

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 02 February 2021	18:00	Teams Meeting,

Membership

Councillor Derek Bibby; Councillor Bill Binks; Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Alison Jean Dowling; Adele Fraser (Linstone Housing Association); Councillor John Hood; Margaret Johnston (Johnstone Business Consortium); Ricky Kelly (Johnstone Castle Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor Scott Kerr; Margaret Lavery (Quarrelton Area Tenants' and Residents' Association); George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor Alastair MacKay; Iain McMillan (Johnstone Community Sports Complex); Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor James Sheridan; Gavin Stewart (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Cheryl Thomas (Active Communities); and Thomas Wallace (Johnstone Community Council).

Councillor Andy Steel (Chair); James McLeod (Linwood Community Council) (Vice-chair).

Recording of Meeting

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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 Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 30 September 2020	18:00	Teams Meeting,

Present

Councillor Derek Bibby; Councillor Bill Binks; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Alison Jean Dowling; Adele Fraser (Linstone Housing Association); Councillor John Hood, George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor Alistair MacKay, James McLeod (Linwood Community Council); Iain McMillan (Thorn Athletic Sports Academy, previously known as Johnstone Community Sports Complex); Karen McShane (Dementia Friendly Group) (In attendance after Item 2 of the agenda); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor Andy Steel; Cheryl Thomas (Active Communities); and Stacey Thompson (substituting for Margaret Johnston of Johnstone Business Consortium).

Chair

Councillor Steel, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

D Gilles, Head of Facilities Management (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnership Planning and Development Manager and Kellie Miller, Senior Planning and Policy Development Officer (both Chief Executive's); and D Low, Democratic Services Manager and T Slater, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Also in Attendance

A Cunningham (Renfrewshire Leisure); Constable B Dick (Police Scotland); and K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire).

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

Apologies

Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Councillor James Sheridan; Margaret Johnston (Johnstone Business Consortium); Margaret Lavery (Quarrelton Area Tenants' and Residents' Association); and Thomas Wallace (Johnstone Community Council).

Declarations of Interest

Cheryl Thomas (Active Communities) declared an interest in Item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Johnstone and Linwood – 2020/21 (FR1085) – as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Adele Fraser (Linstone Housing Association) declared an interest in Item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Johnstone and Linwood – 2020/21 (FR1142) – as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Lesley Compston (KLAS Care) declared an interest in Item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Johnstone and Linwood – 2020/21 (FR1092) – as her organisation supported this group and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Jim McLeod (Linwood Community Council) declared an interest in Item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Johnstone and Linwood – 2020/21 (FR1213) and (FR1214) – as he was a member of the organisation and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association) declared an interest in Item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Johnstone and Linwood – 2020/21 (FR1124) – as he was a member of the organisation and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

1 Minute of Previous Meeting

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Local Partnership held on 21 November 2019.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Membership of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the vacancy for a community representative member of the Local Partnership.

The report advised that an expression of interest had been received from Karen McShane of Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group and requested that members consider the appointment of Karen McShane to the Local Partnership.

DECIDED: That Karen McShane of Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group be appointed to the vacant position as a community representative member of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership.

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Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group) and Stacy Thomson (Johnstone Business Consortium) joined the meeting during consideration of the next item of business.

Declaration of Interest

Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group) declared an interest in Item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Johnstone and Linwood – 2020/21 (FR1216) – as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

3 Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Johnstone and Linwood - 2020/21

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for Local Partnership funding in Johnstone and Linwood for 2020/21.

The report intimated that applications for funding from the Local Partnership had been invited to reflect the Local Partnership's priorities of Taking Pride in the Look and Feel of our Towns; What's on in Johnstone and Linwood; Roads and Transport; Community Safety; and Focus on Young People. The available allocation for Johnstone and Linwood was £47,044. The sum of £50 per community representative required to be ringfenced for potential claims for administrative expenses, which left a balance of £46,344 for allocation.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component of Johnstone and Linwood's funding, now known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, was £21,697. This would be allocated by young people through a participatory budgeting process, which was currently underway.

The Chair proposed a method for considering the applications, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chair's proposal be amended to award application FR1043 (Eat Up) the full amount requested and application FR1177 (Lamont Farm Project) 50% of the amount requested.

Following consideration, the Local Partnership agreed that the undernoted applications be determined as follows:-

APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PRIORITIES

FR1057 – Greenside Carers - awarded £300

FR1111 – The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion – awarded £337.74

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

L Compston having declared an interest in application FR1092, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1092 – Toddle Tots CIC – awarded £776.81

FR1191 – Paisley YMCA – awarded £807.88

FR1212 – Shop Mobility Paisley & District – awarded £916.63

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

K McShane having declared an interest in application FR1216, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1216 – Johnstone Dementia Friendly Community Group – awarded £1,916.35
FR1172 – Renfrewshire Access Panel – awarded £1,512.62
FR1167 – Johnston Band – awarded £1,725.86
FR1069 – Linwood Elderly Forum – awarded £1,891.36

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

G MacDonald having declared an interest in application FR1124, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1124 – Fordbank Scout Group – awarded £2,481.89
FR1181 – The Breastfeeding Network – awarded £2,498.94
FR1143 – Thorn Primary School – awarded £3,377.42
FR1161 – Auchenlodment PS & ELC – awarded £4,728.39

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

J McLeod having declared an interest in applications FR1214 and FR1213, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1214 – Linwood Community Council – awarded £5,403.87
FR1213 – Linwood Community Council – awarded £5,471.42

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

C Thomas having declared an interest in application FR1085, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1085 – Active Communities – awarded £6,018.57
FR1112 – Johnstone Business Consortium – awarded £3,796.22

APPLICATIONS WITH PARTIAL OR NO REFERENCE TO JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PRIORITIES

FR1126 – Home-Start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde - declined
FR1089 – Paisley Sea Cadets - declined
FR1095 – Renfrewshire Walking Network - declined
FR1209 – Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club - declined
FR1043 – Eat Up – awarded £579.36
FR1073 – Rainbow Turtle - declined
FR1128 – Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank - declined
FR1074 – Ferguslie Cricket Club - declined
FR1068 – Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation - declined
FR1150 – The Wynd Centre - declined
FR1177 – Lamont Farm Project – awarded £2,000

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

A Fraser having declared an interest in application FR1142, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

APPLICATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE PARKS, PLAY AREAS AD GREENSPACES FUND

FR1142 – Linstone Housing Association – declined and referred to the Parks, Play Areas and Greenspaces Fund

FR1185 – Spateston Tenants' and Residents' Association – declined and referred to the Parks, Play Areas and Greenspaces Fund

APPLICATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CELEBRATING RENFREWSHIRE YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND

FR1156 – RAMH – declined and referred to the Celebrating Renfrewshire Youth Challenge Fund

FR1204 – Youth Interventions – declined and referred to the Celebrating Renfrewshire Youth Challenge Fund

APPLICATIONS WHERE THE DATE FOR ACTIVITY HAS PASSED

FR1141 – PACE Theatre Co. - declined

Following discussion, it was proposed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Partnership on the position of Active Schools in relation to applications for grant funding. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above; and

(b) That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Partnership on the position of Active Schools in relation to applications for grant funding.



To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 2 February 2021

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership at its meeting on 30 September 2020 is attached as an appendix to this report
- 1.3 The Youth Challenge Fund component of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget was allocated during autumn 2020 by a participatory budgeting exercise for young people aged 12-25.
- 1.2 Young people co-produced the process of voting and 251 young people voted in the Johnstone and Linwood area.
- 1.3 Twelve projects for young people received a total of £21,697 funding from Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership, which has fully allocated the budget. A full set of Celebrating Renfrewshire results is attached to this paper.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report be noted.

