

To: Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities

On: 1 September 2015

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.



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: 3 JUNE 2015

KEY POINTS:

GREENER COMMUNITIES UPDATE ON PROGRESS – First meeting of Greener Communities Sub Group held on 23 April, 2015. Agreed that there was a core membership with others to be invited as appropriate. Members of each organisation agreed to recruit new signups for the Greener Pledge. Stalled spaces initiative making good progress, an audit of community groups was underway and a questionnaire relating to greener activities circulated and results being studied.

GREENER TRANSPORT UPDATE ON PROGRESS – First meeting of group held on 13 May 2015. The Greener Action Plan was discussed at the meeting.

GREENFLEET SCOTLAND – Grant funding had been received from Transport Scotland over the past four years which had enabled investment in electric vehicles and related infrastructure. It was noted that funding had already been secured by Renfrewshire Council for 2015/16 which would enable a further 6 electric vans to be purchased which would meet the Community Plan target of 5% of the vehicle fleet using alternative fuels. The report also stated that three pilot projects were currently taking place across the country and the Board would be advised of the results in due course.

GREENER RENFREWSHIE UPDATE ON RED IMPACT MEASURES FOR REPORTING TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD - Two impact measures from the Greener Renfrewshire Single Outcome Agreement fell within the red alert status. An analysis of the progress of these indicators was contained within the report and it was highlighted that this would form part of the overall progress report to the Community Planning Partnership Board in June 2015.

GREENER RENFREWSHIRE - PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT - Work had been undertaken to refine the detail of performance information for future years, building on the experience of the Board to date and refining the level of detail available to the Board in order to monitor progress more effectively. Details of a refreshed suite of indicators were included in the report.



"STREETS FOR ALL" - IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY OF STREETS, PAVEMENTS AND PUBLIC SPACES IN RENFREWSHIRE - Renfrewshire Access Panel/Engage Renfrewshire submitted a report relative to making streets and public places within Renfrewshire more accessible to disabled people and other people with mobility difficulties.

It was agreed that as the report had already been submitted to the Safer & Stronger Thematic Board and was due to go on the agenda for the Jobs and the Economy Thematic Board that Engage would write to each Lead Officer to identify areas to ensure no duplication. The Board also asked the Access Panel to identify any areas where they considered there were issues and which were appropriate.

STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND - Two community engagement events were held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 and Thursday 14 May 2015 at Engage Renfrewshire's offices to promote the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme to community groups and educational establishments across Renfrewshire following the allocation of £20,000 of funding to Community Resources as part of the wider Stalled Spaces Scotland programme, managed by Architecture & Design Scotland.

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

Ian McLean, Bridgewater Housing Association
Supported by Stuart Graham, Engage Renfrewshire

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

Jobs and Economy Community Planning Board

DATE OF MEETING:

16 June 2015

KEY POINTS:

- Meeting was hosted by Scottish Leather Group, Bridge of Weir who presented on their business, with a tour of the factory after the meeting.
- The Partnership Action Plan was discussed. Further to points made by the Scottish Leather Group about Scottish Water infrastructure inhibiting jobs growth in the economy (potentially 150 jobs) ,the way in which the Board engages with utilities and the Scottish Government was discussed.
- Tackling Poverty Action Plan will be submitted to Renfrewshire Council in June 2015.
- European Social Fund Allocation for 2015/16 is £2.451 million. Final allocation will be reported to the next meeting of the Board.
- 13 new business have been located in In Cube on Paisley High Street.
- OECD report in relation to the Glasgow City Region states that University of the West of Scotland and Glasgow Airport are the two Renfrewshire assets that can be "sweated".
- City Deal projects will commence in 2018. 20 projects will be initiated across the City Region.
- An Invest In young People Group is being set up with an Executive Group to take forward an action plan.
- The evaluation of the Voyager Project (successor to the Exporter project) is likely to recommend that it should continue and be expanded.
- ROCCO Awards will be launched mid-July 2015.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

After the meeting, members of the Board received an informative tour of the Scottish Leather Group factory.

