

To: Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group

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Report by:
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TITLE:
RENFREWSHIRE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS COMMISSION

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group on the progress of the Alcohol and Drugs Commission in Renfrewshire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group:

- Notes the work undertaken to date to establish the Commission
- Notes that regular updates on the work of the Commission will be provided to members of the group, with initial recommendations being reported in early 2020.

3. Background

- 3.1 The concept of the establishment of an Alcohol and Drugs Commission was generated through the development of the Community Plan in 2017. Partners considered data relating to drug related deaths and alcohol related hospital admissions and felt that these statistics were only part of the story, as there are clearly many more individuals, families and communities impacted by alcohol and drug use in Renfrewshire on a daily basis.
- 3.2 The partnership recognised that there are a range of services and groups and organisations which support individuals and families affected by drug and alcohol use locally. However, as a community planning partnership, there is a clear commitment to establishing a true picture of the impact in Renfrewshire and to better understand implications in terms of homelessness, adverse

childhood experiences, criminal justice, mental health and addiction services for example.

3.3 Partners believe there is even more that can we do together through a whole systems approach to support local people and communities affected by drug and alcohol use, to support recovery and to improve life outcomes. Partners recognise that a review of addictions was recently completed by the Health and Social Care Partnership, with actions now being implemented. The Commission will seek to continue to build on the work being developed by services.

4. Establishment of Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Commission

4.1 Significant work has been undertaken to establish the Commission. The first and perhaps critical element has been the recruitment of Commission members, a process which has been exceptionally successful.

4.2 In December 2018, full Council agreed that the Commission would be chaired by Councillor Jacqueline Cameron. The Commission will also be supported by Professor Phil Hanlon as an external facilitator. Professor Hanlon is currently chair of the Accord Hospice and is a retired public health professional.

4.3 The wider membership of the Commission is comprised as follows:

- * Karen McCluskey Community Justice Scotland
- * Dave Liddell OBE, Scottish Drugs Forum, Chief Executive
- * Alison Douglas, Alcohol Focus Scotland
- * Dr Saket Priyadarshi, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Associate Medical Director
- * Dr Carol Hunter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Lead Pharmacist, Addiction Services
- * Linda de Caestecker, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Director of Public Health
- * Catriona Mathieson, University of Stirling and Drug Research Network Scotland
- * Neil Hunter, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA)
- * Jardine Simpson, Scottish Recovery Consortium
- * Justina Murray, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs, Chief Executive Officer
- * John Goldie, Retired professional
- * Alan McNiven Engage Renfrewshire, Chief Executive
- * Alan Murray - Police Scotland
- * Andrew Horne, Addaction
- * Fiona Stringfellow, Chief Executive, Blue Triangle
- * Jennifer David, Director, CELSIS

4.4 The Commission dates have also now been set as follows:

- 19 March
- 22 May
- 25 June
- 3 September
- 7 November
- 6 December

4.5 It is intended that meetings will be public unless there is a specific requirement to hear evidence or have discussion in private.

4.6 At the first meeting, Commission members discussed the terms of reference of the group which will be presented to the next meeting for approval. In terms of specific focus, the Commission agreed to addressing the initial aim of the Community Planning Partnership:

What has the Commission been asked to do:

:- to establish a **true picture** of drug and alcohol use in Renfrewshire, and to make recommendations on **what partners can do together** to support local people and communities adversely affected by drug and alcohol use and **to improve life outcomes**.

Commission members then engaged in a session to introduce them to a profile of Renfrewshire – our place and people and including an overview of Renfrewshire and its population, with high level information provided for discussion on current trends and areas of concern and potential opportunity

4.7 It is envisaged that the programme of work for the Commission will be agreed at the meeting on 22 May 2019.

4.8 Laura McIntyre, Head of Policy and Commissioning within Renfrewshire Council, will continue to lead on the development and co-ordination of the Commission. Work is ongoing to recruit an officer(s) to support the Commission for a period of up to one year. The team will work very closely with the Chair of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and with colleagues in the HSCP and other agencies to ensure there is strong ongoing communication in terms of the direction of the Commission.

4.8 It is intended that recommendations from the Commission's work will be reported to the Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group in early 2020.

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