					Funds	
	ORGANISATION	Grant Ref	Budget	Funds Applied For	Awarded	Over/Under
			£	£	£	£
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-	<u>General Fund</u>					
-	<u>Budget 2020-21</u>		£47,044.00			
-	-					
-	Members Expenses 14 Members				£700.00	
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-	Greensyde Carers	FR1057		£300.00	£202.65	
-	Paisley & District Battalion	FR1111		£500.00	£337.74	
-	Toddle Tots CiC	FR1092		£1,150.00	£776.81	
-	Paisley YMCA	FR1191		£1,196.00	£807.88	
-	Shop Mobility	FR1212		£1,357.00	£916.63	
-	Johnstone Dementia Friendly Community Group	FR1216		£2,837.00	£1,916.35	
-	Renfrewshire Access Panel	FR1172		£2,239.32	£1,512.62	
-	Johnstone Band	FR1167		£2,555.00	£1,725.86	
-	Linwood Elderly Forum	FR1069		£2,800.00	£1,891.36	
-	Fordbank Scout Group	FR1124		£3,674.25	£2,481.89	
-	The Breastfeeding Network	FR1181		£3,699.48	£2,498.94	
-	Thorn Primary School	FR1143		£5,000.00	£3,377.42	
-	Auchenlodment PS & ELC	FR1161		£7,000.00	£4,728.39	
-	Linwood Community Council	FR1214		£8,000.00	£5,403.87	
-	Linwood Community Council	FR1213		£8,100.00	£5,471.42	
-	Active Communities	FR1085		£8,910.00	£6,018.57	
-	Johnstone Business Consortium	FR1112		£5,620.00	£3,796.22	
-	Home Start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	FR1126		£482.75		
-	Paisley Sea Cadets	FR1089		£495.00		
-	Renfrewshire Walking Network	FR1095		£500.00		
-	Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club	FR1209		£570.00		
-	Eat up	FR1043		£579.36	£579.00	
-	Rainbow Turtle	FR1073		£750.00		
-	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	FR1128		£1,215.00		
-	Ferguslie Cricket Club	FR1074		£1,500.00		
-	Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	FR1068		£2,000.00		
-	The Wynd Centre	FR1150		£2,000.00		
-	Lamont Farm Project	FR1177		£4,000.00	£2,000.00	
-	Linstone Housing Assoc.	FR1142		£9,175.00		

-	Spateston TARA	FR1185		£7,000.00		
-	PACE Theatre Co	FR1141		£7,102.00		
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	TOTAL		£47,044.00	£102,307.16	£47,143.62	-£99.62
					Funds	
	ORGANISATION	Grant Ref	Budget	Funds Applied For	Awarded	Over/Under
			£	£	£	£
	<u>Celebrating Renfrewshire</u>					
	<u>Budget 20-21</u>		£21,697.00			
	Paisley YMCA	CE1002			£1,500.00	
	Sandyflats Tenants and Residents Assoc	CE1009			£2,000.00	
	Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	CE1016		£2,000.00	£1,164.36	
	Own Your Bike	CE1017			£1,982.28	
	Afroscot United FC	CE1018		£2,000.00	£1,164.36	
	Renfrewshire youth Voice	CE1025			£2,000.00	
	Youth Interventions	CE1026			£2,000.00	
	Active Communities	CE1030			£2,000.00	
	Fordbank Scout Group	CE1034			£2,000.00	
	Always Included	CE1036			£2,000.00	
	Renfrewshire Carers	CE1042			£1,886.00	
	Pachedu	CE1045			£2,000.00	
	TOTAL		£21,697.00	£4,000.00	£21,697.00	£0.00



Celebrating Renfrewshire Participatory Budgeting Results October 2020



Introduction

Renfrewshire Council commissioned Young Scot to manage an online vote for a participatory budgeting exercise taking place in October 2020. This was branded as the 'Celebrating Renfrewshire' event.

Young Scot Supported the vote in two ways. Firstly, a campaign was created at the Young Scot website, young.scot. This campaign allowed young people to check out the projects before the vote went live and also allowed the projects themselves to check the information that they had supplied. After the vote is complete we will change the campaign page to reflect the winning projects.

Secondly, voting took place online using the Young Scot online voting platform. Young people were able to vote using a valid Young Scot card issued in Renfrewshire or by using one of 50,000 temporary numbers that were issued to Renfrewshire Council staff. The vote was open to all young people aged 12-25 in the area. We know that the vast majority of young people in the area have been issued with a Young Scot card. Renfrewshire Council staff handled the issuing of temporary numbers with a robust process to ensure that young people were not issued with more than one number.

Voting took place from Midday on 12th October 2020 until 17:00 on the 6th November 2020. This was during the global COVID-19 pandemic, which meant that all promotion of the vote was online rather than face to face

One vote was held with seven geographic areas as constituencies. Young people logged into the system using their Young Scot card number or a temporary number issued by Renfrewshire Council staff. Young people then had to choose one of the seven geographic constituencies based on the Local Partnership Boundaries within Renfrewshire. Each card number or temporary number allowed that young person to vote in any one, but only one constituency. Young people were then presented with between 5 and 24 projects to choose from. Voters had to use 3 equal votes, with only one vote being allocated to any one project. This gave a first past the post result.

Voting could be carried out using a computer, phone or other internet device. Renfrewshire Youth Services promoted the vote by visiting schools and youth groups around the area.

Voting summary:

1721 individual young people voted in total

5163 choices were made in total – (exactly 3 choices per person)

There were **43** spoiled votes*

Results

The results of the seven areas are as follows:

Paisley North, West and Central

421 valid votes, with **1263** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Requested	Rank	votes	Awarded
Pachedu	2,000	1	171	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	164	1500
Loud n Proud	2,000	3	163	2000
Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	1,686	4	110	1685.82
Own Yer Bike	1,982	5	80	1982.28
Darkwood Crew - Helping Ferguslie FlourishVillage Green Mural Projec	2,000	6	64	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	7	62	2000
Cameron Dance Group	1,000	8	54	1000
Pals of the privies (SCIO)	2,000	9	48	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	10	46	1886
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	11	40	2000
Right2dance	1,980	12	39	1078.9
Blue Triangle Housing Association Covid 19 and Mental Health	384	13	31	0
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	14	30	0
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	15	27	0
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	16	24	0
Paisley Barbell	2,000	17	22	0
CREATE Paisley	1,905	18	17	0
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	18	17	0
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2,000	20	16	0
CREATE Paisley The Event Team-	2,000	21	11	0
Renfrew Rocks	2,000	22	10	0
CREATE Paisley	2,000	23	9	0
Afroscots United Fc	2,000	24	8	0
Totals	43,823		1,263	21,133

341 valid votes, with **1023** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	1800	1	199	1800
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	2	134	2000
Renfrew High Sports Leaders	2000	3	121	2000
Trinity High School	850	4	113	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	5	64	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	6	63	2000
Rainbow Turtle	750	7	49	750
Always included	2000	8	48	2000
Loud n Proud	2000	9	47	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	10	46	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2000	11	42	1371
I Am Me Scotland	2000	12	38	0
Renfrew Rocks	2000	13	34	0
Afroscots United Fc	2000	14	25	0
Totals	25286		1023	18657

Johnstone and Linwood

251 valid votes, with **753** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Pachedu	2000	1	127	2000
Paisley YMCA	1500	2	114	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1886	3	79	1886
YOUTH INTERVENTIONS SC046578	2000	4	75	2000
Active Communities	2000	5	65	2000
Own Yer Bike	1982.28	6	50	1982.28
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2000	7	43	2000
Sandyflats tenants and residents association	2000	8	42	2000
Always included	2000	9	31	2000
Fordbank Scout Group	2000	10	29	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	11	23	1164.36
Afroscots United Fc	2000	11	23	1164.36
CREATE Paisley Event Team-Amplified	2000	14	20	0
CREATE Paisley CREATE Mentoring	2000	15	11	0
Spoiled votes*			21	
totals	27368.28		753	21697

The villages

249 valid votes, with **747** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Gryffe High School	1500	1	230	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	179	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	175	2000
Johnstone Burgh 2007's Football Team	2000	4	82	2000
1st Lochwinnoch Boy's Brigade	2000	5	81	2000
Totals	9386		747	9386

Paisley East

246 valid votes, with **738**
candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Loud n Proud	2,000	1	125	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	123	1500
Pachedu	2,000	3	114	2000
St Andrews Academy	2,000	3	114	2000
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	5	67	1500
Paisley Barbell Powerlifting Club	2,000	6	52	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	7	38	2000
Own Yer Bike	1,982	8	24	1982.28
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	8	24	2000
Who Cares? Scotland	1,736	10	23	1736
CREATE Paisley	2,000	11	16	2000
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	12	13	2000
Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited	2,000	13	5	1376.72
Totals	24,718		738	24,095

Gleniffer

146 valid votes, with **438** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Gleniffer High School	2,000	1	117	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	2	94	1886
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	3	58	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	4	47	2000
RAMH	2,000	5	45	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	6	39	2000
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	7	38	2000
Totals	13,886		438	13886

Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

67 valid votes, with **201** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Trinity High School (will be applying on behalf of the Sports Leaders group)	850	1	39	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	37	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	27	2000
Erskine Youth Council	1997	4	26	1997
Always included	2000	5	23	2000
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	7	14	2000
Renfrew Rocks	2000	8	13	2000
Spoiled votes*			22	
Totals	12733		201	12733

Conclusions

The celebrating Renfrewshire vote was a success with a total of 1721 voting young people. This represents a great achievement from young people and the staff of Renfrewshire, particularly during the time of the global COVID-19 pandemic and Young Scot hope to be able to support similar votes in the future.

