

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 30 January 2017	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, S MacDougall, J Cameron, J Lynch, C Thorpe, L Feely and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; M Buckland, Forestry Commission Scotland; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; R Nimmo, Glasgow Airport; G Tarvit, Keep Scotland Beautiful; J Downie, Police Scotland; J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; M MacLaren, Scottish Water; K Boag, SEPA; J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; A Ritchie, West College Scotland; and C Devine, Zero Waste Scotland.

Chair

Councillor E Devine.

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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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Minute of Meeting Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 07 November 2016	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors E Devine and Audrey Doig; O Reid, J Lynch, C Thorpe, S Graham, M Higginbotham and S Marklow (all Renfrewshire Council); I Cunningham, Engage Renfrewshire; A Fraser, FLAIR Representative; J Wilby, Forum for Empowering Communities; and J Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

D McAllion, C MacDonald and C Grainer, (both Renfrewshire Council); J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue; M McLaughlin, West College Scotland; and L Barlow and K Simpson, Sweco.

APOLOGIES

J Cameron and L Feely (both Renfrewshire Council); D Shannon, Forestry Commission Scotland; J Still, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and A Ritchie, West College Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to Item 6(a), J Wilby declared an interest in the Stalled Spaces Programme. However, as he considered the interest to be insignificant he did not consider it necessary to leave the meeting.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 29 August 2016.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENTS OF CITY DEAL PROJECTS

A presentation was given by L Barlow and K Simpson from Sweco relative to an update on the sustainability elements of the City Deal Projects.

The presentation gave a brief recap on the sustainable goals and objectives; summarised the City Deal stages; highlighted the methodology of the carbon assessment; outlined the carbon output for each of the options and the preferred route; and detailed the next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an update on the Renfrewshire Council Carbon Management Plan 2014/15 to 2019/20.

The report indicated that carbon emissions was one of the principle measures to address climate change and was a key priority for all Local Authorities. As a consequence, the Carbon Management Plan, which was approved by the Planning & Property Policy Board in 2014 set a target reduction of 36% carbon emissions from the 2012/13 baseline by March 2020. This covered a number of sectors across the Council. The report provided an update on the achievements of the Carbon Management Plan.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2016: RENFREWSHIRE BRIEFING

The Data Analytics & Research Manager, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council, gave a presentation relative to an overview of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD).

The presentation gave a brief overview of the main points; drew attention to the Data Zones within the application; highlighted the areas of deprivation within Renfrewshire; and outlined the next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6(a) STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Stalled Spaces Scotland project.

The report provided a summary of the first phase of Renfrewshire's Stalled Spaces Scotland programme and intimated that the £20k budget for the first phase of the programme had now been exhausted, although Architecture & Design Scotland (A&DS) had advised that an additional £10k had been made available for projects within Renfrewshire. It was noted that this additional funding did not require to be match funded but would be administered through A&DS and had a requirement for all applications to be submitted to them for approval which had previously been approved in principal through the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

DECIDED:

(a) That the detail of the projects completed in the first phase of Renfrewshire's Stalled Spaces Scotland programme be noted; and

(b) That the applications which had been received for funding in the second phase of the programme, being administered through A&DS be noted.

6(b) STALLED SPACES: WEST END STALLED SPACES PROJECT

A presentation was given by the Lead Officer, Greener Communities Sub-Group relative to the West End Stalled Spaces Projects.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the various projects and the stages of development; outlined the goals and objectives; and detailed the next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 GREENER RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN - REMEDIAL ACTION ON YEAR 3 PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to the remedial action on the Year Three Progress for the Greener Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

The report advised that at the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016 the progress made by each Thematic Board in the three years since the Renfrewshire Community Plan 2013-23 was scrutinised and it was agreed that a further report be submitted to the December meeting which included details of improvement actions to mitigate the key challenges which had been identified. A number of Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board measures were highlighted as not

achieving target and the report provided detail on the progress and remedial actions on the indicators which were not achieving target.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8(a) **GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP: MINUTE OF MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2016**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Transport Sub-Group which took place on 20 September 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8(b) **LOW CARBON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HUBS FUNDING APPLICATION**

A presentation was given by the Development Manager, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Low Carbon Active Travel Hub funding application.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the Low Carbon Travel and Transport programme; highlighted the key targets; outlined the European Development Fund rules; detailed the workshop participants; highlighted the draft proposal and the Feasibility Scope; and summarised the next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

9 **GREENER COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP: MINUTE OF MEETING OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection, Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council which provided details of the meeting of the Greener Communities Sub-Group which took place on 22 September 2016. The Minute of the meeting was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

10 **OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICE**





There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Protection which provided an overview of recent developments, initiatives and funding streams made available to Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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
GR.17.12.14(6) – Building Greener/Safer Communities	(a) Relevant partners in the Community Safety Partnership to work up proposed options for submission to the National programme; and (b) Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.			Future meeting		GR.05.03.15(5) Progress update noted. GR.01.02.16(6) – <u>Multi-Agency Approach</u> Further reports on progress to be brought to subsequent meetings of the Board.
GR.01.02.16(3)	<u>Active Travel Plans Across Renfrewshire</u> Agreed that this action be taken forward by the Greener Transport Sub-Group with resource implications also to be explored with the Chief Executive's Service.					GR.15.08.16(5b) – <u>Low Carbon Travel & Transport Challenge Fund</u> Progress Report to be submitted to a future meeting GR.07.11.16(5b) – <u>Low Carbon Travel & Transport Hubs Funding</u> Presentation given and information noted, A further report to be submitted advising of progress at a future board.
GR.01.02.16(5)	<u>Renfrewshire's Local Air Quality Management 2015 - Updating And Screening Assessment And Detailed Assessments For Johnstone, Renfrew And Montgomery Road, Paisley</u> That a further report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Board incorporating comments from the Environment Policy Board.	Lead Officer				GR.15.08.16(10) A further report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board with more details on the programme, should the application for Pre-Application Support Funding be successful.
GR.01.04.16(4)	<u>Streets For All: Street Audit For Moss Street, Paisley to Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley</u> Appropriate officers of Renfrewshire Council to be contacted to discuss in detail with Renfrewshire Access Panel the findings of the report and the potential solutions suggested by UWS students in order to agree a set of design principles to promote accessibility.	Lead Officer/ SG		Future meeting		



To: Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 30 January 2017

Report by:

Oliver Reid, Lead Officer
Head of Public Protection, Renfrewshire Council

Public Sector Climate Change Duties Reporting 2015/16

1. Summary

- 1.1 To comply with the requirements of the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland), Renfrewshire Council is required to prepare an Annual Report, detailing progress in helping to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- 1.2 Renfrewshire Council's Public Sector Climate Change Duties Reporting for 2015/2016 was submitted to Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board in November 2016. A link to the Policy Board's papers can be found below. The report can be found at item 9.
<http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1399/Committee/13/Default.aspx>

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board note the contents of the Public Sector Climate Change Duties Reporting 2015/16 which was approved by Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board In November 2016.

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2007, all 32 local authorities in Scotland signed up to Scotland's Climate Change Declaration. Signatories to the Declaration acknowledging the importance of climate change and were committed to:
 - Mitigating their impact on climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

- Taking steps to adapt to the unavoidable impacts of a changing climate; and
 - Working in partnership with their communities to respond to climate change.
- 3.2 The Declaration recognised that Scottish local authorities play a key role in helping to tackle the challenges of climate change. Signatories to Scotland's Climate Change Declaration have been committed to preparing an Annual Report, detailing progress in mitigating and adapting to climate change. Importantly, it has provided a mechanism for the public sector to lead by example in addressing climate change.
- 3.3 In November 2015 the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) came into force. This requires all public bodies classed as 'major players' to submit a climate change report using a standard template by 30 November 2016 (for 2015/16) and each year thereafter.
- 3.4 The climate change report submitted in November 2016 for 2016/16 will be the first mandatory submission by Renfrewshire Council, as required by public bodies that are seen as 'major players'.
- 3.5 In previous years Renfrewshire Council's annual climate change report was made on a voluntary basis and submitted to the Planning and Property Policy Board for noting. As this is the Council's first mandatory submission the report requires to be submitted for approval by the Council's Environment Policy Board.
- 3.6 Renfrewshire Council's annual report for 2015/16 was submitted, following approval by the Environment Policy Board, to the Sustainable Scotland Network on 30th November, 2016.

4. Duties of Public Bodies Reporting – Overview

- 4.1 The introduction of required reporting is intended to help with Public Bodies Duties compliance, engage leaders and encourage continuous improvement. The Scottish Government, through the Sustainable Scotland Network, has developed a standardised reporting template which will assist in providing accurate and consistent performance information to inform the direction of future policy, legislation, funding and support services.
- 4.2 For public sector bodies, reporting on climate change activity is considered good practice as it:
- Increases accountability and transparency, making it easier for the public to understand how Renfrewshire Council is performing in climate change areas;
 - Assists with integrating climate change objectives in corporate business plans and embeds climate change action in all services; and
 - Assists with establishing a climate change reporting hierarchy and the mainstreaming of climate change within organisation decision making.

4.3 The reporting duties cover six main areas:

- A brief **Organisation Profile** covering the number of staff, budget and organisational context;
- A section on **Governance and Management** which explains how climate change is governed, managed and embedded in the organisation and identifies its key strategies and priorities;
- A section on **Emissions, Targets and Projects** which reports the key statistical data, performance targets and climate change projects;
- An **Adaption** section explains how risk is managed and assessed and the actions taken to adapt to climate change;
- The reporting requirements also cover the organisations **Procurement** policies and how they contribute to compliance with climate duties and how procurement activity contributes to compliance in climate change duties;
- A final section addresses the **internal and external validation** processes undertaken by the organisation in terms of its climate change duties.

5. Renfrewshire Council's Annual Report 2015/2016 - Summary

5.1 A summary of highlights from Renfrewshire's report is provided below.

Corporate Emissions, Targets and Project Data

5.2 The Council has prepared its 3rd Carbon Management Plan for the period 2014 – 2020. A challenging target of 36% emissions reduction based on the 2012/13 baseline has been set. A 14.1% reduction in corporate emissions has been achieved to date through a range of projects including: improved waste segregation; a reduction of waste to landfill; the installation of photovoltaic cells on primary and secondary schools as an alternative renewable energy resource using sunlight.

