

**To: Renfrew Local Partnership**

**On: 6 December 2023**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**Applications for Local Partnership Funding To Renfrew  
Local Partnership 2023/24**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Renfrew Local Partnership agreed at the meeting held on 13 September 2023 to set aside £20,000 funding to Renfrew Development Trust for the extension of the dog exercise area in Robertson Park.
- 1.2 An application form for the project is attached at Appendix 1 to this report to provide a summary of the project.
- 1.3 A further application from Renfrew Baths ASC has also been received and is attached for consideration by Renfrew Local Partnership.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrew Local Partnership:
  - (a) Note the agreement at the meeting of Renfrewshire Local Partnership on 13 September 2023 to set aside an award of £20,000 to Friends of Robertson Park for the extension of the dog exercise area in Robertson Park
  - (b) Note the summary of application FR1171 Friends of Robertson Park attached at Appendix 1.
  - (c) Consider application FR1170 Renfrew Baths ASC attached at Appendix 1.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Applicants for funding in 2023/24 have been provided with guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by the Renfrew Local Partnership.
- 3.2 Local Partnership members are asked to consider the application for funding summarised at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report, and to assess these against the Local Priorities agreed by the Renfrew local priorities.
- 3.3 An initial assessment has been carried out by officers to support Local Partnership members in their decision-making. Where applications have made clear reference to the Local Priorities identified by the Local Partnership, this is identified in the first table at Appendix 1. Applications that make a partial or no reference to Renfrew Local Priorities are summarised in the second table – for example, the project may work with young people (and therefore meet the Local Priority around young people) but not deliver this directly in the Local Partnership area or make reference to how many young people from the area would be engaged in the project.
- 3.4 The priorities of the Renfrew Local Partnership are:

#### **Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life**

The Local Partnership want to see more things to do in the town centre, particularly encouraging local events and seeing more happening in the evenings. They want to do this by making best use of community assets and spaces, including working with the town centre business community.

#### **Moving around and connectivity**

The Local Partnership want the economic investment in Renfrew to benefit the local community, particularly making it easier for people to get around the town, and to travel to and from Renfrew.

#### **Making the most of public assets**

The Local Partnership want to see the maximum use of public resources, such as parks and outdoor spaces, as well as maximising the use of buildings in the community.

#### **Strengthening social connections**

Improving social connections and tackling social isolation is a key theme for the Local Partnership, and the Partnership recognise this affects all ages, including younger and older people. Community events and activities are important, as will be a focus on improving health and well-being locally.

#### **Key Theme: Maximising economic impact**

The Local partnership want to see a focus on boosting the economic outcomes for people in Renfrew and how this can support their Local Priorities.

## APPENDIX 1

### GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY REFERENCE TO PRIORITY THEME

#### APPLICATION WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO RENFREW

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to Renfrew priority
FR1170	Coach Development and Employment Opportunities	£2,785	Renfrew Baths ASC	Making The Most Of Public Assets  Strengthening Social Connections
FR1171	Extension To Robertson Park Dog Exercise Area	£20,000	Friends of Robertson Park	Making The Most Of Public Assets

### SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

#### Application for Renfrew Local Partnership Support 2023/24

<b>Reference:</b> FR1170	<b>Organisation Name:</b> Renfrew Baths ASC
<b>Project Name:</b> Coach development and employment opportunities	<b>Amount applied for:</b> £2,785
<b>Purpose Of The Project</b>  Ensure a regular flow of high quality, trained volunteer coaches - educating volunteers to a level that ensures swimmers receive the best possible quality of swim coaching and where older swimmers have the opportunity to advance from competitive swimming to coaching.  The project will start on 1/12/2023 and will end on 31/1/2024.	
<b>What Will The Project Do?</b>	

The club has a development plan in place with Scottish Swimming and as part of this process acknowledged the need to ensure regular coach development. We provide an opportunity for older swimmers to progress into coaching so they can volunteer with the club and gain experience and coaching skills that will help them move onto employment. As most of our volunteers are either parents of swimmers or young adults who may move on, we must ensure a regular influx of new volunteer coaches.

The project will provide approximately 5 poolside helpers, 5 Level 1 swim coaches and 2 Level 2 coaches. The project will also support swimmers who are nearing the end of their competition career to access life guard and swim teacher training via the local learn to swim provider (One Ren at Renfrew Victory Baths) so that we can strengthen our relationship with our pool provider and give young adults the chance to enter employment.

