

Minute of Meeting Leadership Board

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| Wednesday, 21 February 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 Gillian Graham, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Anne Hannigan, Councillor Alec Leishman, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain McMillan, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, 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; G McNeil, Director of Environment, Housing & Infrastructure; A MacArthur, Director of Finance & Resources; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Partnerships, B Walker, Programme Director (City Deal & Infrastructure), A Morrison, Head of Economy & Development Services, 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 Boyd, Head of People & OD, M Conaghan, Head of Corporate Governance, C McCourt, Head of Finance & Procurement, D Low, Democratic Services Manager, and E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); and C Laverty, Chief Officer, C O'Byrne, Head of Health & Social Care (Paisley), F Burns, Head of Strategic Planning & Health Improvement and Sarah Lavers, Chief Financial Officer (all Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and V Hollows, Chief Executive (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 Statements

Councillor McMillan indicated that he had a connection to item 3 by reason of him having an involvement with St Vincent's Hospice and Thorn Athletic Community Trust. However, he indicated that he had applied the objective test and did not consider he had an interest to declare.

Councillor Steel indicated that he had a connection to item 6 by reason of him having a family member in receipt of adult care payments. However, he indicated that he had applied the objective test and did not consider he had an interest to declare.

Councillor Campbell indicated that she had a connection to items 5 and 6 by reason of her being employed by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde but not in this Health and Social Care Partnership area. However, she indicated that she had applied the objective test and did not consider she had an interest to declare.

1 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a joint revenue and capital budget monitoring report by the Chief Executive, Director of Finance & Resources and Chief Finance Officer Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership for those services reporting to this Board.

The projected revenue outturn at 10 November 2023 for those services reporting to this Board was an overspend of £1.542 million and the the projected capital outturn for the same period for projects reporting to this Board was a breakeven position against the revised budget for the year.

The report advised that there had been no revenue budget adjustments since the last report and section 6 of the report detailed one capital budget adjustment since the last report.

DECIDED:

(a) That the projected revenue outturn position detailed in table 1 of the report be noted;

(b) That the projected capital outturn position detailed in table 2 of the report be noted; and

(c) That the budget adjustments detailed at sections 4 and 6 of the report be noted.

2 **Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee held on 31 January 2024 which forms the Appendix to this Minute.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

3 **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.

The report provided specific updates relative to the most recent statistics and research in relation to the cost of living crisis and school meal debt; the Winter Connections Programme 2023/24; the development of Renfrewshire's Trauma Informed and Responsive Programme; Renfrewshire's Alcohol and Drugs Change Programme, highlighting the specific focus on work being undertaken to challenge stigma and language around alcohol and drug use in Renfrewshire; and proposals to develop and progress a targeted programme of work as part of Fairer Renfrewshire which would be focused on advancing equality of opportunity, and considering the challenges and opportunities for specific equalities groups across Renfrewshire as a key priority for 2024.

DECIDED:

(a) That the content of the report and the work being undertaken to progress the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme be noted;

(b) That the awards made as part of this year's Winter Connections programme under delegated authority by the Head of Policy & Partnerships, detailed at section 4 and Appendix 1 of the report be noted;

(c) That the allocation of £20,225.34 from the Alcohol and Drugs Change Programme budget to support the initiative detailed in section 5 of the report be approved;

(d) That the development of Renfrewshire's Trauma Informed and Responsive Renfrewshire Programme and the initial roadmap included as Appendix 2 to this report be noted; and

(e) That the allocation of £150,000 to establish a dedicated equalities workstream of the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme as an identified key priority for progression during 2024 be approved.

4 **Community Planning - Six-monthly update**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to an overview of recent activity undertaken by the Community Planning Partnership in Renfrewshire.

The report provided updates on the 2022/23 Annual Report for the Community Planning Partnership; a deep dive of child poverty in Renfrewshire; consultation activities undertaken in relation to Local Partnerships over winter 2023; and Renfrewshire's Employability Grants Programme.

DECIDED: That the content of the report be noted.