Adaptation

5.3 The Council's Risk Management process considers the risks associated with flood risk, waste management, energy and carbon management and planning for adverse weather.

5.4 The Council has continued to work closely with SEPA to improve Renfrewshire's flood data providing the basis for the emerging Clyde and Loch Lomond Flood Risk Management Plan. Renfrewshire's Local Development Plan provides a policy framework for the implementation of sustainable measures through the Local Green Network, River Basin Management Planning and promoting the use of sustainable urban drainage in developments.

5.5 Adaptation action has been delivered through the implementation of the final phase of the North Renfrew Flood Prevention Scheme and the improvements

in the energy efficiency of the Council's housing stock through the Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland.

Procurement

- 5.6 The key policies that outline the commitment and key actions contributing to climate change duties include the Corporate Procurement Strategy, the Sustainable Procurement Strategy and the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy.
- 5.7 The Council specifies climate change adaptation contractual obligations in its Terms and Conditions for suppliers. A range of contracts awarded demonstrate an integrated approach to sustainability.

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To: Greener Renfrewshire Board

On: 30 January 2017

Report by:

David Amos, Head of Policy and Commissioning, Renfrewshire Council

Community Planning Governance Arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following discussion with Conveners and Lead Officers of Community Planning Thematic Boards and agreement by Renfrewshire Council Planning Partnership Board and Renfrewshire Council, community planning structures in Renfrewshire will be changed from the second quarter of 2017.
- 1.2 The review of community planning arrangements recognised that much good work had been achieved through the community planning Boards since they were established in 2013. In terms of the Greener Renfrewshire Board, it was recognised that partners have worked together to make a positive contribution to delivering the outcomes of the Greener Renfrewshire theme of the Community Plan. The three year performance report submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016 recorded particular progress in relation to the percentage of vehicle fleet using alternative fuels, reduction in CO2 per capita, reduction in percentage of household waste landfilled and social housing meeting Scottish Housing Quality Standards.
- 1.3 The purpose of the changes to the community planning structures is to build on the existing strengths of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership, take account of changes to the partnership landscape since 2013 and further strengthen and streamline community planning meeting arrangements. The report agreed by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership on 7 December 2016 is attached for information. The new arrangements will commence from May 2017, with an early focus on delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and associated Locality Plans by 1 October 2017.
- 1.4 Engagement with communities on development of the LOIP/Locality Plans will take place in February/March and May/June 2017. The Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans will require to be signed off by all community planning partners by September 2017 prior to publication by 1 October 2017.
- 1.5 The two remaining rounds of the existing community planning Board structure will play a key role in shaping the priorities of the new LOIP and ensuring that the positive elements of existing partnership working and delivery transition effectively to the new working arrangements. In particular, Greener Renfrewshire has been successful in developing shared leadership of delivering the Greener agenda among partners. In particular, the Greener Renfrewshire Board is asked to consider at its next meeting the following key questions:

- What should the areas of focus be around the 'Greener' agenda for the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan and community planning groups?
 - How can the new governance arrangements maintain effective representation of organisations contributing to the 'Greener' priorities?
 - Is there other learning from Greener thematic board that should be considered in the transition to new governance arrangements?
- 1.6 The key features in the new structure are the establishment of a Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Executive Group and a Renfrewshire Community Planning Oversight Group, which will replace the existing Community Planning Partnership Board and that the remits of the current Thematic Boards will be taken forward within the revised structure.
- 1.7 The Jobs and Economy; Community Care, Health and Wellbeing; Children and Young People; Greener; and Safer and Stronger Boards will be discontinued within the new structure. The Economic Leadership Panel, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group and Public Protection Chief Officers Group will take forward the remits of the Safer and Stronger; Jobs and Economy; and Community Care, Health and Wellbeing Thematic Boards. Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities will continue with an enhanced role and an Improving Life Chances Group will be established to take forward the remit of the Children and Young People Thematic Board and Tackling Poverty Steering Group. The work programme of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board will be mainstreamed across the work of the other groups in the structure.
- 1.8 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is committed to maintaining the progress made since 2013 on the Greener Renfrewshire agenda. The contribution that the Greener Renfrewshire sub groups on Carbon Reduction, Greener Transport and Greener Communities have made to meeting community planning outcomes is recognised. Ensuring that this work continues to be progressed and that the contribution and leadership of public, private and third sector partners is retained as appropriate will be a focus of discussions over the first half of 2017 (see bullet points at section 1.5 above).
- 1.9 Work will take place over the first six months of 2017 to finalise the detail of new arrangements and ensure an effective transition to the new arrangements in the second quarter of 2017. The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board will have a key role to play in ensuring that its work programme is embedded within the new community planning arrangements to be delivered by the appropriate Boards.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Board:

- (a) Notes the changes to the governance structure of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership and, in particular, the arrangements for mainstreaming the work of the Greener Renfrewshire Board and discontinuing the Board.
- (b) Agrees to participate in work taking place during the first six months of 2017 to finalise details of the new arrangements and ensure an effective transition to new working arrangements for activity within the current Greener Renfrewshire Action Plan.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board agreed at its meeting on 7 December 2016 a revised proposed governance structure for Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership (see Appendix 1 attached). As part of Renfrewshire Council's governance arrangements, the proposed structure was approved by Renfrewshire Council on 15 December 2016. Changes to the governance arrangements will be implemented in the second quarter of 2017.
- 3.2 The new governance arrangements were developed following discussions on the effectiveness of current community planning arrangements with Lead Officers and conveners of each of the Community Planning Thematic Boards and proposed arrangements were sense-checked before submission to the Community Planning Partnership Board on 7 December 2016.
- 3.3 Reflecting discussions with Lead Officers and conveners across the community planning themes about streamlining structures where possible, the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board will not continue to meet in the new community planning structures.

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To: Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board

On: 7 December 2016

Report by:

David Amos, Head of Policy and Commissioning, Renfrewshire Council

Review of Community Planning Governance Arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 Current community planning governance arrangements have been in place in Renfrewshire since 2013, with a well established structure of a Community Planning Partnership board and thematic boards in place to drive and strengthen partnership working across the priority areas identified with Renfrewshire Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement. As recently reported to the Partnership Board in September 2016 through the 3 year performance progress report, there is clear evidence that partnership working through community planning is making a positive difference to local people.
- 1.2 It is recognised however that the partnership landscape has evolved since 2013. For example, local health and social care services have been brought together to form a Health and Social Care Partnership, a new Public Protection Chief Officers Group has been established and, significant programmes of partnership working have been taken forward in relation to the Tackling Poverty Programme, the bid for UK City of Culture 2021 and the Glasgow City Region City Deal with others planned in relation to economic regeneration. Strategic Partnership Agreements have also been formally signed between Renfrewshire Council and the University of the West of Scotland and West College Scotland, recognising the maturity of partnership working that exists between these organisations.
- 1.3 Significant statutory changes have also been introduced through The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. These require community planning partnerships to review existing governance structures and processes, strengthen the involvement of statutory partners and local communities and, ensure there is more focus on joint working to reduce inequalities. Recent draft guidance issued by the Scottish Government suggests that “effective community planning focuses on where partners’ collective efforts, can add most value for their local communities, with particular emphasis on reducing inequalities”.
- 1.4 In response to this changing landscape, a review of existing community planning governance arrangements has been undertaken by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board over the past 6 months. Led by the Head of Policy and Commissioning within Renfrewshire Council, the review considered the views of key stakeholders including members of the Partnership Board, convenors of the thematic boards, lead officers within the Partnership and Engage Renfrewshire as the third sector interface organisation for Renfrewshire.

- 1.5 The stakeholder feedback highlighted the need for the existing governance structure to be significantly streamlined to ensure the time invested by partners was focused on joint strategic priorities and build in flexibility to adapt to new strategic priorities as they emerge. Feedback also highlighted the need to achieve a better balance across partner organisations in relation to the allocation of lead roles for the development and oversight of work programmes aligned to the shared community planning partnership boards, was that it was often difficult to gain an appropriate level of oversight between the thematic boards and make appropriate linkages between areas of work.
- 1.6 Following consideration of the findings of the review, a proposed revised governance structure has been developed in consultation with community planning partners which is outlined in Section 4 of this report. The proposed structure will require a degree of change to existing structures, utilising all appropriate opportunities to streamline and refocus existing partnership activities, groups and formal structures. The revised structure proposed will facilitate enhanced political scrutiny and strategic leadership through the establishment of a Community Planning Oversight Group chaired by the Leader of Renfrewshire Council, with a Community Planning Executive Group chaired by the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Council
- 1.7 Subject to the approval of the revised governance arrangements by full Council, Council officers will work with partners to plan for the implementation of the new arrangements in the second quarter of 2017. Council approval is also being sought to carry out a review of the Council's local area committee arrangements to consider opportunities to strengthen mechanisms for engagement with local communities, complement the proposed new community planning governance structures and, facilitate the new legislative requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. This review would be carried out in consultation with community planning partners

