



**Renfrewshire**  
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**To: Leadership Board**

**On: 20 September 2023**

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**Report by: Chief Executive**

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**Heading: Community Planning – 6 Monthly Update**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of recent activity undertaken by the Community Planning Partnership in Renfrewshire. Six monthly update reports are provided to the Leadership Board, following a decision by Council in September 2022 to introduce minor changes to existing community planning governance and reporting arrangements.
- 1.2 The paper provides an update on:
- General programmes of work being progressed across the partnership
  - The development of a draft Community Plan performance framework
  - The Local Partnership consultation and engagement programme
  - The national inquiry by Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
- 1.3 The Community Planning Executive Group met on 13 September 2023 and considered updates in relation to:
- The Fairer Renfrewshire programme
  - Ren Zero
  - The national inquiry on community planning
- 1.4 The group also discussed an initial performance framework for the refreshed Community Plan, which is set out as a draft at Appendix 1 to this report and will be finalised over the coming months. Partners will also be working over the coming weeks to finalise the annual report which will provide a summary of the impact of local partnership activities. This will be reported to Leadership Board in December 2023.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that members of the Leadership Board:

- Note the content of this report.

## **3. Background**

3.1 This paper represents the regular 6 monthly update submitted to the Leadership Board for consideration on wider community partnership developments. A range of new activities and developments continued to be progressed over this period, including:

- A key focus of partners over Spring and Summer 2023 has been the ongoing development of the Fairer Renfrewshire programme, with a number of key activities progressed in relation to financial insecurity and mitigating the impacts of the cost of living crisis. This includes the delivery of the summer holiday activity and food programme for children and families (with CLAD, One Ren, Future Paisley and wider community partners) and the development and launch of schools and family advice models. Partnership funding bids to access Scottish Government funding in relation to poverty have also been developed.
- Partners have worked closely together across sectors to support people coming to live in Renfrewshire through resettlement and wider asylum programmes, with Engage Renfrewshire leading on the development of a new community network to bring together community resources which provide local support to new arrivals in the area.
- Following the recommendations of the Alcohol and Drugs Commission, work continues to develop service provision and to support recovery across Renfrewshire. This includes the delivery of a very successful recovery event with partners including Scottish Recovery Consortium in Spring 2023, and the development of the initial Trauma Informed and Responsive Renfrewshire programme.
- Lead by housing, partners across services and more widely have been supporting the ongoing delivery of the Council's housing regeneration programme, with a real focus on health and wellbeing of residents as well as the physical regeneration of housing and place.
- Community Justice Renfrewshire has developed a Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2023-26, identifying areas of focus that will be subject to closer analysis and assessment over the course of 2023/24. In February 2023 a new Lead Officer was appointed to support the partnership. The Lead Officer has made good progress refreshing and strengthening relationships across the partnership and has taken early steps to review governance arrangements to improve efficiency, decision making and performance reporting.
- Partnership priorities for Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership are currently being reviewed, with partners coming together in August 2023 to review progress to date in relation to the Children's Services Plan, with a key focus on activities such as the Whole Family Wellbeing programme.

## 4. Renfrewshire Community Plan

4.1 In line with the provisions of the Community Empowerment Act, local partners are required to produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP), which outlines the strategic priorities of all stakeholders within a local authority area, and with a particular focus on tackling inequality. In Renfrewshire this is referred to as our Community Plan, a ten year plan running from 2017-2027 which the following agreed themes:

<b>Our Renfrewshire is thriving</b>	Maximising economic growth, which is inclusive and sustainable
<b>Our Renfrewshire is well</b>	Supporting the wellness and resilience of our citizens and communities
<b>Our Renfrewshire is fair</b>	Addressing the inequalities which limit life chances
<b>Our Renfrewshire is safe</b>	Protecting vulnerable people, and working together to manage the risk of harm

4.2 A refresh of the plan was undertaken during 2022, with partners agreeing to spend the remainder of the plan focusing on 3 specific areas of focus, 12 priority actions were also identified for partners to progress through a shared commitment. These are highlighted in the diagram below:



4.3 Officers within the Policy and Partnerships team have been working with partners to develop a performance framework against which progress in the second half of the Plan can be measured. An initial framework was discussed by the Community Planning Executive Group on 13 September 2023 and is attached as Appendix 1 to the report. The purpose of the framework is to support the Partnership to evidence the impact that collaboration and joint activities are having locally. An update on this work will be provided in the next update to Leadership Board. The framework will be reviewed again in March 2024 to assess how this is working in practice.