5 Revised Renfrewshire Integration Scheme

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to draft revisions made to the Renfrewshire Integration Scheme (the 'Scheme') following joint review undertaken by Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde ('NHSGGC'). The updated draft Scheme was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The report intimated that in 2015 the introduction of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) required Health Boards and Councils (partner organisations) to integrate planning for and delivery of certain adult health and social care services to Integration Joint Boards. Under this legislation the partner organisations were required to prepare jointly a formal Scheme setting out how this joint working was to be achieved. Renfrewshire's Scheme was approved in June 2015. The Act set out that a review of the Scheme was to be undertaken every five years.

A pan-NHSGGC Health & Social Care Partnership review working group was established in 2019 to undertake simultaneous reviews of the six Schemes in the NHSGGC area. Due to other business matters and the emergence of Covid-19 the working group's work was paused until 2021 when it was re-convened to assume responsibility for revising the Schemes and prepare them for consultation and approval by NHSGGC, each respective Council, and the Cabinet Secretary.

The report highlighted the key review areas and details of changes made to the Scheme were set out in Appendix 2 to the report. To agree and finalise the revised Scheme, Renfrewshire Council and NHSGGC were required to consult jointly with (a) such persons or groups of persons appearing to the Scottish Ministers to as having an interest as may be prescribed and (b) such other persons as the Council and NHSGGC thought fit. This list of prescribed consultees was set out in section 5.1 of the report and section 5.4 of the report detailed the proposed full timescale for the finalisation of the Scheme.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the legal requirement to review the Integration Scheme be noted;
- (b) That it be noted that this review was being undertaken by the parties to the Scheme, namely the Council and NHSGGC;
- (c) That the consultation draft of the revised Scheme, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, including the changes set out within the report and in Appendix 2 of the report be approved; and
- (d) That the timetable for consultation and revision of the consultation draft of the Scheme be noted, including that a final Integration Scheme would be submitted to this

Board and NHSGGC for approval in advance of it being submitted to Scottish Ministers in July 2024.

6 **Adult Social Care Update Report 2023/24**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to the key activities undertaken during 2023/24 in terms of the Adult Social Work Services delegated to Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) and managed through the Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

DECIDED:

(a) That the contents of the report updating activity and performance of adult social work services delegated to the IJB be noted;

(b) That the revised suite of adult social care performance indicators included in Appendix 1 to the report be approved; and

(c) That it be noted that the 2023/24 Annual Adult Social Care update report would be presented to the Leadership Board on 18 September 2024.

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Councillor Ann-Dowling entered the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

7 **Gaelic Language Plan 2024/29**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the development of a Gaelic Language Plan in Renfrewshire as required in terms of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005.

The report intimated that at the meeting of this Board held on 30 November 2022 a draft Gaelic Learning Plan 2022/27 had been approved, and, as required, it was submitted to Bòrd na Gàidhlig for ratification. Following ongoing consultation and engagement with the Bòrd, the plan had been updated to reflect their requirements and the current Renfrewshire position, particularly following the success of the Royal National Mòd in October 2023. A copy of the proposed final Renfrewshire Council Gaelic Language Plan 2024/29 was appended to the report.

DECIDED: That the Renfrewshire Council Gaelic Language Plan 2024-2029 be approved for publication.

8 **Local Partnerships - Launch of 2024 Development Programme**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the launch of a range of development actions following the review of Local Partnerships carried out in 2023.

The report intimated that the development programme and related campaign would commence from the end of February 2024 under the banner of a “Local Plans, Local Priorities and Local Voices” campaign. A key focus in 2024 would be around enhancing communications in relation to Local Partnerships activities, refreshing partnership membership and supporting a review of current priorities for each Local Partnership. Regular updates would be provided to the Leadership Board as progress was achieved.

The report advised that Local Partnership grant funding guidance had been refreshed for 2024 in response to the consultation exercise feedback received. A copy of the revised guidance was appended to the report.

DECIDED:

(a) That the launch of a new campaign to relaunch the Local Partnerships, which would be implemented from the end of February 2024, be noted;

(b) That the refreshed Local Partnership Guidance for 2024 be approved and;

(c) That it be noted that future updates on Local Partnerships would be provided as part of the six-monthly reports on community planning provided to the Leadership Board.

