

5.1 The street furniture located within Moss Street is placed out in the street along with Industrial Waste bins with no markings to make people aware of their position. We measured up to one sign owned by a restaurant in Moss Street, the staff realised we were checking the location of the furniture and by the time we had reached the second sign they had moved it back into the wall in the correct position, which of course tells us that vendors are aware of the correct location for street furniture but abuse this as checking locations is not managed at present.

5.2 As we travelled further up Gauze Street the pavement becomes narrower leaving less room for street furniture, although the furniture was placed correctly there was no room for anyone to pass leaving prams/wheelchairs/scooters and people using walking aids to walk on the road.

5.3 As we entered the pedestrian only area there was street furniture anywhere and everywhere which causes congestion of people trying to get about. It is felt that monitoring of street furniture should be a priority to reduce people congestion in the pedestrian areas and also to ensure pavements are accessible to everyone.

Cenotaph down Gauze Street

Car Parking and Setting Down Points

6.1 There are two accessible parking bays in Gauze Street again with no dropped kerb to access the pavement meaning people need to travel in the face of traffic to the dropped kerb which is located at the traffic lights.

6.2 There is no setting down points in Gauze Street.



Pedestrian Routes

Cenotaph down Gauze Street

7.1 Gauze Street encompasses the town centre including the route past the town hall to the Council Buildings in Paisley and it is very concerning to think that a large number of people use this way to access Renfrewshire Council as the number of trip hazards increased by 100% so much so that we recommend a large number of sections are replaced as soon as possible which will not only protect the residents of the area but also Renfrewshire Council from claims.

7.2 There is also an increased number of granite blocks located in this area which is in addition to shop furniture outside their premises and bus stops although an essential part of transportation can also increase the chance of injury if not maintained properly.

Shared Spaces

8.1 There are no shared spaces within this part of the audit.

Street Furniture

9.1 There was a large problem with the street furniture in this area of town due to the varied hazards which could be uneven manhole covers to bike stands with no notification that it's even there. Shop street furniture is again causing problems by being too far out into the pavement. Again the marble dotted about provides a range of issues for all pedestrians.

9.2 The large concern for us would be the roadworks that were completed leaving hazardous conditions for all pedestrians.

Gauze Street to Cotton Street

Car Parking and Setting Down Points

10.1 There are two accessible parking bays at either end of the parking bays in Cotton Street.

10.2 There are no setting down points in Cotton Street.



Pedestrian Routes

Gauze Street to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street

11.1 The pavements between Gauze Street and Cotton Street are full of trip hazards and we would recommend that large areas of the pavements are fully re-surfaced. This is a route used by many council employees and visitors to Renfrewshire Council thus if not repaired then the council could be subject to a number of injury claims. We would also like to advise that a possible cause was the building of the new residence beside Renfrewshire House therefore would it be possible to request compensation from the home builder but again that is only one section.

11.2 The granite blocks continue on Gauze Street and at certain points beside the bus stop the pavement is no passable for either wheelchairs or prams.

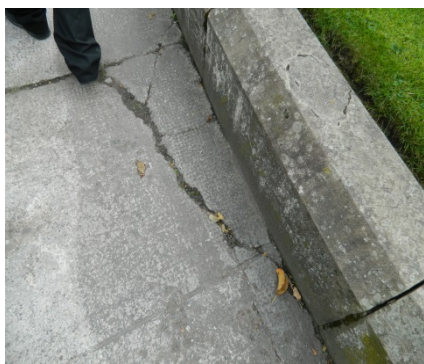
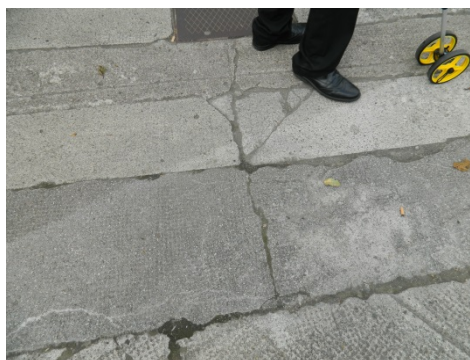
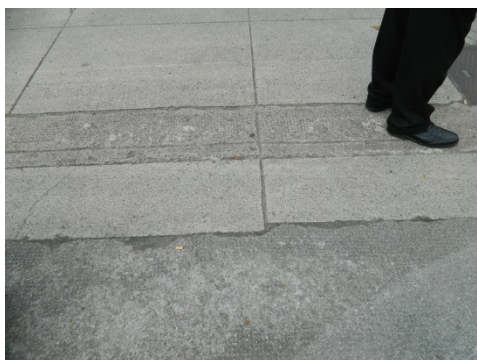
Shared Spaces