## **5. Community Plan Annual Report**

- 5.1 Partners have been working together to develop the Community Plan Annual Report for 2022/23. It is anticipated that this will be presented to Community Planning Partners during Autumn 2023, with the report being submitted to the Leadership Board in December 2023.
- 5.2 The format of the report is being adapted to be more engaging for stakeholders and communities, with a stronger focus on the impact of activities being undertaken through partnership collaboration.

## **6 Local Partnerships - consultation on next phase of development**

- 6.1 At the Leadership Board on 14 June 2023, elected members were asked to note planned engagement on the development of Local Partnerships. It was anticipated that this work would commence over the summer period, however this did not start until early September 2023, as key officers were required to undertake a number of time critical programmes of work. This included the launch of the Summer of Fun Grants programme, the Community Food grants programme, the development of schools and family advice models and Local Partnership grant activity.
- 6.2 As noted above this process has now commenced, and will include engagement with:
- Local Partnership members including elected members
  - Local Partnership chairs
  - Lead Officers
  - Wider community groups and organisations
- 6.3 As reported to Leadership Board in June 2023, the key issues which are being explored are the steps that would be required to:
- Enhance participation in Local Partnership meetings
  - Facilitate greater engagement from Council services and partner organisations on issues which impact Local Partnership areas
  - Develop meaningful local priorities and action plans
  - Identify options for improving the grant allocation process
- 6.4 The full report and recommendations from the review will be submitted to the Leadership Board on 6 December 2023, which will allow any actions to be taken to inform a planned refresh of local partnership membership and the launch of revised grants guidance in early 2024.
- 6.5 In addition, further to the last update to Leadership Board work has commenced on the recruitment process for a dedicated officer to support the development of locality plans across the Local Partnerships. It is anticipated that the postholder will be in place in early 2024.

## 7. Community Planning Inquiry

- 7.1 The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee launched an inquiry in November 2022, to consider the impact of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment Act (2015) (“the Act”) on community planning and how Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) can respond to significant events such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the current cost-of-living crisis.
- 7.2 A response was drafted on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership and was reported to Leadership Board in February 2023, after being submitted on a partnership basis to the inquiry.
- 7.3 The committee inquiry focussed in on the impact the Act has had on community planning and explored how CPPs respond to significant events such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the current cost-of-living crisis. The key areas of focus are set out below.
- If the Act has led to improvements to community engagement and participation
  - Progress in tackling inequalities
  - The impact of Local Outcome Improvement Plans, and locality plans
  - The main challenges faced by CPPs
  - Revising the guidance available for CPPs
  - Alignment with other strategies and planning
  - Impact of the Act on statutory partners.
- 7.4 The Committee recently published its inquiry report into community planning - [Community Planning: Post-legislative scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Parliament](#).
- 7.5 The report is very detailed and includes a number of key recommendations and findings that will be considered nationally, and by partners at a local level within the Community Planning Partnership Executive Group. These include:
- The Scottish Government’s review of the Act should explore whether its ambitions for community planning are realistic without further investment. It should also explore further how community planning partners should best direct their own resources to underpin CPPs’ work.
  - CPPs should take proactive steps to ensure that communities of interest or identity are fully included in planning processes to avoid further marginalising key groups who are already at increased risk of inequality. Their voices should for example be clearly reflected in LOIPs and locality plans.
  - The Scottish Government should consider commissioning research into the impact made by CPPs in improving inequalities. This could explore how CPPs are, and should be, linking interventions with outcomes data at a local level and outlining a framework for CPPs to use.
  - In its development of a Community Wealth Building Bill, the Scottish Government should give early consideration to the role of CPPs in delivering the policy ambitions, whether any legislative changes to their role would be required to facilitate that, and should ensure sufficient guidance is provided to CPPs about their role in community wealth building.