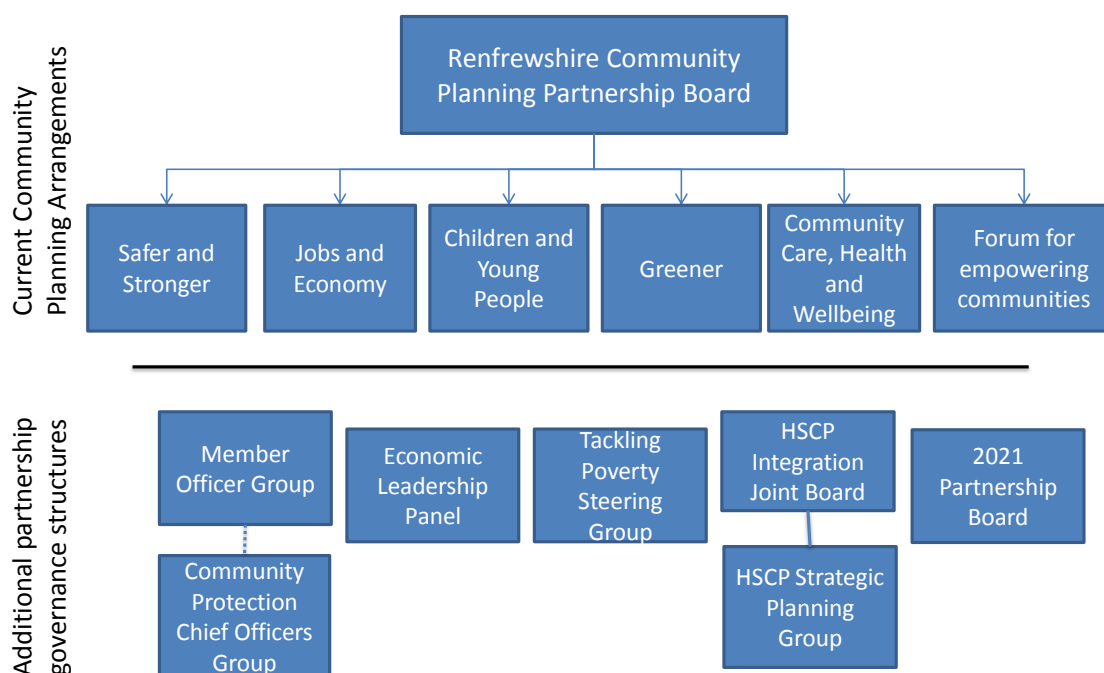
2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of the board:
- (a) Agree the proposed governance structure for Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership for recommendation to Council for approval, as outlined in Section 4 and Appendix 1.
 - (b) Note that implementation of the proposed governance structure will be submitted to full Council for approval on 15 December 2016.
 - (c) Note that officers will work with partnership organisations to plan for the implementation of the new arrangements in the second quarter of 2017.
 - (d) Note that subject to approval by full Council, a review of the arrangements for community level governance, including local area committees, will be undertaken, and that community planning partners will be consulted as part of this process.

3. Background

- 3.1 The current Community Planning governance structure in Renfrewshire was established in 2013. The Community Planning Partnership is led by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership which is chaired by the Leader of Renfrewshire Council. Six thematic boards report to the Partnership Board, chaired by the conveners of linked policy boards e.g. Housing and Community Safety, Environment Policy Board, Finance and Resources, Economy and Jobs and Education and Children policy boards and the chair/vice chair of the Integration Joint Board.
- 3.2 Since 2013, a number of partnership groups or boards have been established in response to new or emerging priority areas of activity such as the Tackling Poverty Programme, the Paisley for UK City of Culture 2021 bid and the Glasgow City Region City Deal, with others planned in relation to economic regeneration. The integration of local health and care services to form Renfrewshire Health Social Care Partnership and the Integration Joint Board, has also impacted existing community planning structures with some degree of overlap being experienced with the focus of the existing thematic boards. Diagram 1 below highlights the current complex arrangements relating to these major areas of partnership working within Renfrewshire.

DIAGRAM 1 : Current Community Planning and Partnership Arrangements



- 3.3 Strategic Partnership Agreements have also been formally signed between Renfrewshire Council and the University of the West of Scotland and West College Scotland, recognising the maturity of partnership work that exists between these organisations.

- 3.4 In addition, in 2015 the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act was also passed which requires community planning partnerships to review and update planning and governance arrangements which maximise the potential benefits of the provisions of the legislation.
- 3.5 The Act places community planning on a statutory footing and clarifies its purpose as being to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities. It widens the number of statutory partners that should be involved in community planning as follows:
- Local authority (Renfrewshire Council)
 - Health Board (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde)
 - Scottish Enterprise
 - Police Scotland
 - Regional College (West College Scotland)
 - Regional Further and Higher Education body (University of the West of Scotland)
 - Scottish Fire & Rescue
 - Scottish Environment Protection Agency
 - Scottish Natural Heritage
 - Regional Transport Partnership (Strathclyde Partnership For Transport)
 - Integration Joint Board (Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership)
 - Historic Environment Scotland
 - Scottish Sports Council (Sportscotland)
 - National Park authority (not applicable in Renfrewshire)
 - VisitScotland
 - Skills Development Scotland
- 3.6 The 2015 Act also requires Community Planning Partnerships to:
- Prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) which sets out the local outcomes which the Community Planning Partnership will prioritise for improvement by October 2017
 - Identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes, and prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities (the outcomes prioritised for improvement in a locality plan may differ from those in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) by October 2017.
- 3.7 Recent draft guidance in relation to the Act indicates that “effective community planning focuses on where partners’ collective efforts, can add most value for their local communities, with particular emphasis on reducing inequalities”.

Review of community planning arrangements

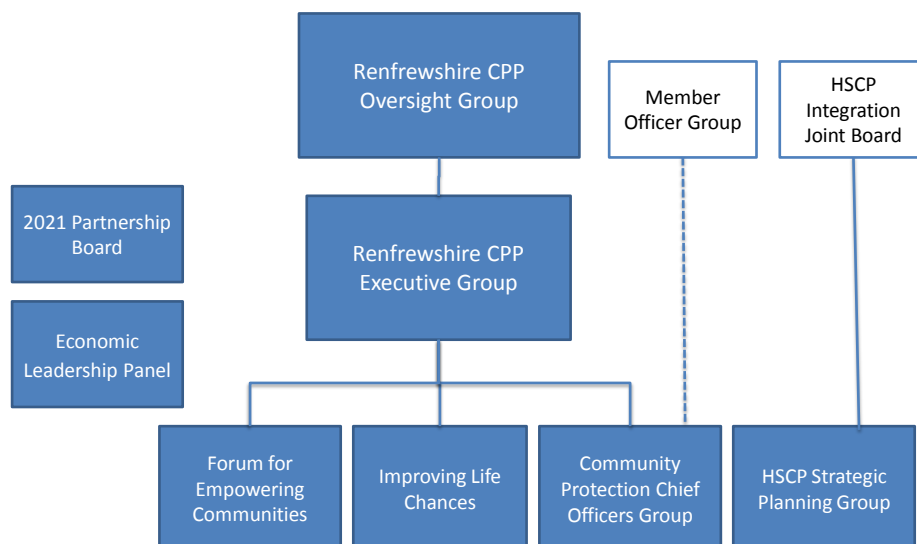
- 3.8 In light of emerging policy priorities and subsequent need to streamline new and existing partnership arrangements, a review of existing community planning governance arrangements has been undertaken by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board over the past 6 months.
- 3.9 Led by the Head of Policy and Commissioning within Renfrewshire Council, the review considered the views of key stakeholders including members of the Partnership Board, conveners of the thematic boards, lead officers across the Partnership and Engage Renfrewshire as the third sector interface organisation for Renfrewshire.
- 3.10 The key findings based on the views of stakeholders can be summarised as follows:
- There is a shared recognition that partnership working is strong and mature in Renfrewshire and is making a difference to local people.
 - Whilst partnership working was felt to be strong, most stakeholders suggested that further work needed to be done to widen out ownership of specific initiatives or priorities, in order that other community planning partners could assume the lead role as opposed to the Council. The preparation of a new Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan by October 2017 provides an opportunity to refresh priorities and partner lead roles
 - Significant time and resource pressures are being experienced by all partners and there is an increased need to maximise strategic value for all partners from the time invested in community planning
 - The partner and governance landscape has changed (Integration of health and social care services, Community Protection Chief Officers Group, 2021 UK City of Culture bid, Tackling Poverty) and there is an increasing need to avoid duplication of activity across thematic boards and other governance structures.
 - Conveners of the thematic boards noted that it was challenging in their role to have oversight of the range of activities being progressed across the Partnership and to identify links and more opportunities for cross working between Thematic boards
 - A recognition that there is limited pooling of budgets or joint investments around community planning priorities and that there were felt to be opportunities to explore this further should new governance arrangements support this.

4 Revision to governance arrangements

- 4.1 In response to the findings of the review, officers have worked with community planning partners to develop proposals for revised community planning governance arrangements which are illustrated in Diagram 2 below. Implementation will require a significant degree of change to existing structures, utilising all appropriate opportunities to streamline and refocus existing partnership activities, groups and formal structures.
- 4.2 The establishment of a Renfrewshire Community Planning Oversight Group provides an enhanced strategic role for Elected Members to scrutinise, inform and challenge the work of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership. In line with the feedback provided by the conveners of the current thematic boards, it will allow elected members to have strategic oversight across the breadth of community planning activities. The Oversight Group will be chaired by the Leader of Renfrewshire Council, with the conveners of the Education and Children, Economy and Jobs, Environment Policy

Board, Finance and Resources, Housing and Community Safety Policy Board and the chair/vice chair appointed to the Integration Joint Board. A place will also be allocated to an elected member from the opposition.

DIAGRAM 2: Proposed Community Planning and Partnership arrangements



4.3 Under the new arrangements, a Community Planning Executive Group would be established comprised of Chief Executive level officers from across the Partnership, strengthening the connection between policy direction and resourcing and promoting shared leadership in the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans, as required in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

4.4 It is also proposed that the community planning groups will be amended to incorporate existing and emerging partnership arrangements where appropriate and to provide greater strategic focus and reduce duplication, recognising that some groups will maintain their own independent status outwith the formal community planning structure. The three groups shown below fall into the latter category and take forward the remits of the existing Safer and Stronger, Jobs and the Economy and Community Care, Health and Wellbeing thematic boards. Appropriate links will be developed between these and the Executive Group within the new structure:

- Economic Leadership Panel
- Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group Partnership
- Public Protection Chief Officers Group

4.5 Further proposed changes include:

- The Forum for Empowering Communities will continue, but be given an enhanced role in order to maximise opportunities for engaging with communities emerging from the Community Empowerment Act 2015.
- An Improving Life Chances group will be established to take forward the remit of Children and Young People and Tackling Poverty Steering Group.
- The work programme of the Greener Thematic Board will be mainstreamed across the work of the other groups, ensuring that the positive contribution of the board and its sub group is recognised and continued where appropriate.