*Votes spoiled due to project not meeting the requirements of the fund

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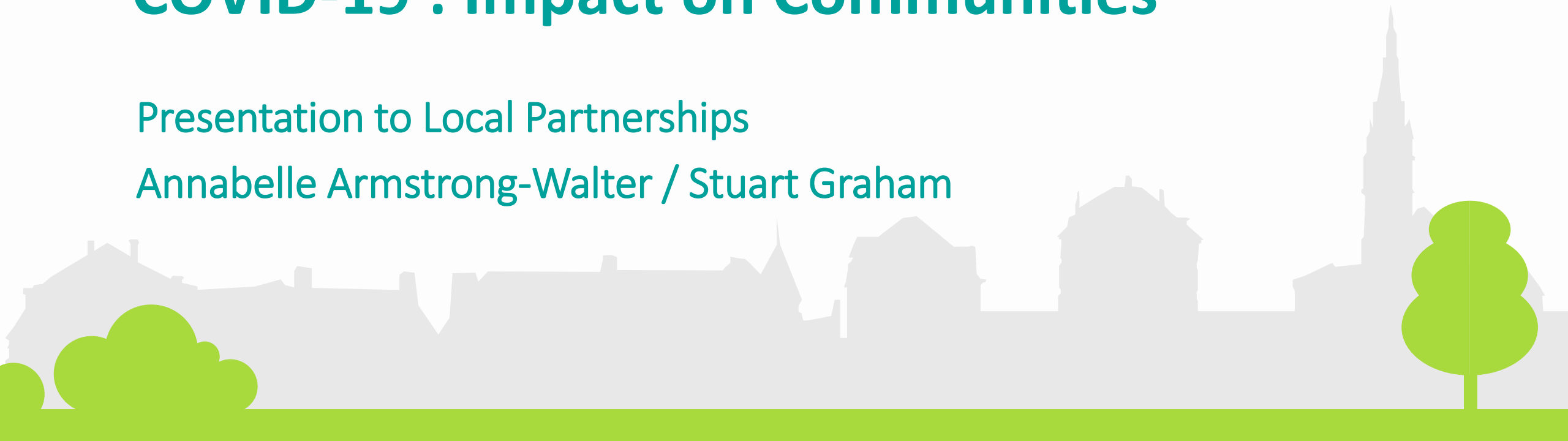
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COVID-19 : Impact on Communities

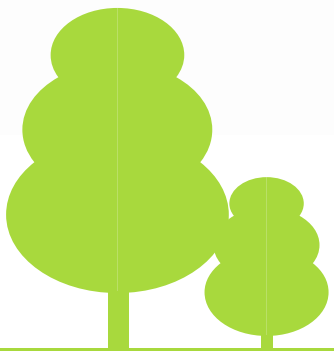
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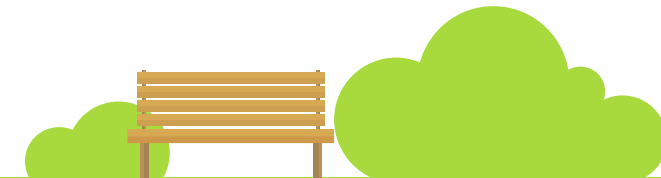
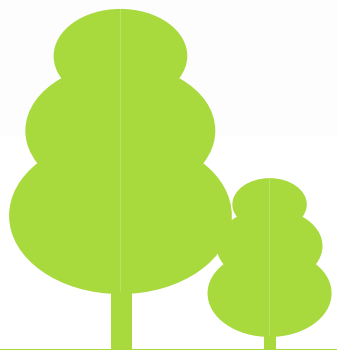
- COVID has disproportionately impacted people across Renfrewshire
- Evidence that pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities
- Short vs medium to long term impact
- Ongoing restrictions continue to be felt – tension between response and recovery
- Community Impact Assessment launched in August 2020
- Aim to gain deeper understanding of key issues / impact

“listening and learning to inform response and to fundamentally address existing inequalities going forward”



In this presentation:

- Update Local Partnership members on Community Impact Assessment work done to date
- Share data from Public Services Panel relevant to this Local Partnership
- Discussion on Local Partnership members experience of how COVID has impacted their community



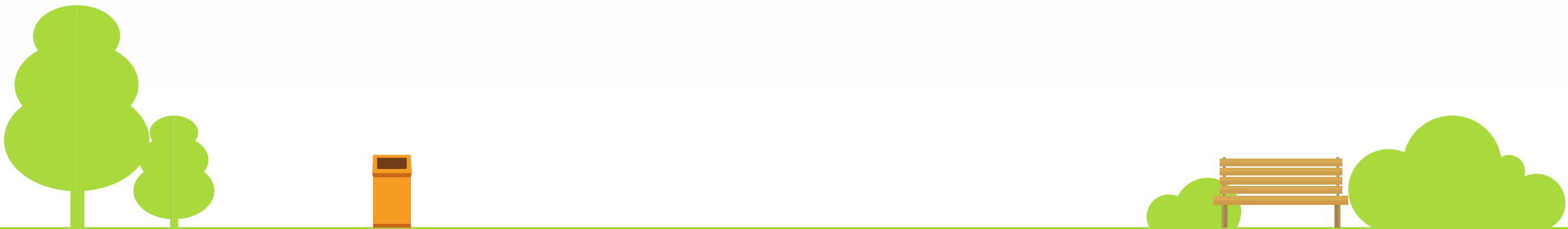
Data + research – key points

COVID cases

- 7,381 positive cases in Renfrewshire / 512 deaths to date

Employment / Support for businesses

- 80% increase in universal credit claimants between March and October
- At its peak in August 2020, 28,300 people were registered with the UK-wide furlough scheme – 8,800 people at the end of October 2020.
- Grant support in excess of £28.5m being paid out for more than 2,500 businesses



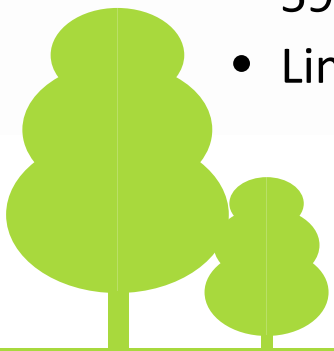
Data + research – key points

- Increase in crisis grants March – October – up 1,030 from same period last year to 6225.
- 4,000 contacts to Advice Works over same period (70% from recognised priority groups for child poverty)
- Increasing concerns re fuel poverty – community organisations increasingly focusing on distribution of fuel vouchers
- Renfrewshire Foodbank has provided food support to 3,148 adults and 1,200 children to date (broadly in line with previous years due to community food)
- Community food – hundreds of food parcels every week e.g. 350 visits to STAR food pantry in 2019/20 - 6,700 supports to date in 2020



Data + research – key points

- Neighbourhood Hubs – almost 700 referrals, 110 of which in the Johnstone and Linwood LP area
- 1,250 digital devices/connectivity being distributed in Renfrewshire through the Connecting Scotland Programme through the hubs and partners
- Health and wellbeing
 - Ongoing impact on delivery of health and care services e.g. service waiting times
 - National surveys indicate 25-28% of people would not contact a GP at this time about a non-COVID related medical concern
 - In Scotland-wide Ipsos MORI surveys carried out between May and July 2020 between 53-59% felt lonely some/most/almost all or all of the time.
 - Link to alcohol and drug use

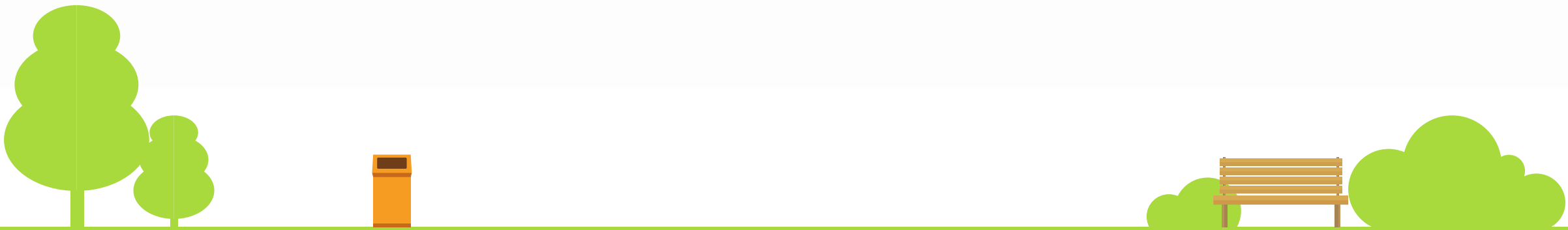




Public Services Panel

- Issued recently to 1,500 local people by post/email
- Survey of behaviours / attitudes in light of COVID
- Focus on : - financial and income worries, family issues, mental health and wellbeing, access to support, access to information, digital inclusion etc

