

**To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities**

**On: 27 September 2022**

**Report by:**

Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**

**Refresh Of Renfrewshire Community Plan 2022**

**1. Summary**

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

**2. Recommendations**

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

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

### 3. **Background**

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

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