12.1 There are no shared spaces within this part of the audit.

Street Furniture

13.1 Apart from the issues at the bus stop in Gauze Street there are no problems with street furniture as this part of the street is many used by small business.

Please find below some of the photos, if required a cd can be provided with all Photographs.





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To: FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THEMATIC BOARD

On: 30 MARCH 2016

Report by:

A McNiven, Lead Officer, Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board
Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council

DRAFT FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Forum for Empowering Communities has responsibility for co-ordinating and driving multi-agency activity to ensure the achievement of the long term vision that:
“Communities throughout Renfrewshire are enterprising, resilient and inclusive. Citizens are active in the development of personalised public services and participate in local decision making. Communities fully utilise the assets at their disposal, using their own knowledge, experience and skills to achieve their goals and aspirations.”
- 1.2 Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Thematic Board has revised their action plan which sets out the tasks it aims to achieve in support of agreed community planning targets. This draft plan is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration by Members of the Board. Actions identified by the Forum For Empowering Communities has a specific focus on building the capacity of communities and voluntary sector organisations to contribute themselves to community planning activity.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the action plan as detailed within Appendix 1 be agreed subject to further amendment.

Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities Draft Action Plan

Outcome 1. Our communities will be confident, fully engaged with and regularly consulted by public services				
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Impact: Increase the percentage of people agreeing that they can influence decisions affecting their local area.				
<p>Develop a series of statements and guidance on how community organisations can become involved in the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling Poverty • City of Culture • Implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act • Health and Social Care Integration • Digital Participation • Implementing recommendations of the Children's Services Inspectorate report. • Implementation of the Community Justice Scotland Act • Response to Humanitarian Crises 	<p>Forum For Empowering Communities members supported by Engage Renfrewshire/Renfrewshire Council</p>	<p>Existing officer resource, development of web and paper documentation and engagement events for community organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree programme for developing resources by September 2016. • Rolling programme of development of resources 2016-2018. 	
<p>Develop a programme of local community planning engagement opportunities, and the role of third sector organisations within this, to increase exchange of views, ideas and information between communities and public services.</p>	<p>Engage Renfrewshire</p>	<p>Cost of providing events, existing staff resources.</p>	<p>Agree a future programme of events by September 2016.</p>	

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Develop community planning communications that are easy to understand, build awareness within the community and voluntary sector and enable active participation through social media.	Renfrewshire Council/Engage Renfrewshire	Cost of producing resources, existing staff resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a communications strategy by January 2017. Implementation of strategy 2017. 	
Develop and agree process for managing requests to participate in community planning through the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act.	Renfrewshire Council/Engage Renfrewshire	Existing staff resources, cost of publicity and materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process for managing participation requests to be agreed by September 2016 	
Develop proposals for a Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership engagement strategy.	Engage Renfrewshire/ Key third sector organisations/statutory partners	Existing staff resources to develop strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement of strategy by March 2017. 	
Impact: Increase the level of satisfaction with local public services				
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Develop better and more qualitative methods for evaluating services that include users, in order to demonstrate service effectiveness.	Key third sector partners/statutory partners	Existing staff resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify services to be evaluated by November 2016. Identify role of third sector organisations/service users in evaluation by March 2017. 	
Impact: Increase the percentage of people using the internet for engaging with the Community Planning Partnership.				
Review the Renfrewshire 2023 website to ensure that it contains content from community and voluntary organisations that promotes usage of the site.	Engage Renfrewshire/Renfrewshire Council	Existing staff resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review content by November 2016. Implement recommendations 2017 	