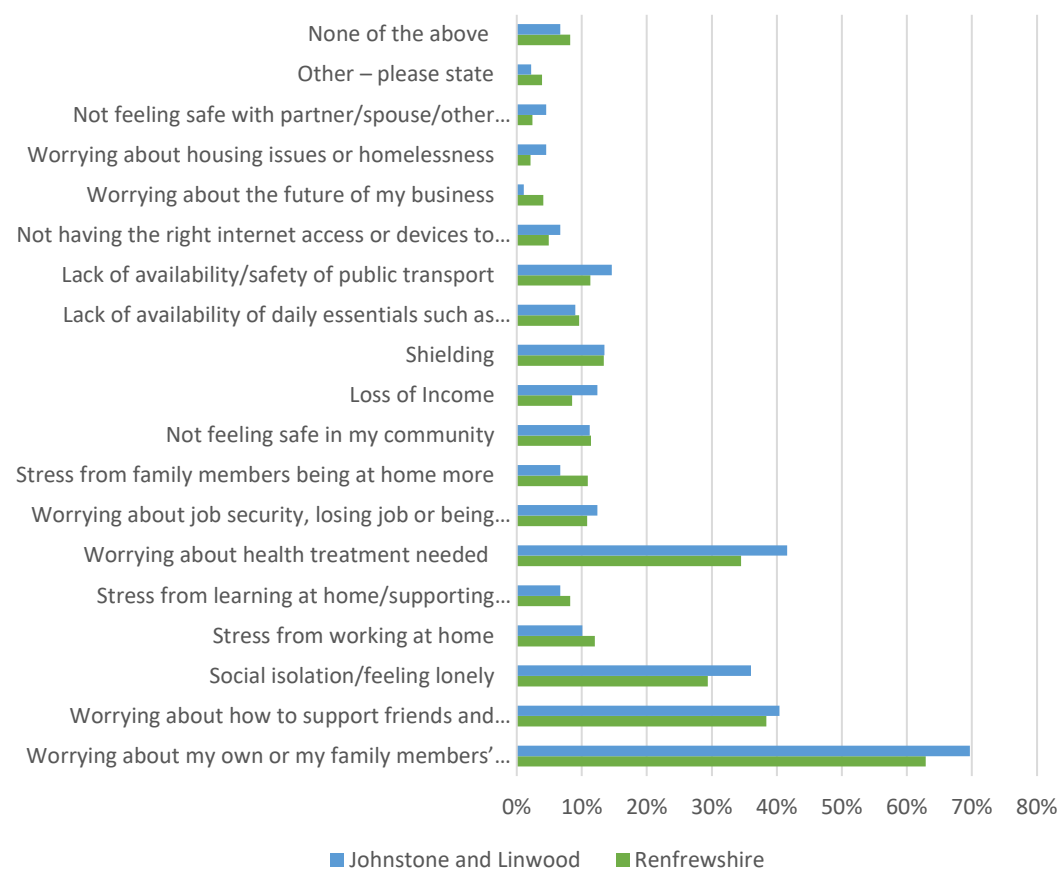
- Share some of the interim responses, analysis based on the responses received so far (869 responses / 59% of the total)
- Intended to give an initial steer and support discussion
- Around 90 responses from this LP area
- Targeted work will also now be undertaken to encourage response rates for some localities and demographic groups



What has affected you most during the coronavirus pandemic?

People reported being most affected by:

- worrying about their own or their families future (63%)
- worrying about how to support family and friends who need help (38%)
- worrying about health treatment needed (35%)
- social isolation/feeling lonely (29%)



Which of the following things, are major worries for you ...

Major worries at the moment include:

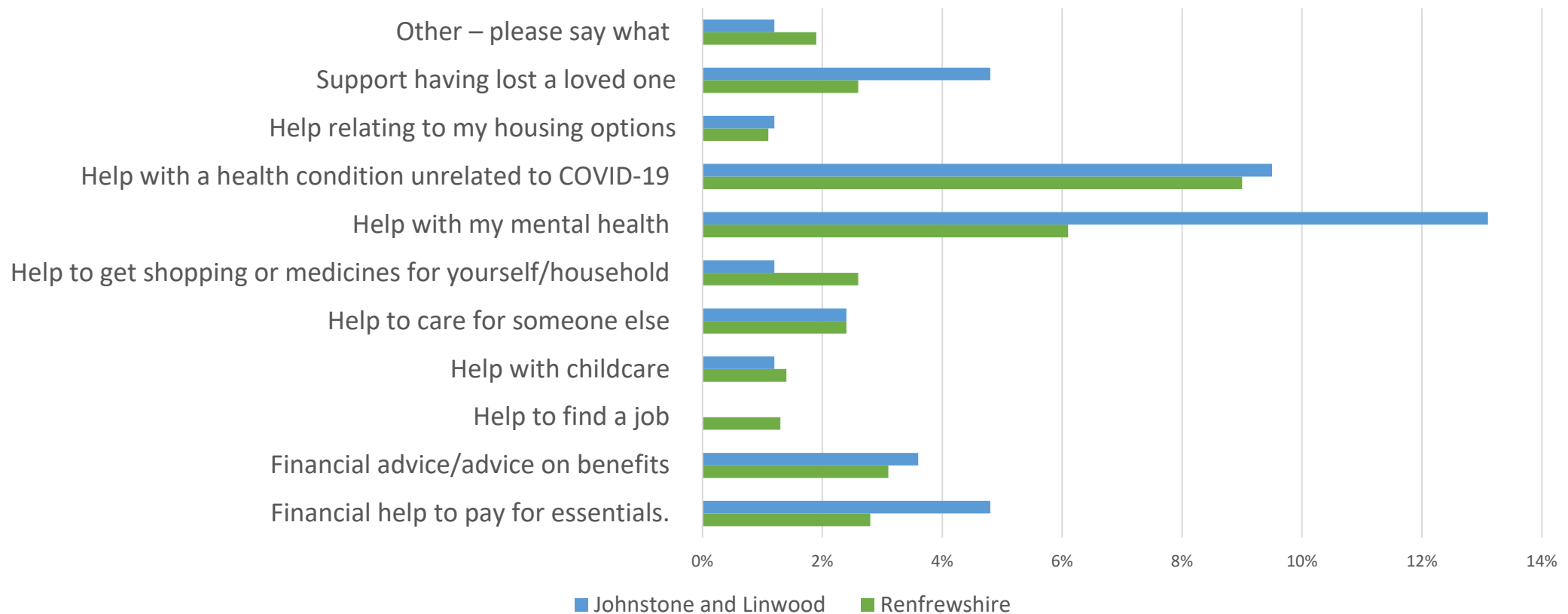
- friends or family becoming seriously ill with COVID (73%)
- becoming seriously ill themselves with COVID (49%)
- a family member or friends mental health (28%)
- their own mental health (22%)
- their financial situation/losing their job (11.2%)

How is your household managing financially?