- 4.6 It is proposed that the Forum for Empowering Communities and Improving Life Chances groups are chaired by senior officers within partner organisations, significantly extending and sharing the leadership role for community planning to other community planning partners, as is intended within the 2015 Act. If appropriate, the membership of the other linked groups referred to in para 4.4 will be considered in light of the changes being proposed and adjusted in accordance with their existing decision making processes. Further information regarding the proposed role and membership of each of the boards and groups is detailed in Appendix 1.
- 4.7 Work will be carried out during the first 6 months of the 2017 with CPP partners to finalise the detail of the new arrangements and ensure they are implemented in the second quarter of 2017. This will aim to ensure that the significant achievements, priorities and momentum of the existing thematic boards are carried forward into the new arrangements.
- 4.8 Feedback on the mechanisms for community level input to governance arrangements, including the operation of the Council's local area committees, was also provided during the review and this highlighted the potential for changes to be made which would strengthen local community involved in the community planning process, as required by the Community Empowerment Act 2015. Subject to the approval of new governance arrangements for community planning as set out in this report, it is proposed that a subsequent review of community level input to CPP governance arrangements should also be carried out by the Council's Head of Policy and Commissioning to explore this opportunity in consultation with community planning partners.

New Governance Arrangements**Renfrewshire Community Planning Oversight Group**

The Renfrewshire Community Planning Oversight Group would provide oversight, scrutiny and challenge by Renfrewshire Council Elected Members to the activity and performance of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership. The Board would meet twice per year.

Proposed Membership

- Leader, Renfrewshire Council
- Convenors of Housing and Community Safety, Environment, Economy and Jobs, Education and Children and Finance and Resources Policy Boards
- Chair/Vice-Chair of Integration Joint Board
- Elected Member of the Opposition of Renfrewshire Council

Proposed Role

- (a) Provide oversight to the strategic work of the Community Planning Executive Group in directing the Council's contribution to the work of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership. This will be done by scrutinising the work commissioned by the Executive Group through Community Planning groups and providing challenge as necessary to policy direction, resourcing, performance and impact of this work.
- (b) Agree outcomes and targets for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans with the Community Planning Executive Group, following periodic Direction Setting exercises.
- (c) Considering any future changes to partnership working and governance structures in Renfrewshire prior to their establishment.
- (d) In addition to strategic-level involvement in setting direction, reviewing and scrutinising progress, members may be involved as appropriate within individual work programmes.

Community Planning Executive Group

The Community Planning Executive Group would consist of Chief Officers of key community planning partners with significant budgets/resources and be responsible for coordinating partnership strategy development and resourcing plans. It is proposed that the Community Planning Executive Group would meet four times per year.

Proposed Membership

- Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council
- Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland
- Director of Public Health, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership,
- Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire
- Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce
- Principal, West College Scotland
- Principal, University of the West Of Scotland
- Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Leisure Limited
- Area Director, Scottish Enterprise
- Area Director, Skills Development Scotland.

Proposed Role

The key roles of the Executive Group would be:

- (a) Lead periodic Direction Setting exercises that prioritise policy areas for change and set outcomes and targets for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.
- (b) Develop a strategic approach to achieve the agreed outcomes and targets and commission work programmes to deliver these, through the Community Planning groups. This would include agreeing any allocation of pooled budgets or resources to support these programmes and ensuring that community planning activity is integrated with each partner's organisational and budgetary planning.

- (c) Scrutinise and review the performance and outcomes of the commissioned work programmes and provide direction as necessary.
- (d) Report to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Oversight Group regarding collective performance of the commissioned work programmes and the impact being made on outcome targets. Use feedback from Oversight Group members to provide further direction to work programmes as necessary.
- (e) Commission any future changes to partnership working and governance structures, prior to their establishment.

Community Planning Groups

Proposed changes to the thematic group structure is shown in the table below. Work would be undertaken by the Executive Group to update existing thematic boards and to establish links to separately incorporated boards such as the Public Protection Chief Officers Group, Renfrewshire Economic Panel and Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group.

Proposed Community Planning Group	Purpose of Change
Renfrewshire Economic Panel	The Executive Group to establish links to the Renfrewshire Economic Panel. The Panel is scheduled to be established from March 2017 and will oversee the implementation of the Economic Framework and facilitate the role and contribution of the private sector in driving investment and the creation of job opportunities.
Public Protection Chief Officers Group	The Executive Group to establish links to the Public Protection Chief Officers Group currently in existence, with linkages to those partnership groups which also report to Safer and Stronger Thematic Board.
Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities	Continued and enhanced role for the Forum to ensure that the third sector and communities have a voice and influence in shaping partnership decisions and activity.
Improving Life Chances	The Improving Life Chances Board would bring together the work of the Children and Young People Board and the Tackling Poverty Steering Group. An additional focus would be the contribution of partner organisations to health improvement, reducing inequalities and addressing the attainment gap.

Proposed Community Planning Group	Purpose of Change
Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group	Removing the Community Care, Health and Wellbeing Board would reduce a layer of duplication, subject to ensuring that all the business of the Community Care, Health & Wellbeing Board is fully covered by the Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group. The Integration Joint Board, which is a statutory group, will be represented within the Oversight Group.

Proposed Role

- (a) Links to be established to the updated boards:- Forum for Empowering Communities and Improving Life Chances Board and to separately incorporated groups such as the Public Protection Chief Officers Group, Renfrewshire Economic Panel and Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group
- (b) Implement work activity as commissioned by the Community Planning Executive Group.
- (c) Develop a work programme and rolling action log, with outcomes and targets, and report progress on a regular basis to the Executive Group.

Proposed Membership

Membership of the Forum for Empowering Communities and Improving Life Chances Board would consist of senior officers from core partner agencies for each theme, with additional partners as appropriate. Appropriate partner agencies would chair these two boards, with support from a lead officer from Renfrewshire Council. The membership arrangements for the Public Protection Chief Officers Group, Renfrewshire Economic Panel and Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Planning Group would be agreed in accordance with the existing established arrangements.



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Scottish Government's Air Quality Strategy Cleaner Air for Scotland - the Road to a Healthier Future

1. Summary

- 1.1 In November 2015, the Scottish Government launched its air quality strategy *Cleaner Air for Scotland – The Road to a Healthier Future* (CAFS). The purpose of CAFS is to provide a national cross-government strategy which sets out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations propose to achieve further reductions in air pollution in order to fulfil Scotland's air quality responsibilities as soon as possible.
- 1.2 The Clean Air for Scotland strategy outlines a series of actions across a range of policy areas and introduces a number of important new initiatives. The majority of action measures will be implemented by the Scottish Government and partner organisations such as Transport Scotland and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). However there are some actions that local authorities will be expected to deliver. These include the production of corporate travel plans which are consistent with air quality action plans and the encouragement of Freight Quality Partnerships.
- 1.3 Officers within Renfrewshire Council's Community Resources are currently developing a Renfrewshire wide air quality action plan which will take into account actions for all 3 of Renfrewshire's Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's). The Council's air quality action plan will consider the Clean Air for Scotland strategy and detail how it will assist in delivering its aims and objectives.

2. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board note the contents of the report on the *Scottish Government's Air Quality Strategy Cleaner Air for Scotland - the Road to a Healthier Future* which was approved by Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board In November 2016.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 In November 2015, the Scottish Government launched its air quality strategy *Cleaner Air for Scotland – The Road to a Healthier Future* (CAFS). The purpose of CAFS is to provide a national cross-government strategy which sets out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations propose to achieve further reductions in air pollution in order to fulfil Scotland's legal responsibilities as soon as possible and to create and maintain a strong, healthy and fair society.
- 3.2 Scotland is not yet fully compliant with EU and Scottish legal requirements for air quality and as a result there are over 30 Air Quality Management Areas in place throughout Scotland. The reasons for non-compliance are varied but include an increase in the diesel fleet over the last decade; an increase in total number of road vehicles since 2004; a disparity between laboratory and real-world emissions from vehicle engines; transboundary emission sources and the topography and spatial planning of urban areas creating street canyons which trap air pollution close to the ground.
- 3.3 Air pollution disproportionately affects the most vulnerable members of society including the very young, the elderly, people with existing medical conditions and those living in deprived urban areas. Thus the key aims of reducing air pollution are to protect human health and eliminate health inequalities, in addition to improving the quality of places and habitats in the wider environment. Air Quality is directly related to the achievement of a number of key Scottish Government National Outcomes and policy priorities, notably those focussed on the environment, sustainable places, environmental impact and healthier lives.
- 3.4 The Clean Air for Scotland strategy outlines a series of actions to be achieved by 2020 across a range of six policy areas:
 - transport;
 - health;
 - policy and legislation;
 - placemaking;
 - communication; and
 - climate change.

- 3.5 A national governance group, supported by specialist subgroups, has been established to oversee implementation of the strategy. A key aspect of the Clean Air for Scotland strategy is the need for partnership working to support delivery of improvements in air quality. The majority of actions set out in the strategy cover areas that are most influenced by the Scottish Government working in partnership with others from across key sectors e.g. Transport Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Health Boards. However local authorities do have a key role to play and there are specific actions that they will be required to assist in delivering:

Transport

- All local authorities should ensure they have a corporate travel plan (perhaps within a carbon management plan) which is consistent with any local air quality action plan.
- Transport Scotland & local authorities will work with partners to deliver the Scottish Governments shared vision within the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland that by 2020, 10% of everyday journeys will be made by bike.
- Local authorities with an Air Quality Management Area will be encouraged to create a Freight Quality Partnership (or utilise an existing Regional Transport Partnership Freight Quality Partnership) and consider appropriate measures for local air quality improvement by 2017.

Climate Change

- Any Scottish local authority which has or is currently developing a Sustainable Energy Action Plan must ensure that air quality considerations are covered.

Whilst both Transport and Climate Change are overseen by the Scottish Government, both policy areas are delivered on a local level by Renfrewshire Council and will be instrumental in developing the Air Quality Action Plan for Renfrewshire. Progress in helping to mitigate and adapt to climate change is being reported to this Board by the Director of Community Resources and Director of Development & Housing Services in the Public Sector (Climate Change Duties Report 2015/16).