- The work that the Scottish Government and Cosla are jointly undertaking to review Local Governance in Scotland should incorporate the role that CPPs have, and any conclusions reached should provide clarity for all partners on the importance of community planning.

7.6 The Scottish Government is also carrying out an informal review of Part 2 of the Act, and the Committee report includes a number of recommendations for the Scottish Government to consider as part of their review.

## **8 Next steps**

8.1 The next scheduled update to members will be provided in February 2024.

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### **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial** – none
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** – as outlined within the content of the report.
4. **Legal** - none
5. **Property/Assets** - none
6. **Information Technology** - none
7. **Equality and Human Rights** –
8. **Health and Safety** - none
9. **Procurement** – none
10. **Risk** – none
11. **Privacy Impact** – none
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – none
13. **Climate Risk** – none

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**Draft Community Plan Performance Framework – please note this remains under development and is for information only**

<b>Area of Focus 1 – Supporting low income families</b>				
	<b>What we will do</b>	<b>What activities are we progressing</b>	<b>How will we track progress</b>	<b>Current data to be populated</b>
Thriving	Provide opportunities and support to parents to enter, sustain and progress at work	Local Employability Partnership including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better off campaign</li> <li>Toolkit to support conversations with clients around employability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people supported, sustained in work at 6 Months through Renfrewshire Council Employability Programme</li> <li>Parental support fund data</li> <li>Engagement across service supports</li> <li>No of low income parents supported with improved incomes</li> <li>Number of Living Wage employers</li> </ul>	
Well	Join up support for families within communities	<p>RCSP has identified a number of specific aims in relation to this priority area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will ensure our children and young people enjoy good physical and mental health</li> <li>We will ensure our children and young people are safe and loved</li> <li>We will ensure our children and young people have their rights protected and their voices heard</li> <li>We will ensure our children and young people achieve and make positive contributions to their community</li> </ul> <p>Specific programmes of activities are being progressed in partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole Family Wellbeing Programme including Family Wellbeing hub, development of referral process, Thrive under Five and data analysis.</li> <li>Ren 10 health and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicators to be developed through WFW programme – including wellbeing assessment data which is being developed as part of the process.</li> <li>Average complementary tariff score of pupils living in SIMD 30% most deprived areas</li> <li>Number CYP accessing school counselling / % reporting improved outcomes</li> <li>Number of CYP accessing Ren 10 and % reporting improved outcomes</li> <li>Number of families referred for Money Advice and financial gain</li> <li>Number of beneficiary families</li> <li>% of children at risk of overweight or obesity (27 – 30 months &amp; Primary 1)</li> <li>Number of organisations signed up to breastfeeding friendly scheme</li> <li>Number of staff trained in relation to breastfeeding friendly scheme</li> </ul>	

		<p>Continue to promote Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland Scheme 130 organisations signed up to the scheme with 316 staff trained on breastfeeding and the law, including 23 Early Learning and Childcare Centres (ELCC).</p> <p>Within Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero, Connected Communities theme, there is an action to work with partners and local organisations to launch a one-stop information service which links and signposts to support and advice across all areas of the Plan for Net Zero and address the cost of living crisis</p>		
Fair	Provide support that allows families to live dignified lives and respond to the cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools Advice / Family Advice Model</li> <li>• Winter Clothing Grant Payments</li> <li>• Lived Experience Panel</li> <li>• Summer holiday food and activity programme</li> <li>• Fair Food Renfrewshire</li> <li>• Local Housing Strategy actions in relation to Fuel Poverty : <b>Work towards meeting the national fuel poverty targets and reducing the amount of people affected by fuel poverty across Renfrewshire.</b></li> <li>• Healthier Wealthier Children Programme, with updated pathway</li> <li>• Welfare Advice &amp; Health Partnership – GP embedded Money Advice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of children living in poverty (after housing costs) (LGBF)</li> <li>• Propose - develop qualitative data through surveys</li> <li>• % participation for 16-19 years old per 100 in education training and employment</li> <li>• GP embedded advice - Number of referrals and financial gain</li> <li>• No of healthier wealthier referrals; number engaged and number from child priority groups</li> </ul>	
Safe	Work together to support children and young people at risk of trauma and harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trauma Informed and Responsive Renfrewshire</li> <li>• The Promise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage of Looked After Children cared for in the community (LGBF)</li> <li>• Number of Children on CP register</li> <li>• Data on CP referrals.</li> <li>• New Promise Measures under development</li> </ul>	