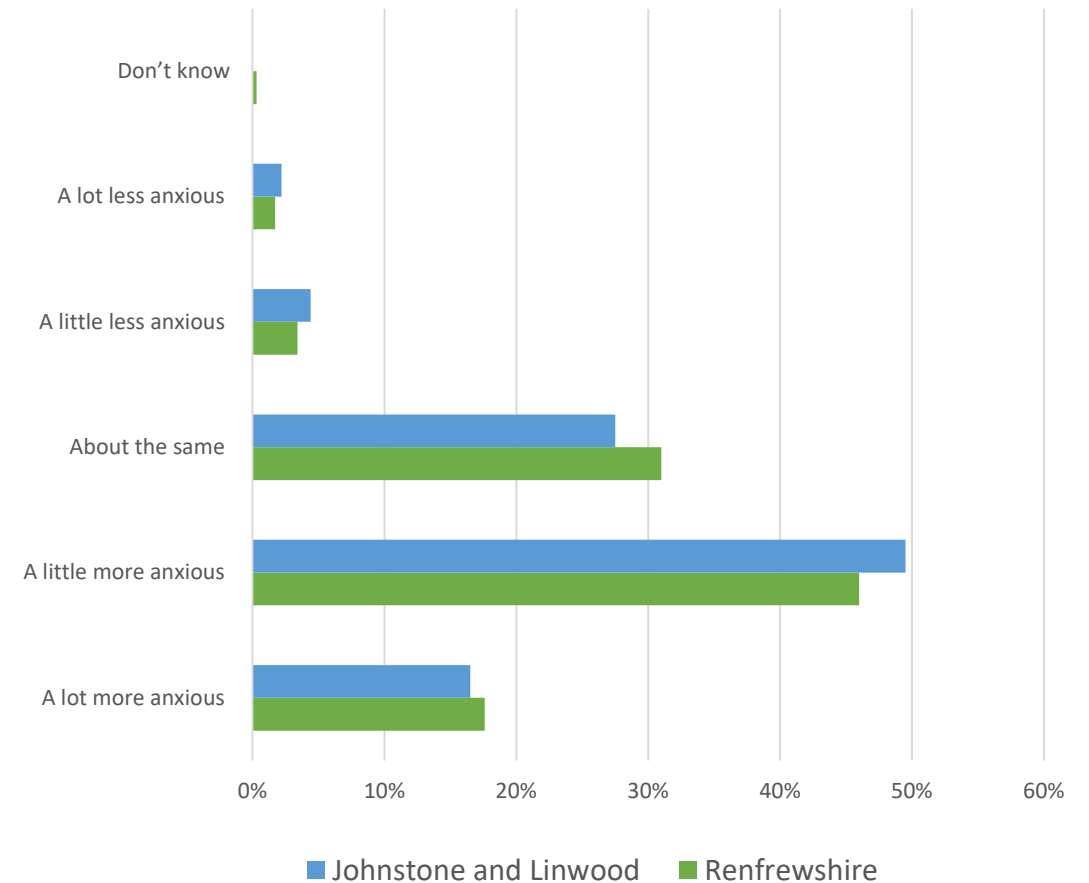
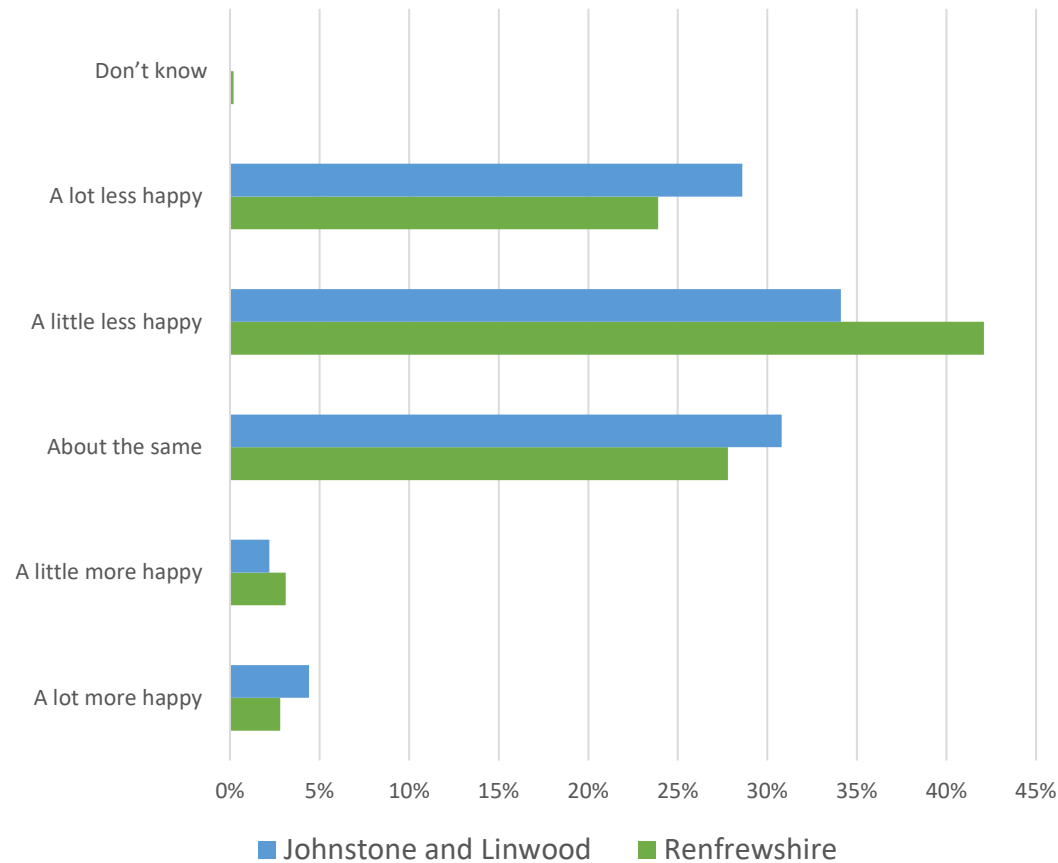
Q8a	Again, thinking back to the start of March this year, before the coronavirus lockdown, which of the following best describes how you and your household were managing financially?	
408 (47.6%)	Manage very well	
269 (31.4%)	Manage quite well	
150 (17.5%)	Get by alright	
9 (1.0%)	Don't manage very well	
18 (2.1%)	Have some financial difficulties	
4 (0.5%)	Experiencing serious financial difficulties	

Q8b	And thinking about now, which of the following best describes how you and your household are managing financially?	
353 (41.1%)	Manage very well	
256 (29.8%)	Manage quite well	
191 (22.3%)	Get by alright	
20 (2.3%)	Don't manage very well	
31 (3.6%)	Have some financial difficulties	
7 (0.8%)	Experiencing serious financial difficulties	

Is there help that you feel you currently need but you are not receiving?

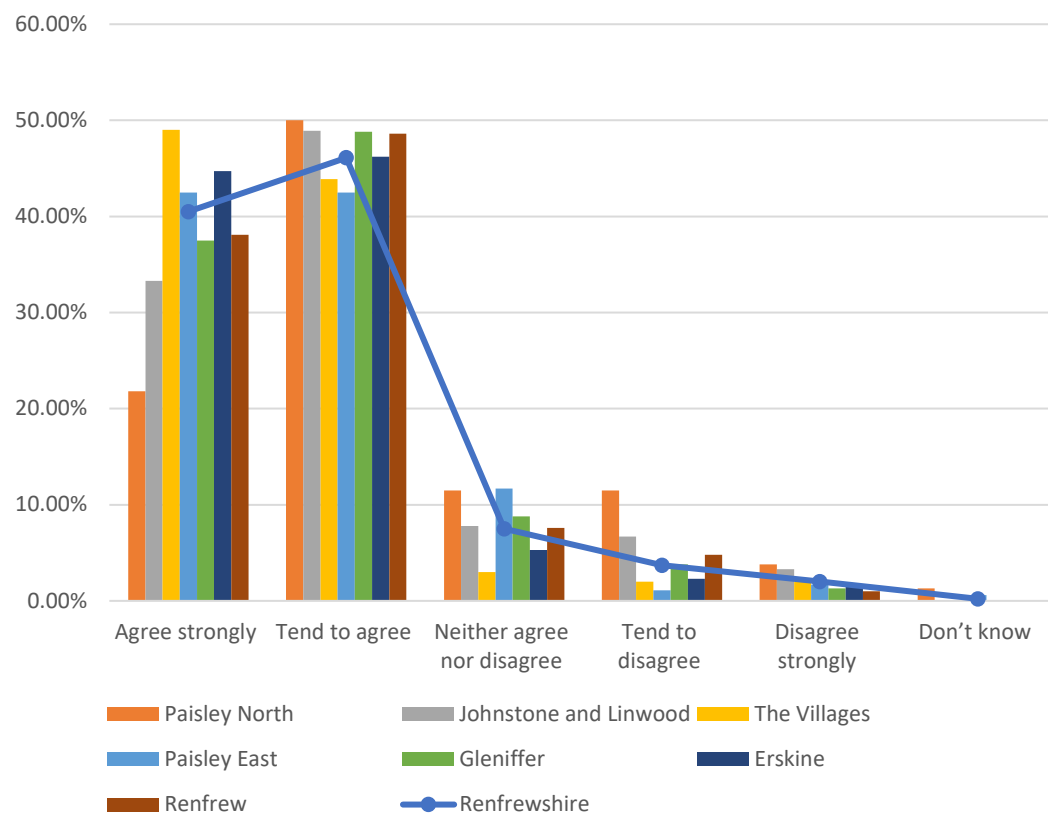


Compared with how you felt on a typical day before the start of March, would you say you felt....