Impact: Increase the percentage of people using the internet for personal use				
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Support Renfrewshire Council to implement the Digital Participation Strategy	Engage Renfrewshire and key third sector organisations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation following agreement of the Digital Participation Strategy in 2016 	
Impact: Increase the membership of Engage Renfrewshire with viable community anchor organisations				
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Work with faith groups to establish potential for these groups to work more closely with other community and voluntary sector organisations.	Engage Renfrewshire	Existing staff resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise initial meeting with church groups by May 2016. Identify issues for closer collaboration between faith groups and the wider third sector by November 2016.. 	
Outcome 2. Have the capacity and resources to lead projects and be involved in service delivery				
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Impact: Social Enterprise and Community Business Growth				
Develop third sector access to public sector governance and procurement capability.	Engage Renfrewshire/ Renfrewshire Council	Existing staff resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities for third sector organisations to access Council procurement by September 2016. Identify opportunities for other statutory sector agencies to permit third sector organisations access to procurement capability by February 2017. 	

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Develop a programme of third sector organisations sharing/better utilising assets.	Engage Renfrewshire	Existing staff in participating agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate discussions between third sector organisations to discuss asset sharing by May 2015. 	Work begun at community planning conferences to identify assets in local areas.
Agreement on third sector organisations prioritising their spend within Renfrewshire and other third sector organisations.	Engage Renfrewshire	Existing staff resources with responsibility for procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third sector organisation supported to consider this within their own governance structures for financial year 2015/16. 	Engage Renfrewshire already prioritises its spend in this way.
Ensure that the Living Wage is considered in contracts between the statutory sector and third sector organisations	RAMH/Engage Renfrewshire/Renfrewshire Council	Consideration of funding arrangements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree approach to be taken by statutory sector organisations to grant awards in financial year 2017/18. 	

Outcome 3. Have the capacity, enthusiasm and “Right To Try” the management of local assets.

Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Impact: Increase the number of registered interests regarding the local control of community assets which are to be used and managed for sustainable local initiatives.				
Develop new agreement with statutory partners on transferring an asset to a community organisation.	Engage Renfrewshire/statutory partners	Resource to support community organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial agreement about support by November 2016 Review at regular intervals from November 2016 	
Provide events workshops on asset transfer and training on property management	Engage Renfrewshire/key third sector organisations	Existing staff resources/training resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial conference by June 2016. Specific training workshops June 2016 onwards. 	
Impact: Increase the number of registers of interest regarding local control of public spaces and under-used sites which are to be used and managed for sustainable local initiatives.				
Raise awareness of unused buildings and land available and ensure that third sector groups have access to surveys and feasibility studies.	Engage Renfrewshire/statutory partners	Resource to gather data and surveys and communicate this to community organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that information about unused/underused assets has been communicated to third sector organisations by April 2015. 	

Outcome 4. Value and promote equality and diversity and the role of charitable and voluntary work				
Proposed Actions	Lead organisation and group	Resource requirements	Milestones	Progress to Date
Impact: Increase the number of people registering to become a volunteer.				
Raise with statutory organisations the possibility of staff in particular jobs undertaking volunteering as part of Continuing Professional development or in their spare time.	Engage Renfrewshire/statutory sector	Possible day-release of staff for voluntary work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities for this proposal by November 2016. 	
Develop "reach out" programmes to identify different types of volunteering opportunities and address any social barriers to volunteering.	Engage Renfrewshire	Resources for reach out events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop programme to address barriers to volunteering by February 2017.. 	
Impact: Increase the number of registered volunteers who have been placed.				
Develop a database regarding Non Executive Director posts to match people working in Renfrewshire with directorship opportunities in the third sector.	Engage Renfrewshire/key third sector organisations	Existing staff resources/resource to research skills and directorship opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matching database developed by February 2017. 	
Publicise different skills that may be required by third sector organisations among local statutory and private sector organisations.	Engage Renfrewshire	Communications resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills required researched and communicated by June 2016. 	