- 3.6 The Council's air quality action plan will consider the Clean Air for Scotland strategy and detail how it will assist in delivering the aims and objectives of the strategy. The specific local authority actions detailed within CAFS will be considered in more detail during the Council's action planning process with Community Resources liaising with other Services that lead on or can contribute to the delivery of the above actions as appropriate.
- 3.7 The Clean Air for Scotland strategy also outlines a range of important new initiatives to be implemented by 2020 including a National Modelling Framework intended to

provide a standard air quality assessment methodology for use across Scotland; a National Low Emissions Framework which will assist local authorities in determining effective measures for addressing air quality issues within their areas; and a national air quality public awareness campaign. The Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and SEPA will be responsible for implementing these initiatives which are currently still under development.

- 3.8 Ultimately the key overall to be achieved by 2020, through the implementation of the Clean Air for Scotland strategy, is full compliance with EU air quality legislation together with significant progress towards revocation of all Scottish

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 Community Resources is currently developing a Renfrewshire wide air quality action plan which will take into account actions for all 3 of Renfrewshire's Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's). The Council's air quality action plan will consider the Clean Air for Scotland strategy and detail how it will assist in delivering the aims and objectives of the strategy. The specific local authority actions detailed within the strategy, and set out in paragraph 3.5 above, will also be considered and included within the Council's action planning process.

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Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy 2016 - 2025

1. Summary

- 1.1 The first Cycling Strategy for Renfrewshire was produced in 2004. Renfrewshire's Local Transport Strategy in 2007 updated the strategy, objectives and aims as a result of significant developments in both National Policy and initiatives within the Council which made a review of cycling policy important. In the last few years there has been increased focus on cycling across Scotland and National targets have now been set for cycling and a Cycling Action Plan Scotland 2013 has been published to assist with a National context.
- 1.2 Scottish Planning Policy strongly supports cycling as does the SPT Regional Transport Strategy 2014-2017. The agreement of City Deal has been a step change for the partnership authorities and the Renfrewshire projects include substantial elements of cycling infrastructure.
- 1.3 Since 2004 new cycle routes have been incrementally designed and constructed throughout Renfrewshire including some strategic. The Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy, 2016 to 2025 sets context around existing routes and provides direction for moving forward. The strategy was submitted to Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board in November 2016. A link to the Policy Board's papers can be found below. The Cycling Strategy can be found at item 10.
<http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1399/Committee/13/Default.aspx>
- 1.4 Against this background, the Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy, 2016 to 2025 has reviewed the context and performance of cycling uptake and infrastructure to date, set objectives for moving forward and achieving targets and makes a number of recommendations in respect of what needs to take place to achieve a step change.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board note the contents of the Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy, 2016 to 2025 which was approved by Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board In November 2016.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Council last approved a Cycling Strategy in 2004. The focus at that time was to encourage modal shift towards cycling for short journeys, particularly linking main urban centres with satellite communities. This theme was continued into the Renfrewshire Local Transport Strategy as published in 2007. A section was dedicated to the Walking and Cycling Strategy and identified how Walking and Cycling had significant potential to accommodate short trips instead of the use of private cars. The average trip length in Renfrewshire at that time for all activities was between 3 and 4 kilometres. Cycling was therefore seen as a potential policy approach to avoid traffic growth through the proliferation of short journeys by car especially home to work trips.
- 3.2 The strategy also identified the significant benefits to the 39% of Renfrewshire adults at that time who had no access to a car. Cycling was seen as a fundamental means of accessing services and the wider public transport network and consequently barriers to cycling should be removed so far as possible. The leisure and health implications of cycling were also recognised especially the potential to accommodate exercise into everyday life.
- 3.3 Since 2007, there have been significant developments both nationally and within Renfrewshire that creates context for a revised approach to cycling. The Cycling Action Plan Scotland 2013 sets a national context for cycling and an ambitious target of 10% for the number of trips carried out on cycle by 2020 across Scotland. Cycling Scotland has been formed with full time staff and resources with the national role of promoting cycling as an acceptable attractive and practical lifestyle option. Cycling Scotland leads on a number of initiatives and has organised major cycling events such as the annual Glasgow to Edinburgh Cycle run.
- 3.4 A significant amount of cycling infrastructure has been constructed throughout Renfrewshire with design work in progress for future route development as identified in the Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy, 2016 to 2025. The Paisley South link is now complete and was delivered in 6 phases and links Barrhead to Linwood. The cost of this route was approximately £1.5m and funding was from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) capital allocations, Sustrans and Scottish Government. The route from Castle Semple in Lochwinnoch to the railway station was completed in 2015 at a cost of over £1m. It was funded in a similar way to the Paisley South Link and included substantial capital grant from SPT. This project involved the construction of three bridges and significant raised embankments within a flood

plain. In addition, there have been many local improvements to cycle infrastructure funded from the Cycling Walking and Safer Streets grant. These have typically involved toucan crossings to assist cyclists cross roads and traffic calming to ensure lower traffic speeds to assist cyclists. Cycle parking has also been installed at a number of locations throughout Renfrewshire.

- 3.5 Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding for financial year 2015/16 delivered a way finding project for Renfrewshire which provided signage for towns and villages to cycle routes and places of interest. Funding available for financial year 2016/17 will be used to encourage residents in Glenburn and Linwood to use other forms of transport specifically cycling (through personalised travel planning).
- 3.6 Within Renfrewshire, a significant step change was agreement on the City Deal Partnership. City Deal links transportation strategy and projects to economic growth. Cycling is a significant component of the Renfrewshire City Deal projects.
- 3.7 The Regional Transport Strategy 2014-2017 recognises the benefits from cycling and potential linkage with integrated public transport.
- 3.8 Against this background the Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy, 2016 to 2025 was developed through consultation with a variety of local partners including Sustrans, Cycling Scotland, Renfrewshire Leisure and other Council services. A set of objectives for cycling in Renfrewshire was developed as follows:-
 - (i) By 2020 to have achieved 3% of all journeys to work being made by bicycle.
 - (ii) Keep cycling high on the agenda through sustained and collective action within Renfrewshire and with its partners.
 - (iii) Make cycling safe and attractive to people of all ages and backgrounds and for a wide range of transport and leisure journeys.
 - (iv) Promote through a range of media and methods, everyday cycling as an attractive and beneficial means of transport. Promotion should be aimed especially at short trips and, in particular, at young people.
- 3.9 The strategy considers infrastructure and attitudes to cycling as existing and makes recommendations to achieve a step change. The key features to deliver step change are associated with improving and expanding the existing cycling infrastructure, providing better signage and network information, promoting and marketing cycle usage and running events to raise cycling profile.
- 3.10 The strategy concludes with a draft Action Plan which encompasses specific proposals against leadership, cycle parking, infrastructure/network development,

public transport interchange, marketing and promotion, young people and cycling, and lastly monitoring and evaluation.

- 3.11 The strategy is aspirational and challenging, deliverable through funding streams such as "walking, cycling and safer streets", "smarter choices smarter places," grants from Sustrans, etc. and support from Cycling Scotland. There is a significant capital allocation for cycling within the Renfrewshire City Deal projects. The success of the Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy, 2016 to 2025 will be quantified through monitoring cycle activity. Strategic components of the strategy will be captured in the current work to refresh the Local Transport Strategy. This wider Transport Strategy will support the Renfrewshire Economic Strategy/Framework.

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Renfrewshire Responsible Dog Ownership Strategy

1. Summary

- 1.1 At the Renfrewshire Council Environment Policy Board on 18 May 2016, elected members agreed to note an update on Renfrewshire's Strategy for Responsible Dog Ownership and requested a final strategy and approach for rolling out the strategy be brought back for approval to a future meeting of the Environment Policy Board.
- 1.2 The proposed strategy, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, recognises that the significant majority of dog owners are very responsible, ensuring that their dog is kept under proper control and that having a dog can be a hugely rewarding experience, but also recognising that owning a dog comes with responsibilities. Across Scotland there continues to be a persistent minority of dog owners who adversely affect communities through their lack of control over their dogs' behaviour. As well as causing welfare issues for their pet, irresponsible dog owners allow their dogs to cause a nuisance or even a danger to others.
- 1.3 The introduction of new Legislation in 2016 requires dog owners to have their dogs microchipped, and increases fine levels from £40 to £80 for dog fouling. This new legislation provided the opportunity for a review of the Council's procedures in relation to dog control. A key outcome of this review being the proposal of a strategy for promoting responsible dog ownership which brings together separate education, communication and enforcement campaigns into a single approach to promote and support responsible dog ownership in the area.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board note the contents of the Renfrewshire Responsible Dog Ownership Strategy, which was approved by Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board In November 2016.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following a motion raised at the full Renfrewshire Council on 25 June 2015, a review of responsible dog ownership in Renfrewshire was undertaken and a report presented to the Renfrewshire Council Environment Policy Board on 18 May 2016. The report noted a number of legislative changes introduced by the Scottish Government aimed at responding to the issue of dog fouling and highlighted the priority areas for the development of a Renfrewshire Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership Strategy. It was agreed that progress updates on the development and implementation of a responsible dog ownership strategy should be provided to future meetings of the Renfrewshire Environment Policy Board. This subsequent report sought approval for the strategy and set out a timeline for its implementation.

4. The Local and National Landscape

- 4.1 Renfrewshire Council's Community Resources provides the community with a wide variety of services to all householders and businesses across Renfrewshire including: the management of waste and street cleaning services; provision of parks and cemeteries; the protection of public health and regulation of business premises. However, a significant number of complaints are received annually that relate to Dog Fouling and in this Renfrewshire is not unique.
- 4.2 Across Scotland, dog control issues and especially dog fouling are major contributors to anti-social behaviour. In recent research into public attitudes to littering carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful, almost 7 in 10 people rated dog fouling as the item on our streets, parks and beaches that bothered them most, with around 9 million dogs in the UK, producing over 1,000 tonnes of excrement per day, it's easy to see why dog fouling can be a problem.
- 4.3 Significant work has been undertaken in Renfrewshire in recent years to tackle dog fouling and irresponsible dog ownership including a number of separate high profile dog fouling campaigns, the use of enforcement officers to tackle dog control and dog fouling issues in hotspot locations; and education regarding responsible dog ownership. The proposed responsible dog ownership strategy learns the lessons of these campaigns and

interventions and seeks to bring successful elements together in a planned and co-ordinated manner with input from relevant key stakeholders and the public.