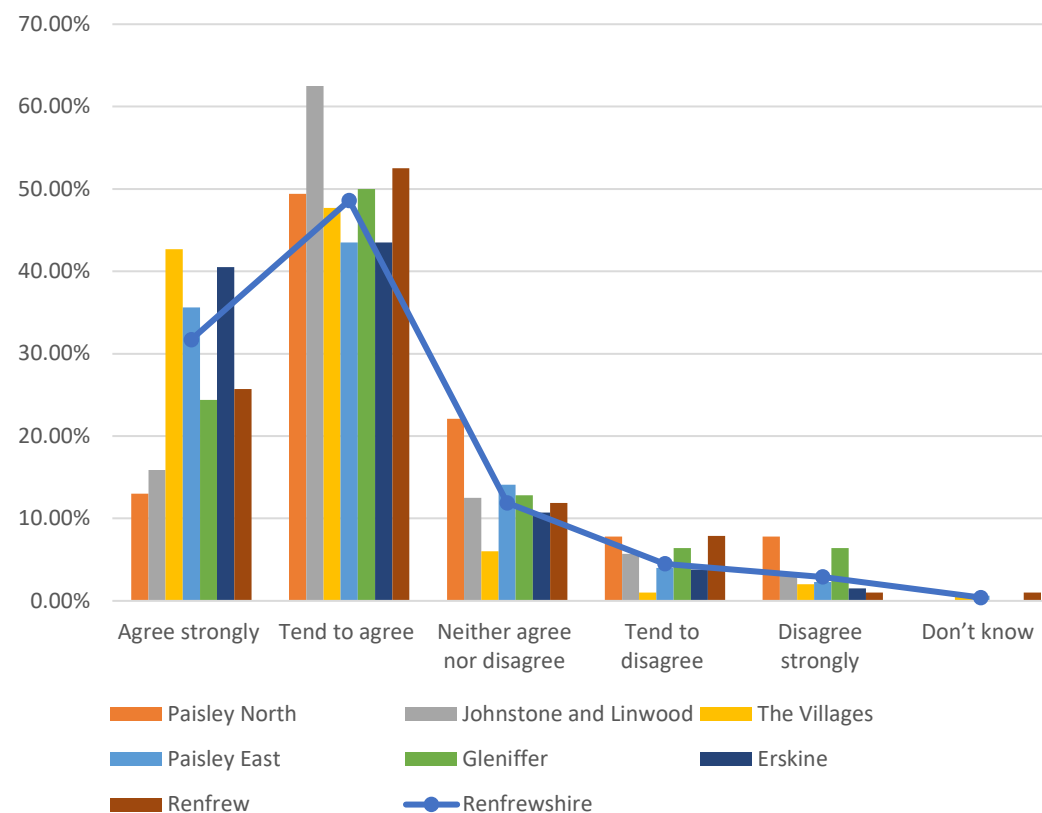


Public Services Panel responses

I am satisfied with my neighbourhood as a place to live

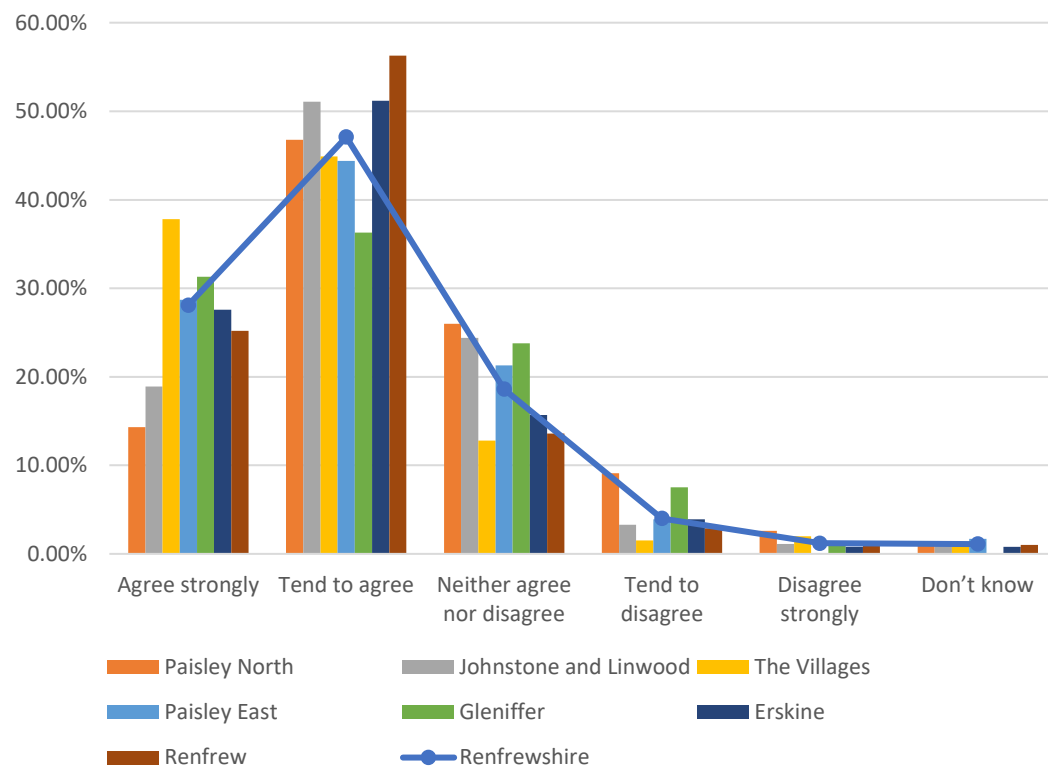


My local area is a safe place to live

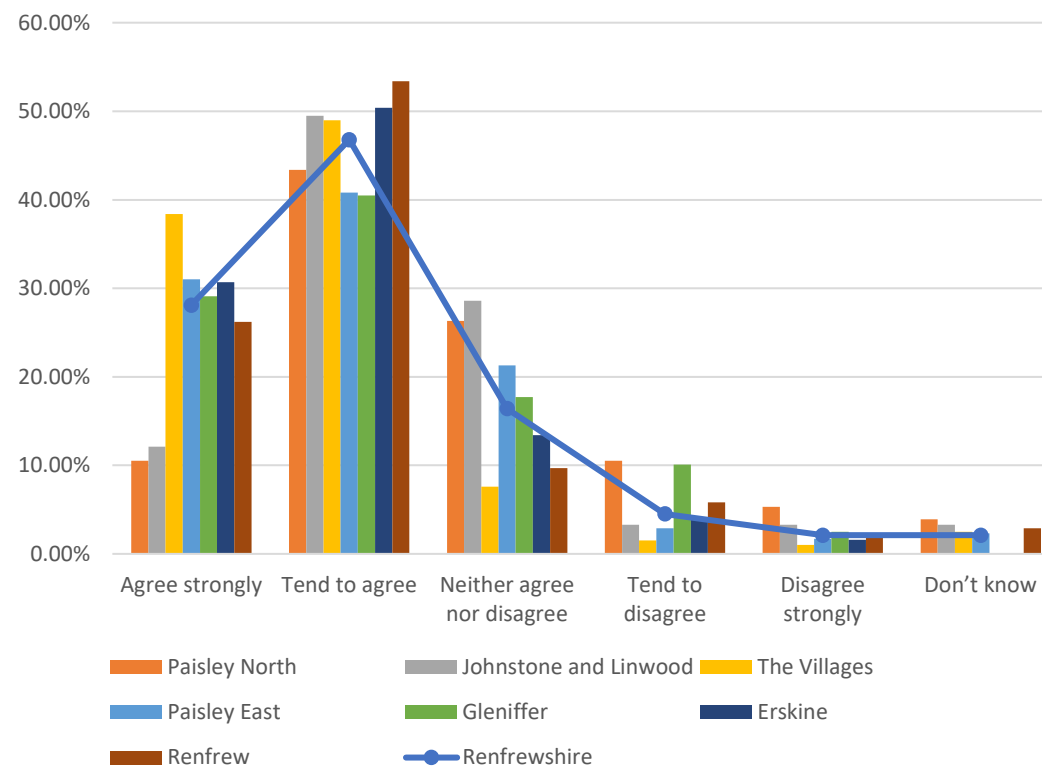


Public Services Panel responses

This is a neighbourhood where people are kind to each other

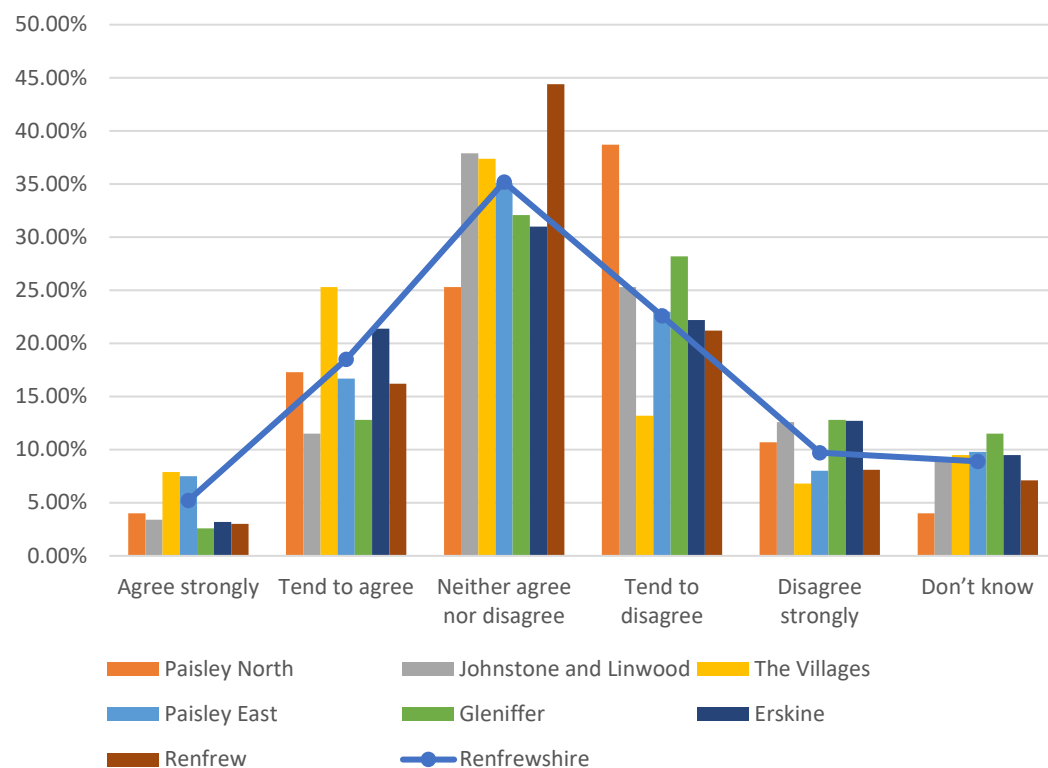


This is a neighbourhood where most people can be trusted

