

Minute of Meeting Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 05 June 2024	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Graeme Clark, Councillor Anne Hannigan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Andy Steel

Chair

Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Partnerships, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager and D Dunn, Social Renewal Lead Officer (all Chief Executive's); and C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Cunningham, Committee Services and Licensing Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Webcasting of Meeting

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

Apology

Councillor Leishman.

Declarations of Interest

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

Transparency Statement

Councillor Steel declared a connection to item 4 by reason that a member of his family attended Riverbrae. However, he indicated that he had applied the objective test and did not consider he had an interest to declare.

1(a) Cost of Living Update

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an overview of the key context and evidence around current pressures on household finances, both in terms of household income and expenditure.

The report indicated that since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee on 27 March 2024, there had been a number of changes in economic factors including a decrease in the Energy Price Cap from 1 April 24, meaning households would pay less for their energy use, while inflation had decreased to 2.3% since the last Sub-Committee meeting and interest rates had remained the same. The report provided an overview of information collated by officers at both a national and local level.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

1(b) Cost of Living Dashboard

The Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager gave a presentation relative to the Cost-of-Living Dashboard.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the dashboard; highlighted key statistics; and detailed average monthly rent costs and rent affordability.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted

2 Fairer Renfrewshire Programme Update

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to key projects being progressed through the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme, highlighting key priorities which would be the focus of future activity.

The report provided updates on current projects, highlighted key priorities and provided an overview of proposals and priorities for 2024.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Winter Connections Evaluation

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an evaluation of the Winter Connections programme.

The report advised that an evaluation had now been carried out on the 2023/24 programme. The key messages from the evaluation were highlighted and the report provided a series of recommendations to be considered as part of any future programme. A copy of the full evaluation was attached as an appendix to the report.

It was noted that at the Leadership Board in April 2024, £75,000 funding was agreed to run a Winter Connections programme in 2024/25.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 **Summer of Fun Progress Update**

The Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager gave a presentation relative to an update on the Summer of Fun Programme.

The presentation provided background to the programme; outlined the key principles; detailed the 2023 programme outputs; highlighted the 2024 approach; advised of the summer camp community programme and activities; provided information on the wider partnership activity for 2024; detailed information in relation to the information and communication strategy; and advised of the next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.