- 4.4 Some progress has been made. During 2015/16, there were a total of 825 complaints received in Renfrewshire in relation to Dog Fouling - this represents a 28% reduction in comparison to the corresponding total for 2014/15. This has been achieved through a number of successful actions including targeted patrolling and enforcement, and is further demonstrated by the reducing annual trend in associated issues e.g. stray dogs - reduced by 40% between 2014/15 and 2015/16; dogs barking - reduced by 38% during the same period; and lost dogs, which reduced by 35% over the same period. The number of fixed penalty notices has reduced over the last number of years, reflecting the increase in high visibility patrols undertaken by Renfrewshire Wardens on a daily basis.
- 4.5 Since May 2016, officers within the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership have carried out consultation with relevant internal & external stakeholders (including Renfrewshire Wardens, Police Scotland, Street Scene, the Dogs Trust, Keep Scotland Beautiful and Housing Providers) in order to develop a responsible dog ownership strategy that is able to tackle the priorities for each partner organisation and the wider community.
- 4.6 The proposed strategy focuses on 4 priorities which were highlighted by the consultation with stakeholders, namely:
- **Enhanced partnership working** to promote closer partnership working between key partners such as Housing Providers, Police and Dog Charities;
 - **Promoting responsible behaviours** with a programme of key messages and expectations supported by bespoke publicity campaigns developed to highlight dog control issues;
 - **Tackling persistent offenders and improved enforcement** with new policies/practices established to make enforcement of offenders and pursuit of non-payment of fines easier
 - **Tackling out of control dogs** with a particular focus on those that represent a danger to the public or nuisance to the wider community
- 4.7 The strategy is focused on the delivery of a number of key outcomes:
- Increased awareness among dog owners and the general public regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership and control.

- A reduction in the number of stray dogs or dogs under investigation that are not microchipped.
 - An increase in the number of Dog Owners who adhere to the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge
 - An increase in the number of dogs in Council rented properties that are microchipped.
 - A reduction in the number of complaints regarding dog control issues.
 - A reduction in the number of dog owners who fail to pick up after their dogs
 - An increase in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling.
- 3.8 If approved the strategy will run throughout 2017 with 3 key phases, Phase 1: Initial Communications and Enforcement Activities, Phase 2: Partnership Engagements, Phase 3: Targeted Campaigns and Enforcement. A review of the strategy will be undertaken from December 2017 to March 2018, the aim of which is to determine the success of the approach and the key priorities for 2018-2019.
- 3.9 Specific communications materials will be produced based on the Keep Scotland Beautiful 'Watching You' Campaign and will incorporate, posters, large moveable banners, bin stickers and leaflets and Information Packs.
- 3.10 As part of the implementation roll out both Community Resources and Development & Housing Services are working together to ensure that tenants are reminded of their responsibilities regarding dog ownership and that nuisance dogs will not be tolerated in Council properties. To emphasise this tenants seeking permission to have a dog will be asked to adhere to the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge and this will be rolled out across other Registered Social Landlords in Renfrewshire.
- 3.11 The proposed Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 3.12 Whilst enforcement will always take place where people are identified as breaking the law, after the initial launch of the strategy there will be a series of targeted enforcement and capacity building campaigns in specific hot-spot locations using a range of methods to identify persistent offenders whilst at the same time continuing a campaign of education across schools and communities in Renfrewshire.

- 3.13 The strategy will be dynamic and will continue to evolve and respond to new approaches and consultation will continue with our key stakeholders to ensure that responsible dog ownership is promoted and irresponsible dog ownership is tackled across Renfrewshire.

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Renfrewshire's Strategy for Responsible Dog Ownership

- 1.1 This strategy is focused on the delivery of a number of key outcomes:
- Increased awareness among dog owners and the general public regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership and control.
 - A reduction in the number of stray dogs or dogs under investigation that are not microchipped.
 - An increase in the number of Dog Owners who adhere to the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge
 - An increase in the number of dogs in Council rented properties that are microchipped.
 - A reduction in the number of complaints regarding dog control issues.
 - A reduction in the number of dog owners who fail to pick up after their dogs
 - An increase in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling.
- 1.2 Evidence from national and local research continues to highlight that the impact of dog fouling is one of the most important environmental issues affecting communities.
- 1.3 The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership plays an active role in educating and informing the public of the issues associated with dog control and will continue to work in partnership to help change behaviours around dog control. As part of this we will build on the successes of previous local initiatives whilst adopting approaches which have had success elsewhere. The key aim of this strategy is to promote responsible dog ownership whilst promoting pride in Renfrewshire, highlighting the role that dog owners play in keeping our streets, parks and communities safe and clean. In Paisley we will also tie in with City of Culture messages whenever possible to highlight the role that our dog owners play in keeping Paisley safe and clean.
- 1.4 This strategy will tackle issues surrounding dog control which affect our communities including: dangerous and nuisance dogs, dog fouling; dog barking; and stray dogs; as well as supporting our dog owners in caring for their pets. It focuses on delivering 4 key factors:

- **Enhanced partnership working** to promote closer partnership working between key partners such as housing providers, Police and Dog Charities;
- **Promoting responsible behaviours** with a programme of key messages and expectations supported by bespoke publicity campaigns developed to highlight dog control issues;
- **Tackling persistent offenders and improved enforcement** with new policies/practices established to make enforcement of offenders and pursuit of non-payment of fines easier
- **Tackling out of control dogs** with a particular focus on those that represent a danger to the public or nuisance to the wider community.

1.5 Implementation of this strategy will be undertaken over 3 key phases.

Phase 1: Initial Communications and Enforcement Activities

1.6 Phase 1 will run from December 2016 to April 2017 and will promote the message to the public about what is acceptable dog control. The placing of posters and mobile banners will be carried out in a targeted way in hotspot locations determined by statistical analysis of complaints received and/or local knowledge:

- Launch of this strategy in December with enhanced communications regarding dog control issues. Using festive messages to reinforce the need for all new and existing family pets (cats and dogs) to be microchipped.
- Use of striking posters, first used by Keep Britain Tidy, with hard-hitting messages and trademarked 'glow in the dark' eyes in hotspot locations to help influence the behaviour of those dog owners who currently don't do the right thing. These posters were piloted in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful and the NFU Scotland and their use more than halved the incidence of dog fouling recorded over the duration of the pilot.
- Production of a Renfrewshire's Strategy for Responsible Dog Ownership and distribution to the public, community groups, housing providers and dog owners. This will also be made available on line.
- Production of a condensed information leaflet promoting responsible dog ownership will be available on line and as a hard copy for distribution to the public.
- Development of a detailed year round communication plan which will deliver key dog control messages including, using our parks and public spaces responsibly, problems with dog control on agricultural land, dog control in play parks and sports grounds, microchipping dogs, and dog bag litter.

- The 'Any Bin Will Do' message will continue to be promoted using social media and bin stickers.
- Social media will be used to highlight when a stray has been uplifted ensuring the best chance of a speedy return to its owner.

Phase 2: Partnership Engagements

1.7 Phase 2 of the strategy will run from February 2017 to June 2017. As part of the strategy there is an ongoing commitment from each of the key stakeholders: Community Resources; housing providers; Police Scotland; Dogs Charities; NFU and The Forestry Commission, to work together as a partnership to tackle the problem in Renfrewshire and a number of opportunities to work in partnership have been highlighted, including;

- Supporting housing providers (public and private) in promoting responsible dog ownership amongst their tenants.
- Working with Police Scotland thorough the Renfrewshire Rural Tasking Group and with the NFU, Forestry Commission and other landowners who are affected by dog control issues.
- Emphasising that nuisance dogs will not be tolerated in Council rented property and promotion of the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge to tenants seeking permission for a dog. This initiative strives to remind tenants seeking permission for dogs of the conditions of their Tenancy Agreement and how this could be impacted through lack of control over their dog. To reinforce this message tenants seeking permission for dogs will be asked to adhere to the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge, and as an incentive those who sign up will receive a Responsible Owner Welcome pack.
- In association with housing providers, posters will be erected in communal areas to encourage responsible dog ownership and promoting the opportunity for dog owning tenants to sign up to the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge.
- Articles will be published in tenant newsletters promoting the strategy.
- Revising Renfrewshire Council's webpage to ensure that local residents can access dog ownership messages and know how to report incidents of dog related antisocial behaviour.
- Working with the Forestry Commission Scotland and the NFU to deliver publicity materials to support farmers who are affected by dog control issues.
- Supporting animal charities including Dogs Trust, SSPCA and PDSA in the delivery of their education programmes.

Phase 3 Targeted Campaigns and Enforcement

1.8 Phase 3 will run from April 2017 to March 2018 when the overall outcomes of the strategy will be reviewed. Within this phase, in addition to the work undertaken and ongoing in Phases 1 and 2, key hotspot locations identified will be targeted for focused interventions. Key priorities during Phase 3 will include:

- Identification of hotspot locations utilising statistical information.
- Use of social media to highlight issues in key areas.
- Targeted activities in each hotspot lasting 2-4 weeks.
- Wardens will consider a range of measures to promote responsible dog ownership in hotspot locations which may include: low visibility enforcement patrols of hotspot locations, issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to offenders, reporting repeat offenders to the Procurator Fiscal, use of CCTV for targeted interventions; use of DVLA information to trace offenders, erection of temporary 'Watching You' signage or similar, use of 'Any Bins Will Do' stickers on bins and engaging with key partners.
- Wardens will issue warning letters to those suspected of failing to pick up within their communities and will leaflet drop areas where dog control is reported as being an issue asking for the support of the community to catch offenders.
- Large moveable banners for key locations, such as, school play grounds, parks, sports fields and children's play parks will also be used together with 'Any Bin Will Do' stickers. Use of these communication materials will only be considered in hotspot locations as over use of any visual media can reduce the impact of the message.
- Launch of Responsible Owners 'Selfie' Gallery which will use social media to encourage dog owners to sign up to the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge.
- Relaunch of the 'Don't Put Up with It' campaign designed to encourage the public to report those in their community who are causing issues through a lack of control of their dog.
- Delivery of a workshop at Safe Kids 2017 designed to raise awareness with Primary 6 youths regarding dog control issues and to encourage them to sign up to the Pledge.
- Microchipping will be promoted with Community Resources supporting PDSA and other animal charities in delivering local surgeries to dog owners where microchipping may be offered free of charge.