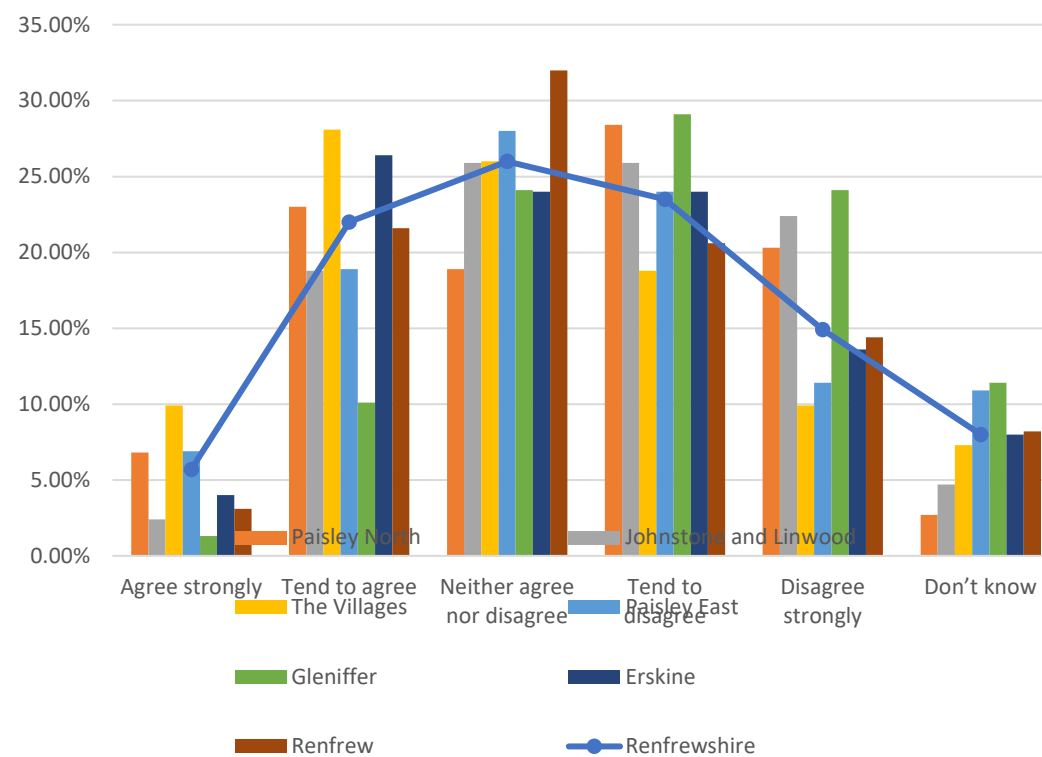


Public Services Panel responses

There are welcoming places and opportunities to meet new people

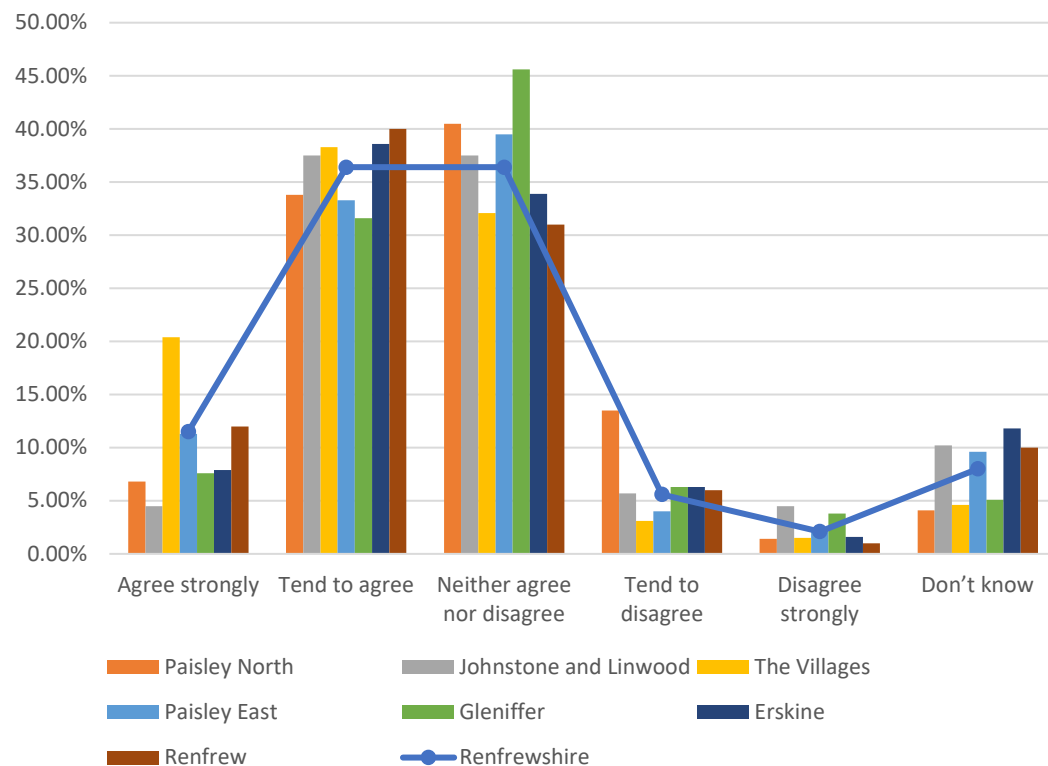


There are places where people can meet up and socialise

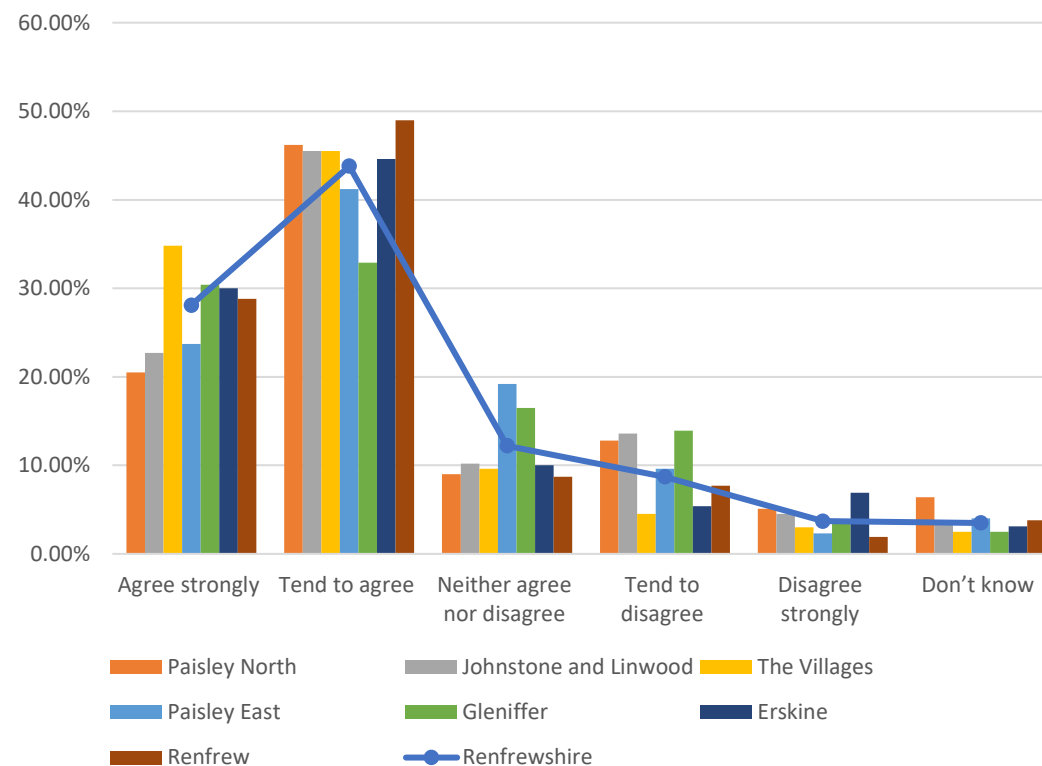


Public Services Panel responses

This is a neighbourhood where people from different backgrounds get on well together

