

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Forum for Empowering Communities Group

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 27 September 2022	14:00	Remotely via Teams,

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

S McDonald, Active Communities; M Mathieson, Barnados; A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; J Gonani, DEAR; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S McLellan, RAMH; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; M Fotheringham, Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau; C Forbes, ROAR; and C Masson, Save the Children.

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire.

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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| 1 | Minute of Previous Meeting | 3 - 6 |
| | Minute of previous meeting held on 24 May 2022. | |
| 2 | Rolling Action Log | 7 - 8 |
| | Report by Clerk. | |
| 3 | Matters Arising | |
| 4 | Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund | |
| | Verbal update by Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund Officer, Engage Renfrewshire. | |
| 5 | Refugee Support Update | |
| | Verbal update by Community and Partnership Manager, Engage Renfrewshire. | |
| 6 | Refresh of Community Plan | 9 - 10 |
| | Report by Chief Executive. | |
| 7 | Forum for Empowering Communities - Workplan Development | |
| | Discussion led by Chair. | |
| 8 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | The next meeting of the Forum for Empowering Communities will take place on 15 November 2022 at 2pm. | |



Minute of Meeting Forum for Empowering Communities

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Present

A Thomson, Bridgewater Housing Association; J Gonani, DEAR; A McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire; J Wilby, Paisley West & Central Community Council; S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel;

Chair

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire, presided.

In Attendance

Z Hakim and S Brown (both Engage Renfrewshire); R Robertson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; D Dunn, J Kennedy, S Graham and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council).

Declarations of Interest

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

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities Group held on 3 March 2022.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

3 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the update be noted; and
- (b) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 RACE EQUALITY TOOLKIT

Z Hakim, IN-Ren Network Officer, Engage Renfrewshire advised the Group of a new Race Equality Toolkit which was currently being designed.

He indicated that the toolkit, which would be launched on 6 June 2022, looked at history, employment, health and health and wellbeing. It had been sponsored by Skills Development Scotland and had a separate employability section.

The Group noted that a series of workshops would be held based on the toolkit after the launch and Members were encouraged to have a look at it and provide feedback.

DECIDED: That the verbal presentation be noted.

4 SOCIAL RENEWAL UPDATE

D Dunn, Planning & Policy Development Officer, Renfrewshire Council gave a presentation which updated Members on the Social Renewal project.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the social renewal work currently being undertaken, specifically in relation to key priorities around financial security and poverty. Some of the projects currently underway were highlighted and members were asked to get involved in the campaign.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 COMMUNITY PLAN REFRESH

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council gave an update on the refresh of the Community Plan (the Plan).

He gave a brief overview of the Plan and advised that the Council's own community plan was also being refreshed which linked in very closely with the wider Community Plan Document. He outlined the progress of the Plan and advised that he would be happy to meet with anyone to discuss how to get involved in the principles, action and outcomes of the Plan.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

6 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND

A McNiven, Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire gave a brief update on the status of the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund.

He gave a brief overview of the Fund and advised that the second year of the funding would take place mid June 2022 and intimated he would keep members updated.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

7 UPDATE ON DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

S Cruickshank, Chair, Renfrewshire Access Panel gave a brief update on the progress of the Disability Resource Centre.

The Group noted that work was progressing on the Disability Resource Centre as it had been set on fire by vandals and they were hoping to open by end of June. S Cruickshank intimated his disappointment that there had been no upgrade carried out to the building.




DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.



8 LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council gave a verbal update on the Local Partnerships.

DECIDED: That the verbal update be noted.

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RENFREWSHIRE FORUM FOR EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES GROUP
ROLLING ACTION LOG**

	Action is on track	KEY
	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.	

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
<u>RFG 03.09.20(4)</u>	<u>MUTUAL SUPPORT</u> (a) Discussion/Support group support sessions to be set up; and (b) Members to notify the Chair of their interest in participating in the Group.	AMcN/ALL				<u>RFG 17.11.20</u> Meeting will take place on 2 nd December and further update will be given to Members after that date <u>RFG.11.03.21(2)</u> Members were updated and advised more meetings in diary for 2021.. <u>RFG 9.9.21(2)</u> It was intimated that a meeting was held in September and A McNiven would be writing to participants
<u>RFG180621 (5)</u>	<u>SOCIAL RENEWAL PLAN</u> Agreed that an update be submitted to a future meeting	AMcN				<u>RFG 24.4.22(4)</u> Members were given an update

Updated 03/08/2022



To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

On: 27 September 2022

Report by:

Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

Refresh Of Renfrewshire Community Plan 2022

1. Summary

- 1.1 *Our Renfrewshire 2017-27*, the Community Plan for Renfrewshire, is midway through its term and an exercise has been undertaken to refresh the plan. The outcome of the refresh was presented to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Executive Group in September 2022 and will now be submitted for approval to the meeting of Renfrewshire Council on 29 September 2022.
- 1.2 Following formal approval, the refreshed community plan will be shared with Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities.
- 1.3 The purpose of the refresh exercise was not to rewrite *Our Renfrewshire 2017-27*, but to reflect on the significant changes that have taken place in the environment faced by community planning partners since 2017 and to re-set and refocus the ambitions for partnership working for the next five years of the plan.
- 1.4 The refresh exercise was developed in conjunction with the development of the new Renfrewshire Council Plan and also links closely to other key community planning partner strategic documents like the Local Police Plan, the Local Fire and Rescue Plan and *Shaping Our Future* Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan 2022-25.
- 1.5 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities will be asked to consider its contribution to the next five years of the community plan following agreement of the refresh exercise.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Forum For Empowering Communities:
 - (a) Notes the Community Plan refresh exercise; and

- (b) Agrees to consider the contribution of the Forum to implementing the refreshed Community Plan once agreed.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires each of 32 community planning partnership areas in Scotland, coterminous with local authorities, to develop and publish a plan for the area covering a five to ten year period. This is known as a Local Outcome Improvement Plan. In Renfrewshire, the Local Outcome Improvement Plan is known as the community plan.
- 3.2 *Our Renfrewshire 2017-27*, Renfrewshire's Community Plan, sets out the priorities and ambitions in Renfrewshire to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities in outcomes over a ten year period. The plan is organised around the four themes of Thriving, Well, Safe and Fair and the principle of community planning partnership that is sustainable and connected. The Community Plan also includes a locality plan which focuses on improving outcomes in the most deprived communities within Renfrewshire.
- 3.3 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership has a duty under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to periodically review and update its community plan (Local Outcome Improvement Plan). Having reached the midway point of the term of the community plan for 2017-27, it was decided that a refresh exercise, rather than a full review and re-write of the plan would be undertaken in 2022.
- 3.4 As part of the refresh exercise, community planning partners, including members of Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities, were invited to participate in two engagement sessions in August 2002 to consider developments of the community plan. Output from these sessions will inform the refreshed Community Plan.

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