Tackling persistent offenders and improved enforcement

1.9 Throughout implementation of the strategy there will be a focus on tackling persistent offenders. The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership will identify hotspot locations for dog control issues in Renfrewshire. Intelligence led interventions will be developed, focusing on specific dog control or welfare

issues that affect urban and rural communities such as nuisance dogs, aggressive dogs, banned breeds, dog fouling, organised dog fighting, illegal dog dealing/breeding, noisy dogs and neglected dogs. Our communities will be encouraged to share with any information that they have in this regard;

- Bins will be provided in areas of most need but there is an expectation that dog owners will take responsibility for bagged dog waste and its removal in places where bins are not available or they may face an £80 littering fine.
- Failure to pick up after a dog will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 being imposed for first time offenders. Those who have been previously issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice may be reported to the Procurator Fiscal who can issue a higher fine.
- As part of the strategy, a review of the Enforcement Procedure will be undertaken with consideration being given to the use of reliable witness statements, targeted enforcement of hot spot areas, consideration of low visibility or plain clothes enforcement, the use of CCTV for targeted campaigns, use of DVLA information as appropriate and information sharing between partners to allow follow up on microchipping requirements.
- Where a dog is out of control and it is causing reasonable fear and alarm to others, wardens may issue a Dog Control Notice. This will set conditions which the owner must comply with such as; ensuring that the dog is kept on a lead, wears a muzzle, receives training, microchipping and so on.
- Procedures will be improved to ensure that non-payment of fines is robustly pursued.
- Dog owners will be encouraged to get their dog micro-chipped. Failure to do so will result in animal wardens issuing owners with a Notice which if not adhered to may result in a report being sent to the Procurator Fiscal and a fine of up to £500 being imposed. Wardens and Housing providers will share information to assist compliance.
- An SSPCA education programme will be undertaken with Council employees, police and housing providers to ensure that all persons entering the homes of dog owners are aware of what they should do when they are suspicious that a dog or other animal is being neglected/abused.
- We will continue to work with partners such as Police Scotland and SSPCA to deal with dangerous dogs. Information relating to dangerous dogs in rented accommodation will be shared with the housing provider, to ensure that other tenants are appropriately protected. We will continue to highlight issues relating to dangerous

dogs so that members and the general public know how to report any concerns they may have.

2. Measuring Success

2.1 Community Resources will produce regular updates to local area committees and partners on the success of this strategy. We will:

- Analyse dog control complaints;
- Increase enforcement activities;
- Ensure wide distribution of communications materials and measure social media responses;
- Measure uptake of the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge;
- Support partners to deliver microchipping services; and
- Measure use of bins in key locations to ensure they are correctly positioned.

2.2 Key success measures will include:

- Increased awareness among dog owners and the general public regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership and control.
 - A reduction in the number of stray dogs or dogs under investigation that are not microchipped.
 - An increase in the number of Dog Owners who adhere to the Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge.
 - An increase in the number of dogs in Council rented properties that are microchipped.
 - A reduction in the number of complaints regarding dog control issues.
 - A reduction in the number of dog owners who fail to pick up after their dogs.
 - An initial increase and subsequent reduction in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling.
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Appendix 2

Responsible Dog Ownership Pledge

I understand that owning and looking after a dog comes with responsibilities not only to ensure the welfare of the dog but also to ensure that the behaviour of the dog does not adversely impact on others. I am a responsible dog owner and agree to the following:

- I will look after my dog ensuring that it is well cared for.
- I will not keep a dog without permission of my housing provider.
- I understand that not everyone is comfortable around dogs and will not assume that it is ok for my dog to approach others without their consent.
- I will not allow my dog to bark excessively or cause a nuisance to others.
- I will not allow my dog to use communal areas for exercise or as a doggie WC.
- I will always pick up after my dog and will bin the bagged dog waste.
- I understand that dog faeces can be dangerous as it may carry the *Toxicara* parasite which can cause blindness.
- I will keep my dog under proper control and supervised at all times.
- I understand that by law all dogs over 8 weeks old must be micro-chipped.
- I will not keep a dog that is a banned breed under The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.
- I will not breed dogs at my residence without my Housing Providers permission.
- I will not provide a dog minding service for others without my Housing Providers permission.
- I will make arrangements with another person to ensure that my dog is looked after in my absence e.g. holiday or hospital stay.

I understand that if my dog causes a nuisance or a disturbance, my housing provider can withdraw permission for me to have a dog and I may be required to rehouse my dog.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Dog Type and Breed: _____

Dog Name: _____

Dog Age: _____



To: Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board

On: 30 January 2017

Report by:

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Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) One Planet Prosperity – Our Regulatory Strategy

1. Summary

- 1.1 On 8 August 2016 the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) published their regulatory strategy entitled - *“One Planet Prosperity – Our Regulatory Strategy”*.
- 1.2 SEPA plan to use the powers given to them under the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 to help Scotland be one of the first countries to tackle the challenge of the over-use of the planet’s natural resources.
- 1.3 The regulatory strategy establishes a clear purpose for SEPA which seeks to support and create both social and economic benefits for Scotland by devising and delivering environmental improvements. This is described in the statutory purpose:

Protect and improve the environment (environmental success) in ways that, as far as possible, create:

 - Health and well-being benefits (social success); and
 - Sustainable economic growth (economic success).
- 1.4 This represents a step change from the previous focus purely on environmental issues and reflects the Scottish Government commitment to better regulation which the Council has also adopted through the Integrated Enforcement Policy agreed at Leadership Board on 14 September 2016. Within their regulatory strategy SEPA are committing to six new organisational objectives:
 - Producing information and evidence that people use to make decisions.

- Helping people implement successful innovation, not minor improvements on 'business as usual'.
- Helping communities see the environment as an opportunity to create social and economic success.
- Routinely interacting with regulated businesses through their boardrooms, executive teams and owners.
- Being an organisation that people are clamouring to work for.
- Using partnerships as a principal way of delivering outcomes.

1.5 Implementation of this strategy should lead to benefits for communities, business and stakeholders including Renfrewshire Council. The principles adopted take on board the five principles of Better Regulation as required by the Scottish Government and align well with the approach to regulation now agreed by the Council.

1.6 This strategy represents a change in the approach to regulation by SEPA and local authorities will be required to observe, respond and work with SEPA as they implement their new regulatory strategy. However, the approach being adopted is positive and is one that should be welcomed by elected members.

1.7 The strategy is available for download at the SEPA website and is attached as Appendix 1.

2. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board notes the contents of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) One Planet Prosperity – Our Regulatory Strategy which was approved by Renfrewshire Council's Environment Policy Board In November 2016.

3. **Background**

3.1 SEPA was formed in 1996 to act as Scotland's environmental regulator and flood warning authority with its main role to protect and improve Scotland's environment.

3.2 The primary objective behind the creation of the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPAs) around the world (including SEPA) was to reduce gross pollution, especially from industrial premises.

3.3 According to the SEPA strategy and ecological footprint measure, Scotland is currently using around three times its share of planetary resources to sustain its current living. SEPA is looking at innovative and powerful ways to tackle this global challenge and reduce Scotland's impact on global resources.

- 3.4 The strategy highlights some of SEPA's successes over the past 20 years including the substantial clean-up of the River Clyde, reductions in industrial pollution and improvements in landfill performance. However, it is clear that there is still a great deal to be done. The strategy outlines a need to shift focus, work in smarter ways and help society to tackle sources of pollution, over-use of natural resources and major environmental challenges such as climate change.
- 3.5 Renfrewshire Council works very closely with SEPA on many issues including waste, new food waste regulations, recycling, closed landfills, contaminated land, fly tipping and non-compliant businesses.
- 3.6 Appendix 1 of the SEPA strategy sets out 12 actions for 2016/17:
- Development of a Sectoral approach

SEPA will define the sectors and appoint 75% of the sector leads within the next year. In delivering sector plans, they will map existing levels of compliance and focus on the key levers that influence a particular sector.
 - Sustainable Growth Agreements

SEPA will develop clear principles underpinning their approach and will secure Sustainable Growth Agreements (SGAs) with at least 3 businesses. These SGAs will focus on practical actions to improve environmental performance in a way that delivers business success.
 - Integrated Regulatory Framework (Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act)

SEPA will continue to work in partnership with the Scottish Government in ensuring this strategy and the legislation being developed under the Act allows them to achieve their statutory purpose. This will require consultation on detailed policy principles.
 - Reform of permissions

A clear vision for simpler, joined up, outcome based permits will be articulated and SEPA will engage with stakeholders on the approach they are developing. A new permitting service will be set up to drive improvements in relation to the processing of applications.
 - Improvements to enforcement

SEPA will implement improvements to their Enforcement Policy, allowing them to take a more proportionate and effective approach. This will also include the phasing of new fixed and variable monetary penalties and enforcement undertakings.
 - Tackling non-compliance

Operational effort will be targeted to reduce non-compliance and focus on those who have remained non-compliant for a number of years (or who 'dip in and out' of compliance). SEPA will also use new fixed penalties (where appropriate) as part of two campaigns targeting non-compliance.

- Reform of charging

A new regulatory charging scheme will introduce a more transparent and balanced approach to charging. SEPA will also ensure good communication with charge payers.

- Regulatory Evidence Strategy

A new Regulatory Evidence Strategy will be implemented to support this strategy.

- Staff development

SEPA will place a major focus on staff development giving staff access to world leading external practice and building confidence to deliver new ways of working.

- Communication and engagement

This strategy will be incorporated into SEPA's internal and external communications. This will highlight to the people of Scotland the practical work being undertaken and will help increase understanding, confidence and recognition amongst staff.