Area of Focus 2 – Tackling health inequalities				
	What we will do	What activities are we progressing	How will we track progress	Current data to be populated
<b>Thriving</b>	Tackle the barriers to work for people with disabilities and health conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Employability Partnership targeted activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment rate 50+ Employment rate of disabled people</li> <li>% disabled people in employment</li> <li>Economic activity</li> <li>Supported employment opportunities</li> </ul>	
<b>Well</b>	Provide a network of community mental health and wellbeing supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ren 10</li> <li>Renfrewshire Wellbeing Network (now over 160 members and meets bi-monthly)</li> <li>Culture, Arts, Health and Social Care Group, led by HSCP and funded by Future Paisley, has supported 39 organisations with culture and arts related activities, across a range of care groups, to support their health and wellbeing</li> <li>Established a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Forum that sits under the HSCP's Strategic Planning Group with a focus on partnership working</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gap between minimum and maximum male life expectancy in the communities of Renfrewshire</li> <li>Percentage of patients who started treatment within 18 weeks of referral to Psychological Therapy</li> <li>Suicide rate (per 100,000)</li> </ul>	
<b>Fair</b>	Reduce the impact of alcohol and drugs and support recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcohol and Drugs Change Programme</li> <li>ADP programme</li> <li>Stigma and language initiatives</li> <li>Alcohol Policy across organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drug and alcohol related deaths per 100,000 popn</li> <li>Rate of alcohol-related hospital stays per 1,000 population</li> <li>Drug related hospital stays per 100,000 population</li> <li>Alcohol and Drugs waiting times for referral to treatment. % seen within 3 weeks</li> </ul>	
<b>Safe</b>	Make sure people can live safely and independently at home and in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From Renfrewshire's Draft Local Housing Strategy for 2023-28 - Strategic Priority 5 – People can live independently for as long as possible in their own home and the different housing needs of people across Renfrewshire are being met.</li> <li>Renfrewshire's Integrated Joint board Strategic Plan 2022-25 also highlights the aim to shape services around individuals, unpaid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance of Care: Home Care - total number of hours provided for/clients receiving personal care versus non-personal care</li> <li>Balance of Care: Number of open community placements vs open residential placements for 65+ (Care at Home vs residential) (</li> </ul>	

