

Minute of Meeting Leadership Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 19 June 2024	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Graeme Clark, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Gillian Graham, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Anne Hannigan, Councillor Alec Leishman, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain McMillan, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor Andy Steel

Chair

Councillor Nicolson, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

A Russell, Chief Executive; J O'Neill, Director of Children's Services; A MacArthur, Director of Finance & Resources; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Partnerships, B Walker, Programme Director (City Deal & Infrastructure), L Mahon, Head of Marketing & Communications, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager and P Moss, Strategy, Policy & Insight Manager (all Chief Executive's); J Trainer, Head of Childcare & Criminal Justice (Children's Services); M Conaghan, Head of Corporate Governance, C McCourt, Head of Finance & Procurement, D Low, Democratic Services Manager and R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); C Laverty, Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and V Hollows, Chief Executive and F Naylor, Finance, Governance & Business Improvement Director (OneRen).

Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Board would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

Declarations of Interest

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

Transparency Statement

Councillor Campbell indicated that she had a connection to item 6 by reason of her employment with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde. However, she indicated that she had applied the objective test and did not consider she had an interest to declare.

1 Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee held on 5 June 2024, a copy of which forms the Appendix to this Minute.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Fairer Renfrewshire Update

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to progress made by the Council and its partners to progress the Fairer Renfrewshire programme across Renfrewshire and including specific updates on the Summer of Fun programme for 2024 and the evaluation of the Winter Connections programme.

DECIDED: That the content of the report and the work being undertaken to progress the Fairer Renfrewshire programme locally be noted.

3 Council Plan 2022/27 - Six-monthly Progress Update

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to a progress update on the Council Plan 2022/27. The Council Plan six-monthly progress update was appended to the report.

DECIDED:

(a) That the progress achieved against the strategic outcomes since the previous update in December 2023, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that progress reports would continue to be presented to the Leadership Board every six months.

4 Council Plan Refresh

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the refreshed Council Plan 2024/27 and performance framework, a copy of which was appended to the report.

DECIDED:

(a) That the refreshed Council Plan 2024/27 and performance framework, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and

(b) That it be noted that six-monthly updates on progress would continue to be reported to this Board.

5 **Local Child Poverty Action Report 2024**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the publication of Renfrewshire's Local Child Poverty Action Report as required in terms of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017. A copy of the Local Child Poverty Action Report Renfrewshire 2023/24 which had been developed jointly by the Council, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership was appended to the report,

DECIDED:

(a) That the content of the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report 2023/24 be noted; and

(b) That the Local Child Poverty Action Report be approved for publication.

6 **Renfrewshire Head Injury Service**

Under reference item 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 1 May 2024, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the development work that had been undertaken to develop options for the transition to a new model of support for the head injuries service.

Section 4 of the report set out the proposed next steps for the commissioning of a new support service. The report proposed that work be progressed to commission a new support service for a three-year period. Initial market testing suggested that up to £300,000 would be required to commission a new service for the three-year period and the report proposed that a further £210,000 be allocated from the Fairer Renfrewshire Fund to complement the £90,000 already allocated towards the cost of this service.

DECIDED:

(a) That the update provided in the report be noted;

(b) That the proposal detailed in Section 4 of the report to develop a new support model for people impacted by a head injury and their families be agreed; and

(c) That a total allocation of £300,000 of Fairer Renfrewshire funding as set out at Section 4.12 of the report to commission the new service be agreed.

7 **Paisley First Renewal Ballot**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an intimation submitted by Paisley First to the Chief Executive confirming their intention to issue a formal request to the Council to put the Business Improvement District (BID)

proposals to ballot.

The report intimated that Paisley First was registered as the BID for Paisley Town Centre in January 2015 following the outcome of a successful ballot of town centre businesses on 13 November 2014. BIDs had a legislative basis under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2006. After operating for a 5-year term, another successful ballot had to take place for the BID to continue operating. Under the legislation, it was for the Local Authority to conduct the ballot on behalf of the BID. The Local Authority also had a power of veto in certain circumstances which were outlined in the Act. The ballot could only be held if it was demonstrated that at least 5% of those eligible to vote were in support of the renewal ballot being held.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be confirmed that Renfrewshire Council supported the conduct of the ballot in respect renewal of Paisley First Business Improvement District subject to approval of the BID proposals;

(b) That it be noted that the Bid proposals had to be submitted to the Council and the Scottish Government by 18 July 2024;

(c) That the Chief Executive be authorised to consider the BID proposal and determine whether to veto the proposal as explained in paragraph 3.8 of the report and otherwise to exercise the Council's functions in relation to the BID procedure; and

(d) That it be noted that a further report would be brought to the next meeting of the Leadership Board on 18 September setting out the details of the BID Proposal and officers' recommendations on how the Council's votes in the ballot should be cast.

8 Marketing and Communications Strategy 2024/27

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Council's Marketing and Communications Strategy 2024/27. A copy of the Strategy was appended to the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9 City Deal Reprogramming

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Resources providing an update on the Glasgow City Region City Deal (GCRCD) reprogramming exercise, including detail of the submission of the expression of interest for a new regional project and the commencement of engagement with GCRCD to request additional Glasgow City Region grant funding for the Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside (CWRR) project, and further suggesting that the CWRR bridge be named the Renfrew Bridge.

DECODED:

(a) That the submission of the expression of interest to the Glasgow City Region for a new regional project be noted;

(b) That it be noted that the Programme Director for City Deal & Infrastructure had commenced engagement with the Glasgow City Region PMO to progress a drawdown request for additional Infrastructure Grant funding of up to £8.5 million for the CWRR project; and

(c) That it be agreed that the CWRR bridge be named the Renfrew Bridge.

10 **External Sports - Suspension of Services**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the seeking by OneRen of consent to the suspension of the provision of services currently provided from the running track and the hockey pitch at Linwood On-X sport centre and St James Playing Fields to allow works at those locations.

DECIDED: That consent be given to relevant requests from OneRen in terms of the Services Agreement to temporarily suspend provision of services from the running track and the hockey pitch at O-X Linwood and St James Playing Field for the duration as noted in the table at item 3.4 of the Report.