- Structure change

There will be small changes to the high level structure within SEPA. This will allow them to strongly deliver their regulatory outcomes and ensure leadership capacity is in place.

- International Innovation Panel

The establishment of an Innovation Panel, made up of international experts, will add to the expertise and experience existing in Scotland. This will broaden thinking and maximise the level of ambition allowing SEPA to deliver as powerfully as possible.

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Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) regulatory strategy - “*One Planet Prosperity – Our Regulatory Strategy*”.

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD
GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP
HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2017
RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE, COTTON STREET, PAISLEY**

IN ATTENDANCE

Louise O'Connell, Hillington Park; Lucy Clarke, Sustrans; Katharine Brough, NHS; Roddy Yarr, University of Strathclyde; Mark Higginbotham, Alastair Scott, Colin Grainger, David Burnie, Colin Hunter, Stuart Graham, James McIntyre, all Renfrewshire Council.

APOLOGIES

Ross Nimmo (Glasgow Airport); Allan Dick, West College Scotland; Claire Roxburgh, University of the West of Scotland; Jim Blythe, Renfrewshire Leisure; Gareth Evans (INTU); John Binning SPT; Karen McIndoe, Kate Cuthbert, Elaine Lorimer, all Renfrewshire Council

1	MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING The minute of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group of 20 September 2016 was submitted.	Agreed
2	FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD OF 7 NOVEMBER 2016 A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted.	Noted
3	LOW CARBON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HUBS MH gave a brief presentation on the Low Carbon Active Travel Hub draft report and the current position with SWECO.	MH

4.	MEMBER UPDATES	
4a	<p>NHS</p> <p>KB circulated walking and cycling guides that have been passed to staff members in the RAH. Cycle road shows have been run and facilities such as lockers etc have been upgraded. An update was also provided on the car share scheme and membership at the hospital.</p> <p>KB advised that they are currently working with Go Safe Glasgow in partnership with Glasgow City Council with all fleet vehicles bearing a sign for cyclists.</p> <p>KB advised of the European Cycle week which is now being expanded to Clyde Valley local authorities in 2017. An app will be available for down load and will capture cycle usage during the designated week.</p>	RB
4b	<p>SUSTRANS</p> <p>LC advised that the Community Links Programme funding applications will be available from Monday the 23rd of January 2017. The initial deadline for submissions will be on Friday the 24th of February 2017 and successful applications will be announced by the end of April 2017. LC will pass on the details of the website to CG for circulation.</p>	LC
4c	<p>HILLINGTON PARK</p> <p>LO advised that a Liftshare campaign is ongoing. Four new industrial buildings are being developed within the park. Upgrades are being made to cycle paths and cycle racks within the park.</p> <p>Small electric European Commission vehicles are being looked at for hire to use within the park. These are currently used in Barcelona and Lyon.</p>	LO
4d	<p>RENFREWSHIRE CYCLING STRATEGY</p> <p>AS confirmed that the Cycling Strategy had been approved by the Environmental Policy Board in November and would be taken to the next Greener Thematic Board.</p>	AS
4e	<p>AIR QUALITY</p> <p>CH confirmed that Air Quality Management Areas have now been declared in Johnstone and Renfrew, giving a total of 3 AQMAs across Renfrewshire (Paisley town centre being the other). Work is ongoing to produce and develop an action plan to bring in measures to improve. Renfrewshire is part of the vehicle fleet recognition scheme which assessed the fleet and were awarded 4 stars. Karen McIndoe will be issuing invitations to join and it is planned to invite the Scheme Manager to the next meeting of this group.</p>	CH

4f	<p>TRANSPORT AND FLEET MANAGEMENT</p> <p>DB advised that Renfrewshire Council is adding 4 Nissan Leafs to its fleet.</p> <p>2 charging points are being set up at Johnstone Town Hall with 100% funding from Transport Scotland. There is no charge to the public for the charger.</p> <p>Consideration is being given the use of pool cars for business travel.</p> <p>DB also advised of the Cycle awareness day for Renfrewshire Council drivers where they must attend as part of their CPC training. This involves drivers riding bikes to raise awareness of a cyclist's perspective on the roads.</p>	DB
4g	<p>UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE</p> <p>RY advised that the Advanced Forming Research Centre has put forward a business case to develop the land owned by Scottish Enterprise. The AFRC could be a possible location for a sustainable transport hub.</p>	RY
5.	<p>ACTION PLAN</p> <p>The action plan was noted.</p>	ALL
6.	<p>PERFORMANCE TARGETS</p> <p>The scorecard was noted and any updates should be passed to CG.</p>	ALL
7.	<p>COMMUNITY PLANNING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>SG advised that the current Greener Thematic Board would be discontinued as a result of the new Council Plan governance arrangements. Current board structures are being revised and the work of the Greener Thematic Board would be mainstreamed within the work of the other Boards, primarily Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities and the Economic Leadership Panel. SG asked the group to provide him with comments and feedback on the proposals.</p> <p>All members felt that it was important for the group to continue. It was agreed that this should be a standing item on the agenda.</p>	All
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>None.</p>	
9	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To be arranged.</p>	CG

To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

On: 30 January 2017

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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 note 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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Appendix 1

Good Practice Examples

Central Scotland Green Network

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Taylor Wimpey West Scotland has been working in partnership with the Scottish Government, Central Scotland Green Network Trust and academics on an innovative 'Greener Gardens' project in North Lanarkshire. This looks at how gardens of new homes can be used to contribute to green infrastructure, biodiversity and storm water management. The project features a number of strands including installation of demonstration raingardens, academic research, provision of water butts as part of the package for new homeowners, and raising awareness by promoting the benefits of raingardens both to homeowners and the wider house building industry. The Project Team has created a homeowners' leaflet and a 'Developer's Guide' that aims to introduce the concept of greener gardens to householders and the housebuilding industry.

Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A City Deal package for Stirling and Clackmannanshire was announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. This ambitious plan identifies a new City Park and will bring the River Forth back into play as a major driver of Stirling's economic, cultural and social prosperity. This will include expansion and enhancement of pedestrian and cycle paths, development of the peninsulas and associated riverbanks and will explore the incorporation of a barrage to allow water levels and water quality to be controlled.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.investinstirling.com/why-stirling/city-development-framework/>

Edinburgh City Council

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Edinburgh Adapts 2016-2020 is the city's first climate change action plan, and aims to help the city prepare for and adapt to the effects of a changing climate. The plan has been developed by the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership in collaboration with Adaptation Scotland and more than 40 key stakeholders from across



the city. Edinburgh Adapts builds on the Resilient Edinburgh Climate Change Adaptation Framework, which was approved by the City of Edinburgh Council's Transport and Environment Committee in 2014, and provides a platform for bringing together adaptation activity from across the city. As well as ensuring overall governance of adaptation in the city, the plan aims to protect and enhance Edinburgh's wildlife and green spaces, providing nature-based solutions to climate-related problems.

Further information can be found at:

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/2210/climate_change_action_plan_unveiled_in_edinburgh



Appendix 2

Funding Opportunities

Central Scotland Green Network

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Salix Finance is inviting funding applications for public sector building energy efficiency retrofit projects. This funding is provided by Scottish Government to accelerate decarbonisation efforts in support of the Scottish national carbon reduction targets.

Salix is calling for funding applications for energy efficiency retrofit projects in public sector buildings, with applications closing on 28 February 2017. This funding is provided by Scottish Government to accelerate decarbonisation efforts in support of the Scottish national target of 42% CO2 reductions by 2020 and 80% by 2050.

There are over 120 eligible types of energy efficiency technologies, with a full list available here:

http://www.salixfinance.co.uk/system/public_files/salix_technology_list_and_persistence_factors_used_17th_march_2016.pdf

Both the Recycling Fund and Loans can be used to finance these technologies. Popular technologies funded include LED lighting and controls, boiler replacements, heating controls and insulation. Eligible areas of estate include schools, Council offices, depots, museums, car parks, lecture theatres, server rooms, labs, street lighting, leisure centres and care homes.

The compliance criteria are up to an 8 year payback and £200/tCO2 saved over the lifetime of the project, and longer payback projects can be part funded.

This year, there are two interest-free Salix funding models available in Scotland, the Recycling Fund and the interest-free Loan.

Salix Recycling Fund

There is now the opportunity for Scottish public sector bodies to set up a ring-fenced Salix Recycling Fund dedicated to energy efficient technologies. Energy savings achieved from installing new efficient technologies are reinvested year-on-year into new projects.

The Recycling Fund combines 50:50 contributions from Salix and the public sector body. The Salix contribution is a long-term 100% interest-free repayable grant. Scottish



local authorities can use their existing Central Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) or their own capital as match contribution. Salix provides a free online system for managing the Recycling Fund, which offers project, carbon and financial management, as well as ongoing client and technical support from Salix to assist with successful delivery of the fund.

Salix Energy Efficiency Loan

Salix offers one-off interest-free loans for a wide range of energy efficiency technologies. Funding is awarded based on the expected energy savings of the project, after completion of the project the loan is repaid by Direct Debit over the payback period of the project. Salix is able to provide up to 50% of the funding toward project costs, which can include project management and associated work costs within the payback period.

Next round of funding

Due to the ongoing successful uptake of Salix funding for public sector energy efficiency projects, Scottish Government has made available further interest-free funding for both Recycling Funds and Loans. Loan applications can be made online at <http://salixfinance.co.uk/loans/scotland-loans>. Recycling Fund applications can be made by contacting Salix with details below. This call for funding applications closes on 28 February 2017.

During 2016/17, Salix are focusing support on estate-wide building energy efficiency retrofit. In March this year, Scottish Procurement launched the Non Domestic Energy Efficiency (NDEE) framework which offers guaranteed energy performance contracts. A Project Development Unit was launched in October of this year, to facilitate use of the NDEE Framework by public sector organisations. Salix is able to offer part funding for these programmes, as well as ongoing support and independent technical feedback during the process.

For more information on the Salix funding options available in Scotland, please contact the Programme Coordinator Lindy Frey on lindy.frey@salixfinance.co.uk or 0203 102 6904, or make an expression of interest at <http://salixfinance.co.uk/loans/scotland-loans>