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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	
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DATE OF MEETING:

14th May 2015.

KEY POINTS:

- Presentation on Renfrewshire Adult Protection Committee. Spoke about adult committee being part of new integration, while children remains separate. Conference on adult protection being arranged for September.
- A survey of 2000 showed that 1300 were satisfied living in Renfrewshire. People feeling much safer. Public agencies are response very good to requests.
- Number of looked after children reducing, but still a challenge to continue this.
- Presentation on Streets for All.
- A discussion took place on Renfrewshire Council's strategy serious crime and potential radicalisation of residents.
- Renfrewshire Council's Trusted Traders Scheme is doing very well. Trusted by both traders and customers.

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NAME OF PERSON(S)	ATTENDING BOARD MEETING REPRESENTING THE FORUM:
Lynne O'Brien	

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED:

C&YP Thematic Board

DATE OF MEETING:

24/2/2015

KEY POINTS:

PATHS Presentation—Hazel Mc Geoch, Barnardo's and Head Teacher Williamsburgh School gave a presentation of the impact and outcomes of the PATHS Programme- promoting alternative thinking strategies. Renfrewshire received an award for achieving 3 model schools.

Children and Young People Act 2015— Part 9 -Corporate Parenting, report was submitted to the board outlining the new duties which are extensive and cross cutting.

Guidance and Practice notes will be published. Discussion included – reporting, data analysis, complaints, governance. Additionally – monitoring impact.

Action-

Corporate Parenting Steering Group will report in line with the new framework – a report will be submitted to the Board

UWS and CWS would be invited to the Corporate Steering Group.

Implementation of part 4 and 5 of the Children and Young People Act 2014-

A report was submitted by the Director of Children's services regarding implementation of the Act in Renfrewshire. this included GIRFEC, Named Person, Child's Plan and Well-being. A Project management team has been established to drive the transformational change required- systems, practice and culture. The governance structure was noted as was the scale of the task with the implantation date of August 2016.

Year 1 targets-

Interim progress and discussion on measures that were 10% out-with target. There was discussion that some of the targets needed to be redefined. Discussion re young people and attainment – reporting will change to reflect "live" data.

This will be reported to the CP Board.



ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Young people engagement event Glennifer High School 31st August 2015 – a verbal update will be provided to the forum.

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

APOLOGIES GIVEN BY BOTH OFFICER AND REPRESENTATIVE - CLERK'S REPORT

NAME OF BOARD ATTENDED: COMMUNITY CARE HEALTH & WELLBEING THEMATIC BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015

KEY POINTS:

INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT ON YEAR 1 TARGETS - There were 4 impact measures that had target red alert status. An update was provided on remedial actions; progress achieved; and provided details of the work which was onging to improve the performance of the red alert indicators.

DEVELOPING A RESPONSE TO THE POVERTY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS -

Against each of the recommendations clear, measurable and specific impact measures had been developed and the recommendations would be put to a special meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board on 5 June 2015 and thereafter the Council meeting on 25 June 2015.

INTEGRATION UPDATE - A Programme Board had been established to lead the integration work and a summary of progress was attached as an appendix to the report.

CLINICAL SERVICES REVIEW - C Johnstone gave a presentation relating to the Renfrewshire Development Programme (RDP), NHSGG&C Clinical Services Review.

BRIGHTER RENFREWSHIRE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK (BRAW) - The report advised that a multi-agency planning group had been established to develop the event which would take place between 15 and 19 June 2015 with the message focused on getting the most out of summer by being safe and having fun without excessive use of alcohol.

MIDSPAN EVENT AND DISSEMINATION - plans were being made for a roadshow to take place in the coming months.

PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW - STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT - The report provided the context for the review and outlined key challenges and potential opportunities for public health.

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