

Minute of Meeting Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 12 November 2015	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mylet, J Sharkey and M Sharkey.

CHAIR

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

J Theodore, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents' Association; M Fernie, Ralston Community Council; J Brown, Williamsburgh Housing Association; and O Nadeem, Scottish Youth Parliament.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Inspector S Thomson, Police Scotland and K Philips, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

IN ATTENDANCE

K Anderson, Amenity Services Manager (Waste) (Community Resources); and J Lynch, Head of Property Services (Lead Officer); D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Kelly, B Lawson and Williams; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; and E Eck, Scottish Youth Parliament.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - LAC UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership relative to the formation of an inclusive Strategic Planning Group to support the Integration Joint Board and to ensure that stakeholder groups had a voice and influence in the delivery of health and social care services.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION - PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing an overview of the activities of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership, consisting of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and other community safety agencies for the Paisley North Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 July to 30 September, 2015.

The report contained statistical information which had been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership.

The report provided information on Paisley North community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; the integrated control room and CCTV system; and the work of the Renfrewshire Adult Protection Committee.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 OPEN SESSION/KEY LOCAL ISSUES

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

DECIDED: That it be noted that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

4 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015- UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the establishment of 21 community councils throughout Renfrewshire following the recent four-yearly elections. The report detailed the Community Councils, including those in the Paisley North LAC area, that had achieved at least the minimum amount of nominations to be established.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 FAMILIES FIRST APPROACH - ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL FAMILIES FIRST CORE TEAMS IN GALLOWHILL, JOHNSTONE AND FOXBAR

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the progress made in establishing additional Families First Core Teams in Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar localities.

The report intimated that the Council at its meeting held on 25 June, 2015 approved proposals for deploying significant investment in response to the recommendations contained in the Tackling Poverty Commission report. The Council agreed to allocate £1 million from the tackling poverty fund to extend the successful and innovative Families First Core Team approach into three new localities of Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar.

Work was being taken forward to recruit staff to Core Teams and it was expected that the new service would commence early in 2016. In addition a community engagement process had commenced to ensure that the priorities for the Families First Core Team would be identified by local parents and children in each of the localities.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Council decision to allocate £1 million to extend the provision of the Families First model to Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar be noted;

(b) That it be noted that the recruitment process had commenced and the additional Families First Core Teams service was expected to commence in Gallowhill, Johnstone and Foxbar early in 2016; and

(c) That it be noted that a process of engaging the local community had commenced to ensure that the Families First priorities were identified by local parents and children.

6 PRESENTATION - SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

It was proposed that the presentation be delivered at the next meeting of this LAC to be held on 11 February, 2016. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That this presentation be delivered at the next meeting of this LAC to be held on 11 February, 2016.

7 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE TIMETABLE TO FEBRUARY 2017

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the timetable of Paisley North LAC meetings to May 2017.

DECIDED:

(a) That meetings of this LAC be programmed for 18 August and 10 November, 2016 and 9 February, 2017; and

(b) That meetings of the LAC continue to be held at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Renfrewshire House.

8 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2015/16.

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the expenditure committed by the LAC to date together with available budgets.

The report advised that the LAC had also received funding from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund and that there were no further resources available within this Fund.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Paisley North LAC would be held in the Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House, Paisley at 6.00 pm on 11 February, 2016.