



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland. It takes account of the emerging work streams and actions identified by the Board.
- 1.2 A similar update will be provided for each Board to stimulate awareness and decisions about the wider Greener theme and agenda. If any Board member has any information they would like included and circulated in future issues of the update, please forward to the report author.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 In order to provide the Board members with support, policy advice and consistency of approach, this report explores communication received from the Scottish Government and other statutory bodies, good practice examples from other local authorities as well as national and local initiatives and projects. Where available, a local view has also been provided on the topic.

4. Resources

- 4.1 Information on funding streams which have been identified and which Community Planning Partners can apply for in relation to the Greener agenda are included in the appendices of this report.

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Good Practice Examples

Greenspace Scotland

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Greenspace Scotland are working with Holyrood magazine to deliver an event to explore the opportunities and challenges for meeting the objectives of the new “Improve access to local greenspace” National Indicator – part of the National Performance Framework.

Key Learning Objectives being covered at the conference are

- Discover the benefits of greenspace and how you can plan for greenspace in your local area;
- Consider some of the many uses for greenspace, including play, greenspace for health, and much more;
- Learn about retrofitting existing ‘grey’ areas with green architecture;
- Discuss how we can ensure that greenspace is sustainable in the long term; and
- Take part in an interactive session showcasing good practice in developing spaces in partnership with the local community.

The event is being held in Edinburgh on Thursday, 30th June 2016 – registration and further details can be found [here](#).

Keep Scotland Beautiful

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Girlguiding Scotland is challenging its 50,000 young members across the country to help keep Scotland beautiful with a new challenge badge.

Created in partnership with KSB, the Keep Scotland Beautiful Challenge Badge contains a wide range of activities grouped around the themes Research, Act and Campaign that girls of all ages will complete to earn their badge.

Activities include organising a community clean-up to holding an eco-friendly picnic, blogging about environmental issues and writing to their MSP.



Young Reporters Scotland

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Keep Scotland Beautiful celebrated the achievements of Young Reporters taking a stand on environmental issues through the 'Young Reporters Scotland' programme which empowers young people to take a stand on environmental issues and gives them a platform to articulate their views. A national awards ceremony was held in Stirling recently to mark the success of the programme.

Young Reporters Scotland is open to those aged 11 – 21 and is linked to the international Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) initiative. Selected Scottish entries will be entered into the international competition. Young people can find out about the 2016 competition on the Young Reporters Scotland web pages.

This initiative will be taken forward across Renfrewshire by the Greener Communities sub-group.

Centre for Sustainable Energy

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A new toolkit is available to help local organisations assess what difference their fuel poverty schemes make to the health and wellbeing of target users.

It's called the Affordable warmth & health impact evaluation toolkit, and has been developed by CSE's research team in partnership with the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). Oversight has been provided by experts in the fields of health and evaluation from the Department for Health, Public Health England and a range of front line delivery organisations.

The toolkit was created to help local organisations and local authorities assess what difference their fuel poverty schemes make to the health and wellbeing of target users.

The Affordable warmth & health impact evaluation toolkit provides guidance on how to plan and undertake an impact evaluation and gives advice on such issues as deciding whether or not to conduct a health and wellbeing impact evaluation; involving the health sector; making choices about type of evaluation design; what data will be needed to collect for a health and wellbeing impact evaluation; using ready-made health questionnaires; analysing data; thinking about ethics, consent and data management; and reporting with impact.

Funding Opportunities

Central Scotland Green Network

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Now in its fourth year, the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) Ideas Fund awards up to £5,000 to support the development of pioneering greenspace and green infrastructure projects, from concepts in their early stages of research, scoping and feasibility to those further on in the design process which are ready to transform their vision into reality with project development, testing or delivery. Eligible applicants will include all CSGN stakeholders and partners, local authorities, academic institutions, NGOs, professional, private and community interests.

To celebrate Scotland's Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, applicants to the 2016 CSGN Ideas Fund should have a creative professional at the heart of the development or delivery of the idea which must make a positive contribution to greenspace or green infrastructure in the region.

Entries should be submitted by 12 noon on 6 June 2016 and three shortlisted projects will go forward for presentation at the CSGN Forum in Glasgow on 21 June 2016.

Greenspace Scotland

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'Bags of Help' is administered by Groundwork, working in Scotland with greenspace scotland, and funded by Tesco customers from the proceeds of the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags. It will fund projects that benefit communities by physically improving open and greenspaces that do not charge for access. There's no match funding requirement for this grant and the grant should be at least 75% of the funding required for your project, which should be a stand-alone project or a discrete, self-contained part of a larger project or part of a phased project and will need to be delivered within 12 months of receipt of the grant. Successful projects will go forward to a public vote in Tesco stores which will decide whether they receive a grant of £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000. Projects that will get the green light as a result of funding will include new pocket parks, sports facilities, schools, woodland walks and community gardens.

It is expected that grants will be awarded to 144 successful groups across Scotland in November 2016. This funding round closes on Friday 3 June 2016 and we have a team of Community Enablers that can provide support or advice when submitting your application. Find their details [here](#).