9 **City Deal and TH.CARS Projects Update**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Resources relative to the progress of Renfrewshire Council’s Glasgow City Region City Deal and TH/CARS2 projects being undertaken by the Council’s City Deal and Infrastructure Team.

The report provided updates on a number of the key projects comprising Renfrewshire Council’s Glasgow City Region City Deal including the Glasgow Airport Investment Area; Clyde Waterfront Renfrew Riverside; and Airport Access/Clyde Metro.

The report advised that following discussions with the UK and Scottish Governments it was likely that 50% of the remaining Airport Access project funds, around £64 million, would be distributed across the member authorities to assist in meeting exceptional project costs and inflationary pressures that had emerged due to the prevailing economic conditions and volatility. Renfrewshire would receive a share of this, expected to be around £8 million, for the Clyde Waterfront Renfrew Riverside project. The remaining 50% of the Airport Access project funds would be allocated to either a single regional project or a number of smaller regional projects. Renfrewshire had been awarded a further £6.3 million from the Shared Prosperity Fund which would support a number of levelling up objectives detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the report. The report also highlighted further opportunities for funding available through the Glasgow City Region Investment Zone and the Clyde Mission Regeneration Programme.

The report intimated that the TH.CARS2 project was expected to close with the completion of the final scheme on 31 March 2024. A number of key building repair projects carried out as part of TH.CARS2 were highlighted and the report suggested that delivery of TH.CARS2 had successfully improved the historic fabric of Paisley

town centre as well as providing opportunities for local people to take part in heritage education, training and events.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the scale of ambition and progress of the City Deal projects as outlined in the report be noted;
- (b) That the participation of Environment, Housing & Infrastructure officers in the collaborative work being taken forward as described in section 3.9 of the report be approved and that a report seeking relevant approval to next steps including any proposal to move forward and advance arrangements to go to market with the concession model be submitted to the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board;
- (c) That the completion of the TH.CARS2 project be noted; and
- (d) That the allocation of the remaining contingency funds of up to £40,000 to the Building Repair project at 32 High Street be approved and that it be noted that this had been approved in principle by funders.

10 Art Works Owned by Paisley Art Institute

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the identification of art works owned by Paisley Art Institute Charity Number SC000840 ("PAI") and proposed arrangements for the uplift of works from the Secret Collection Museum Store, Paisley.

The report intimated that historically PAI had used the museum premises to store their collection by informal arrangement and without charge. The artworks for both the civic and PAI collections were, therefore, held in shared storage and as a result had been at times referenced in some of the same catalogues and collection registers. To address the lack of formal arrangements and bring clarity to the distinction between the two collections and their use, in August 2023, a formal approach was made to PAI proposing two agreements: firstly a Collections Agreement for the continued storage of PAI's objects in the museum store; and secondly, a Loan-In Agreement for 43 historic PAI artworks that had previously been selected for display in the new museum with PAI's agreement and which PAI had already given permission for the project to conserve at a cost of £53,000. Both proposals were rejected and PAI's Trustees intimated they wished, instead, to arrange to uplift all their objects from the Council's storage facilities.

The report advised that given the lack of documentation concerning the objects, PAI's Trustees each provided, to the Council and OneRen, warranties which confirmed PAI had full legal title to the Objects and indemnities against any liability arising from competing ownership claims. Accordingly, the report requested approval to release the Objects listed in Appendix 1 to the report to PAI.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the release of the Objects listed in Appendix 1 of the report to PAI be approved;

(b) That OneRen's Chief Executive be authorised to make appropriate arrangements with PAI for the uplift of the Objects;

(c) That it be noted that the Trustees of PAI had each provided, to the Council and OneRen, warranties which confirmed PAI had full legal title to the Objects and indemnities against any liability arising from competing ownership claims; and

(d) That the updating of historic records to show that the Objects had now been confirmed to be under PAI ownership be approved and any reference to the Objects being listed in the art registers of the Council or its predecessors be corrected.