		<p>carers and communities with a focus on helping people to live independently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Regeneration Programme</li> <li>• As part of the Alcohol and Drugs Change Programme, the Council allocated £2 million of funding to support individuals affected by alcohol and/or drugs. An innovative pilot project MYLA (My Life Ahead) was established in May 2022 utilising some of this funding.</li> <li>• HSCP working with Environment, Housing and Infrastructure to improve accessibility for people with physical disabilities and sensory impairments. Established a Towns and Villages Accessibility Forum that meets quarterly.</li> <li>• Reconnect project, through the HSCP, now provides volunteer befriending for most vulnerable clients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population of clients receiving Telecare all ages – rate per 1,000 (Outcome 2)</li> <li>• Number of people accessing Community Alarms (75+ )</li> <li>• Number of people accessing Community Alarms (all ages)</li> <li>• Number of adult support plans completed for carers (age 18+) by HSCP</li> <li>• Number of Adult Support and Protection referrals (by source)</li> </ul>	
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<b>Area of Focus 3 – Addressing the climate emergency</b>				
	<b>What we will do</b>	<b>What activities are we progressing</b>	<b>How will we track progress</b>	<b>Current data to be populated</b>
Thriving	Create good, green jobs and a green skills pipeline everyone can access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Economy Officer in Council / Net Zero Grants</li> <li>• Chamber of Commerce support for Businesses</li> <li>• Working with colleges, schools, universities, local training providers, apprenticeships and staff training, to ensure that the courses and training opportunities exist for the stable and sustainable, quality jobs that will be created to ensure every person is able to reskill and upskill to participate in a just transition to net zero</li> </ul>	<p>Informed by the development of phase 2 of Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero, which included engagement with a range of local and national stakeholders and the local community.</p> <p>Measures to be developed and will include linking proposed pipelines of major infrastructure projects with skills transition and local employment opportunities. Identifying skills gaps, shortages and requirements ahead of time to maximise opportunities for local citizens and businesses from design and construction to</p>	

			<p>supply chain and manufacturing through to operation and maintenance.</p> <p>This could be measured through local opportunities identified and relevant figure on local employment or apprenticeships.</p>	
Well	Make sure there are local spaces and nature that support health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Zero Plan</li> <li>• Biodiversity Plan</li> <li>• Active Travel Strategy and network</li> <li>• You Decide process</li> <li>• Sustainable Communities funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of community-led projects and initiatives taking local climate action</li> <li>• % m2 covered by allotments/community growing grounds</li> <li>• % of residents with safe access to nature within 1km of their residence</li> <li>• air quality monitoring across all areas to evaluate and improve air quality</li> </ul>	
Fair	Deliver a just transition towards net zero with fairness at its core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairer Renfrewshire programme</li> <li>• As part of Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero quantified delivery plans are currently being developed: area-based, phased delivery plans with benchmark capital costs that will also undertake socio-economic impact assessments to quantify and consider all impacts of the Plan for Net Zero.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of people supported to reskill, upskill or participate in training in skills required for the transition to net zero.</li> </ul>	
Safe	Develop adaptations to climate impacts for vulnerable people	Adaptation Plan for Renfrewshire identified as priority for development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % m2 public open spaces managed for biodiversity/number of projects to increase resilience to climate change</li> </ul>	

## Our Renfrewshire – core measures

	Indicators	Current data to be populated
Thriving	Renfrewshire claimant count	
	Percentage of Renfrewshire population aged 16-64	
	Gross Value Added (GVA) per capita (LGBF)	
	Number of new business start ups in Renfrewshire with Business Gateway support	
	Total CO2 emissions (tonnes) from public buildings	
	<a href="#">% of School Leavers in Positive Destination</a>	
	<a href="#">% of Procurement spend on Local SMEs</a>	
Well	Number of emergency admissions	
	Number of unscheduled hospital bed days (acute specialties)	
	A&E attendances (18+)	
	Acute Bed Days Lost to Delayed Discharge	
	The gap between minimum and maximum male life expectancy in the communities of Renfrewshire	
	% of people who describe their general health as good or very good over the last year	
Fair	Percentage Point Gap in % Pupils Achieving Expected Level for their stage in Literacy between pupils living in 30% Most Deprived areas and those living in 70% Least Deprived Areas (SIMD)	
	Percentage Point Gap in % Pupils Achieving Expected Level for their stage in Numeracy between pupils living in 30% Most	

	Deprived areas and those living in 70% Least Deprived Areas (SIMD)	
	% of people from the 15% most deprived communities who describe their general health as good or very good over the last year	
	<a href="#">% of Household that are workless</a>	
Safe	Number of fires – primary and secondary	
	Total number of incidents/call outs SFRS	
	Number of deliberate fires	
	Total crime – incidents reported / split by categories eg serious and organised crime, road traffic offences, sexual crime, domestic violence etc	