We will measure success by the number of trained coaches we have on the team and by how many swimmers are trained and employed as life guards or swimming teachers.

#### **Renfrew Local Priorities:**

- Key theme: Maximising economic impact**
- Bringing Renfrew town centre to life**
- Moving around and connectivity**
- Making the most of public assets**
- Strengthening social connections**
- Partial fit with priorities**
- Does not fit with priorities**

#### **Anticipated Outcomes**

We expect the project to provide a regular influx of high quality coaching which will in turn positively impact our swimmers in terms of their ability in the pool as well as their mental ability to cope when they are not seeing the improvements they are aiming for.

**Breakdown of costs**

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Poolside helpers x 5	£122.50	£122.50		
Level 1 coach training x 4	£1212.50	£1212.50		
Level 2 coach training x 2	£1200.00	£1200.00		
Life guard training x 1	£250.00	£250.00		

**About the organisation:**

Renfrew Baths ASC is an Unincorporated Club or Association founded in 1973.

The Club has 30 volunteers and 105 members.

We are a 'swimmer led' community club. Promoting positive physical and mental health for young people aged 6-18 by providing qualified swim coaching and competition opportunities. We supporting swimmers progress to coaching - providing opportunities to develop their education and explore potential employment with local learn to swim provider.

<https://uk.teamunify.com/team/rbasc/page/home>

**Grant funding award history:**

Year	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2022/23	N/A		
2021/22	N/A		
2020/21	N/A		

## Application for Renfrew Local Partnership Support 2023/24

<b>Reference:</b> FR1171	<b>Organisation Name:</b> Friends of Robertson Park c/o Renfrew Development Trust
<b>Project Name:</b> Robertson Park Dog Run	<b>Amount applied for:</b> £20,000
<b>Purpose of the project</b>  To expand and improve the current dog run facilities in Robertson Park.  Friends of Robertson Park create a monthly feedback post on social media. Through this we received around a dozen complaints about the currently facilities. We reached out to the council to enquire what improvements we could make in partnership.	
<b>What will the project do?</b>  We will expand the area in width and length, we will repair the surface and ensure the waste bin and bags to help with the maintenance. If possible we may look to enhance the surface with additional funding from another source.  We will monitor the works itself and then after we will survey users to ask them about the change.  We will replenish dog waste bags and this will give us a chance to record how well used the facility is.	
<b>Renfrew Local Priorities:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Key theme: Maximising economic impact</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bringing Renfrew town centre to life</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Moving around and connectivity</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Making the most of public assets</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strengthening social connections</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partial fit with priorities</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does not fit with priorities</b>  <b>Anticipated Outcomes</b>  Making the most of public assets The Local Partnership want to see the maximum use of public resources, such as	

parks and outdoor spaces, as well as maximising the use of buildings in the community.

Robertson Park is hugely popular with dog owners but right now the facilities are not fit for purpose. Given the recent investment in the neighbouring tennis court, it makes sense to improve the facilities nearby where there is a growing need and more and more people are asking for this.

#### **Breakdown of costs**

<b>Item of spend</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Source of other funding</b>	<b>Timescale for funding</b>
Expansion and repair of dog run – quote from Renfrewshire Council contractor	£20,000	£20,000		

#### **About the organisation:**

To advance development of the Community of Renfrew.

To advance protection or improvement of the Community through the preservation and conservation of areas of significant interest.

To address the needs of the community affected by unemployment, poverty, poor physical and mental health, deprivation and social and economic disadvantage.

To advance education and to promote opportunities for learning so they can have a proactive role in the sustainable development of the Community.

To provide in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation to the residents Renfrew with to improve their wellbeing.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofRP/>

Established: 2014 (Renfrew Development Trust) 2022 (Friends Of Robertson Park), incorporated as a Charity

Renfrew Development Trust has one part time employee, 20 volunteers and 100

members

**Grant funding award history:**

	<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Used for</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	Renfrew Local Partnership Awards	£20,860 £6,875	Sensory Garden and Music Festival
<b>2021/22</b>	Renfrew Local Partnership Award (held over from 2019/20 and 2020.21)	£36,415	Robertson Park Projects
<b>2020/21</b>	N/A		