11 **Royal National Mòd 2023**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the economic, social and cultural impact of hosting the Royal National Mòd in Paisley in 2023.

The report outlined the ways the event had contributed to promoting Gaelic language and culture in Renfrewshire and how it supported the aims and objectives of Renfrewshire's draft Gaelic Language Plan 2024/29 and the Council's Events Strategy 2022/23. The report also provided information on the wider engagement programme that accompanied the event, including the school's engagement programme and Mòd Fringe programme.

DECIDED:

(a) That the social, cultural and economic impact of hosting the Royal National Mòd in Paisley in 2023 be noted;

(b) That the official handover to Oban on 21 October 2023 be noted; and

(c) That the contribution that hosting the Mòd and pre-event engagement had made to Renfrewshire's Gaelic Language Plan commitments be noted.

12 **OneRen Annual Report - 2022/23**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the publication by OneRen, the trading name of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited, of its annual report 2022/23 which highlighted the contribution that the organisation made to the achievement of the Council Plan, Community Plan and wider shared objectives through the wide range of projects, events and activities that it provided in the local community.

The report referred to the Council's agreement in 2017 to appoint a Makar to celebrate writing and poetry in Renfrewshire. The Makar could be appointed for a term of up to three years, with a further option to extend the appointment to a period of five years at the Provost's discretion. The current Makar, Shaun Moore, had been appointed for an initial period to 31 December 2023, following the passing of the first Renfrewshire Makar, Brian Whittingham. The report advised that Mr Moore's appointment had now been extended to 31 May 2025, to enable the postholder to complete a term of three years.

DECIDED:

- (a) That OneRen's annual report 2022/23 be noted; and
- (b) That the updated engagement arrangements for the Makar be noted.

Minute of Meeting Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-committee

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| Wednesday, 31 January 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 Alec Leishman, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Andy Steel

Chair

Councillor J Cameron, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

A MacArthur, Director of Finance & Resources; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Partnerships, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager, D Dunn, Social Renewal Lead Officer, B Jardine, Senior Planning & Policy Development Officer (Poverty & Equalities) and E Barr, Assistant Planning & Policy Development Officer (all Chief Executive's); and R Devine and E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officers (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.

Declarations of Interest

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

Transparency Statements

Councillor Clark indicated that he had a connection to item 2 by reason of his son being Chief Executive of Active Communities. However, he indicated that he had applied the objective test and did not consider he had an interest to declare.

1 **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 intimated that although there had been reductions in financial pressures, including the recent fall in inflation and improvements in real wage growth, stubbornly high food and energy costs were continuing to significantly affect living standards with those on lower incomes disproportionately affected. The report stated that the Resolution Foundation was projecting zero real growth for the median non-pensioner household income over the next three-year period. For low-income households, it was projected that an extra 300,000 people across the UK, an overall rise of 3%, would face absolute poverty next year. The analysis highlighted that the proportion of children living in absolute poverty was projected to rise highest. It was also anticipated that housing costs would represent one of the most significant pressures on the cost-of-living during 2024 with mortgagors set to see average increases of £1,800 to their mortgage bills and that there would also be significant associated impacts for many renters.

DECIDED: That the report 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, detailed within Section 4 of the report, including the Scottish Government Council Tax Debt Pilot Project; Special Needs Pregnancy Service – Stronger Start; School Support Service; Winter Connections Programme; Lived Experience Panel; and the Child Poverty Deep Dive exercise. The report also noted that following discussion at the meeting of the Leadership Board held on 6 December 2023, proposals for a Breakfast Club/Grab and Go provision were being finalised.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 **School Meal Debt**

The Director of Finance & Resources gave a presentation relative to school meal debt in Renfrewshire and the support provided to families that might be experiencing financial insecurity.

Specific reference was made during the presentation to the background to the issue, issues within the current process which had been identified as requiring revision, COSLA's Best Practice principles, the local approach, feedback received from the Renfrewshire Lived Experience Panel, the revised process initiated, Scottish Government Policy initiatives and future proposed actions.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.