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

On: 30 March 2016

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

Membership of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities has operated productively to date with its original membership, supplemented by members co-opted on to the Forum to address specific issues.
- 1.2 It is now appropriate that the Forum seeks to widen its membership to ensure that there continues to be to be good representation at meetings and to enable some additional third sector organisations to participate in the Forum as appropriate, in accordance with emerging guidance from the Community Empowerment Act
- 1.3 In addition, it is proposed that arrangements be put in place to enable substitutes to attend in place of Members of the Forum in the event that they are unavailable.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Forum:
 - a) Agrees to extend an invitation to join Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities to additional third sector organisations that have the capacity to contribute across the range of issues that the Forum addresses.
 - b) Agrees that Forum members nominate a substitute from their organisation to attend meetings in the event that they are unable to attend personally.
 - c) Agrees that the Chair of the Forum write to appropriate organisations to invite them to join Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering reviewed its role, remit and membership in 2015. It was agreed that existing members of the Forum would continue to participate.
- 3.2 The Community Empowerment Act 2015 will encourage organisations to participate in community planning partnerships. With this in mind, it is appropriate for the Forum to consider widening the membership of the group. This will also assist with the issue of continuing to achieve a sustainable number of members attending each meeting of the Forum.

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To: Forum for Empowering our Communities

On: 30th March 2016

Report by:

Stephen McLellan, RAMH & Forum Member

UPDATE ON THE LIVING WAGE

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks to update members on developments in relation to the Living Wage and its relationship to the Scottish Living Wage

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Forum are asked to support negotiations and discussion between local providers and the Local Authority / Health and Social care Partnership, to facilitate achievement of sustainable Scottish Living Wage levels across the spectrum of provision in Renfrewshire.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in his July 2015 budget statement that the 'National Living Wage' would rise in unspecified increments between April 2016 and 2020 for individuals aged over 25 years. In essence, he was referring to a National Minimum Wage. This equates to a starting rate of £7.20 in April, 2016 rising to £9.00 in April 2020. (a 25% rise)
- 3.2 The Forum should be aware that this differs from the 'Scottish Living Wage', which is a voluntary 'opt in' standard. It should further be noted that there is significant encouragement from statutory funding bodies for suppliers of services to acknowledge the 'Scottish' Living Wage. Current European Legislation however prohibits absolute requirement at this time.

- 3.3 The (Scottish) Living Wage is currently £8.25. This is set annually in November by the Living Wage Foundation and Leicester University amongst others. It is gauged against what is deemed to be a basic standard of living in the UK.

The average annual 'increase' is around £0.40p per hour, per annum. There is no upper target.

- 3.4 Locally, Renfrewshire Council have liaised with local providers (3rd sector Social Care) to consider options which make efforts to achieve the (Scottish) Living Wage achievable.

3.5 **Fairer Work Practices**

The Scottish Government has recently indicated that it is keen to see the care sector address fair work practices both through public procurement and central funding support. To this end they have made £2.5m available nationally in 2015/16. The distribution of this fund is based upon a 50% contribution from Government; 25% from Cosla members and a 25% contribution from Provides.

It is anticipated that further initiatives will be continued in 2016/17.

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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.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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UPDATE FROM THEMATIC BOARDS FOR RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: 3 rd February 2016
KEY POINTS: <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <p>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.</p> <p>Police officers will become more visible at events and around communities as the working relationship with Renfrewshire Council continues to improve.</p> <p>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:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localism Prevention Collaboration Equality Participation <p>A finalised version will be published during April 2016.</p>



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 PERSON(S) ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM: Alan McNiven
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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