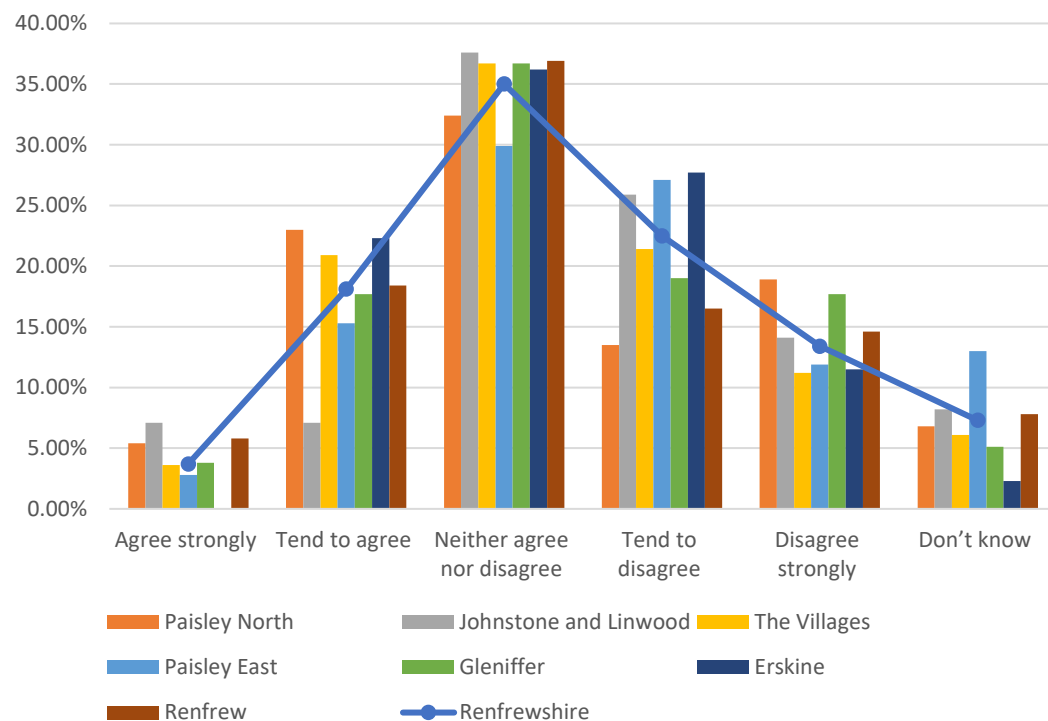


If I was alone and needed help, I could rely on someone in this neighbourhood to help me

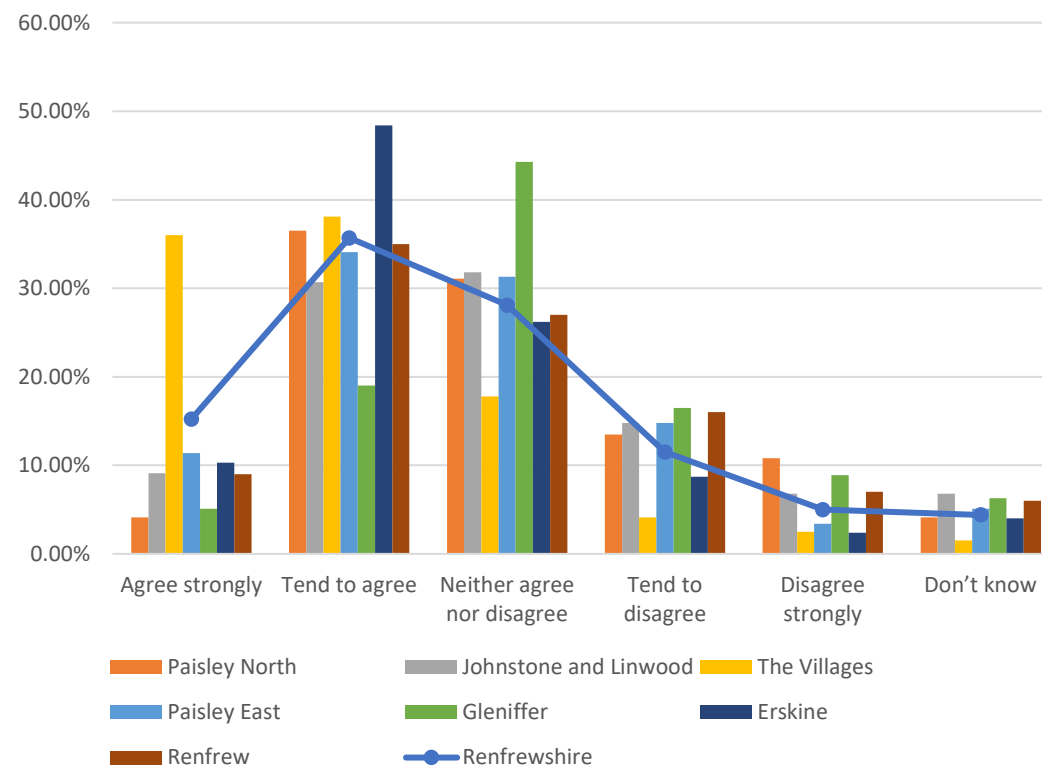


Public Services Panel responses

To what extent do you agree you can influence decisions about public services and other issues of public interest



This is a neighbourhood where local people take action to help improve the neighbourhood



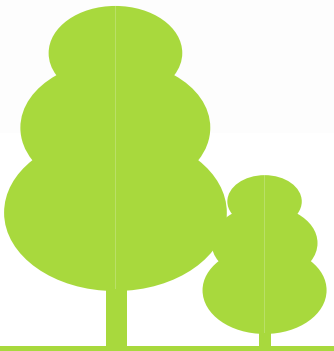


Listening events

- Programme of Listening Events held over winter 2020/21, facilitated by Engage Renfrewshire
- Targeted engagement is being prioritised going forward, i.e. with Diversity and Equality Alliance Renfrewshire and local women's groups
- Discussions with Local Partnerships also important part of this!

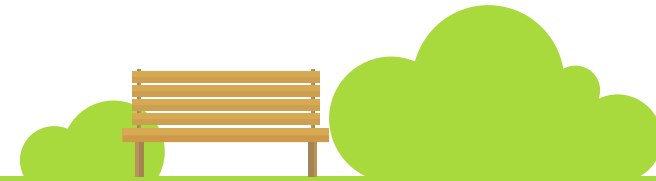
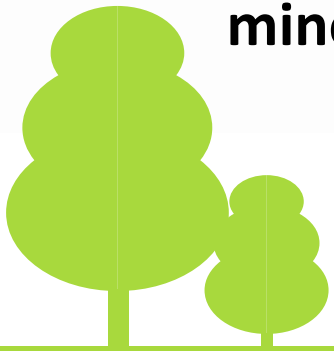
Listening events - key points to date

- The impact of the pandemic on people with **low incomes or who are in more insecure employment** is increasingly apparent to community groups and support organisations across Renfrewshire
- **Food insecurity and fuel poverty** are seen as being particular issues, with high ongoing demand for community based supports.
- Partners and Neighbourhood Hubs seeing increasing **complexity in needs** and demand – people with COVID / multiple needs / not always in contact with services or have any other support networks.



Listening events - key points to date

- **Digital exclusion** is a key issue – engagement indicates online provision had worked well in some instances, but that significant issues remained in terms of access and engagement through online means.
- There are particular concerns with the ongoing nature of restrictions and the health and wellbeing of local people, particularly in relation to **loneliness and isolation** and the impact that this can have on **mental health and wellbeing**. Young people were a particular area of concern.
- Engagement indicates that some specific groups are also experiencing potentially greater impact as a result of the pandemic, including those from **black and minority ethnic communities, women, and carers**.



An illustration of two men standing on a green field under a blue sky with clouds. The man on the left is older, with grey hair and a beard, wearing a dark jacket and a red scarf. The man on the right is younger, with dark hair, wearing an orange and white striped shirt and blue pants. They are both holding a large white rectangular sign that contains the title 'Discussion' and two bullet points. The sign is held up by a red thumb at the top right corner.

Discussion

- What have been the impacts of COVID-19 in your communities?
- Does this influence the Local Priorities previously identified by this Local Partnership?