

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Economy and Regeneration Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 23 January 2024	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

MARK CONAGHAN  
Head of Corporate Governance

### Membership

Councillor Andy Steel (Convener): Councillor Michelle Campbell (Depute Convener):

Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling: Councillor Stephen Burns: Councillor Graeme Clark: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Robert Innes: Councillor Janis McDonald: Councillor Jamie McGuire: Councillor Marie McGurk: Councillor Iain McMillan: Councillor John McNaughtan: Councillor Iain Nicolson:

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## Items of business

### Apologies

Apologies from members.

### Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

Members are asked to declare an interest or make a transparency statement in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest or the transparency statement.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report</b>                  | <b>1 - 8</b>   |
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**To:** Economy and Regeneration Policy Board

**On:** 23 January 2024

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**Report by:** Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources

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**Heading:** Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring as at 10 November 2023

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## 1. Summary of Financial Position

- 1.1. The projected revenue outturn at 31 March 2024 for those services reporting to the Economy and Regeneration Board is an underspend position of £0.033 million (1.0%).
- 1.2. The projected capital outturn at 31 March 2024 for projects reporting to the Economy and Regeneration Policy Board is a breakeven position against the revised budget for the year of £36.510 million.
- 1.3. This is summarised in the tables below and further analysis is provided in the Appendices.

Table 1: Revenue				
Division	Revised Annual Budget £000	Projected Annual Outturn £000	Budget Variance (Adv) / Fav £000	Budget Variance %
Economy and Development	3,413	3,380	33	1.0%

Table 2: Capital				
Division	Revised Annual Budget £000	Projected Annual Outturn £000	Budget Variance (Adv) / Fav £000	Budget Variance %
Economy and Development	36,510	36,510	0	0%

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1. Members are requested to:

- (a) Note the projected Revenue outturn position detailed in Table 1 above;
- (b) Note the projected Capital outturn position detailed in Table 2 above; and
- (c) Note the budget adjustments detailed at sections 4 and 6.

## **3. Revenue**

- 3.1. The Revenue Budget Monitoring report at Appendix 1 identifies a projected underspend of £0.033 million (1.0%) for all services reporting to this Policy Board. Detailed division service reports can also be found here, together with an explanation of any significant projected variances.
- 3.2. The projected outturn is based on information currently available, and assumptions made by service budget holders. Any changes to these projections will be detailed in future reports to the Board.
- 3.3. The main reasons for the projected outturn position are indicated below the tables showing both the subjective analysis (what the budget is spent on) and the objective analysis (which division is spending the budget).

## **4. Revenue Budget Adjustments**

Members are requested to note, from Appendix 1, that budget adjustments totalling **£0.371 million** have been processed since the previous report to board. The adjustment reflects funding transferred from Miscellaneous Services for employability staffing resources as part of the Scottish Government No One Left Behind Approach to Employability.

## **5. Capital**

- 5.1. The Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 to 2027/28 was approved by the Council on 2 March 2023. For Economy and Regeneration the approved capital spend for 2023/24 was £43.201m.
- 5.2. The Capital Monitoring report at Appendix 2 indicates a revised budget in 2023/24 for Economy and Regeneration of £36.510m.

Further detail, including reasons for significant variances (where applicable), can be found at Appendix 2.

## **6. Capital Budget Adjustments**

- 6.1. Since the last report, budget changes totalling £1.309m have arisen which reflect the following:

Budget awarded in 2023/24 for £1.309m:

- Shared Prosperity Fund - £0.225m
  - RCGF PACE Theatre - £1.084m, awarded from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.
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## Implications of this report

1. **Financial** – The projected budget outturn position for the revenue budget reported to the Economy and Regeneration Policy Board is an underspend of £0.033m. Income and expenditure will continue to be monitored closely for the rest of the financial year and, where necessary, steps will be taken to mitigate any overspend.

The projected outturn position for capital budgets reported to the Economy and Regeneration Policy Board is breakeven. The Capital programme will continue to be monitored closely for the rest of the financial year.

Any changes to current projections in either Revenue or Capital budgets will be reported to the board as early as possible, along with an explanation for the movement.

2. **HR and Organisational Development**  
None directly arising from this report.
3. **Community/Council Planning**  
None directly arising from this report.
4. **Legal**  
None directly arising from this report.
5. **Property/Assets**  
The Capital expenditure in this board will result in improvements to Culture and Heritage assets and delivery of strategic place-shaping and regeneration.
6. **Information Technology**  
None directly arising from this report.
7. **Equality and Human Rights**  
None directly arising from this report.
8. **Health and Safety**

None directly arising from this report.

**9. Procurement**

None directly arising from this report.

**10. Risk**

The potential risk that the Council will overspend its approved budgets for the year will be managed at a Council-wide level by the Chief Executive and Directors.

**11. Privacy Impact**

None directly arising from this report.

**12. Cosla Policy Position**

N/a.

**13. Climate Risk**

None directly arising from this report.

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**List of Background Papers**

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**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2023/24**  
**1 April 2023 to 10 November 2023**

**POLICY BOARD : ECONOMY AND REGENERATION**

Objective Summary	Annual Budget at Period 6	Budget Adjustments	Revised Annual Budget at Period 8	Projected Outturn	Budget Variance (Adverse) or Favourable		Previous Projected Outturn Variance	Movement
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Economy and Regeneration Management	146	(65)	81	80	1	1.2%	1	0
Economic Development	1,759	371	2,130	2,130	0	0.0%	0	0
Regeneration	1,137	65	1,202	1,170	32	2.7%	29	3
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>3,380</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1.00%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>

Objective Heading	Key Reasons for Projected Variance
Economy and Regeneration Management	No significant projected year end variances to report.
Economic Development	No significant projected year end variances to report.
Regeneration	The projected underspend relates mainly to a higher than expected level of staff turnover.

**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**  
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	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Employees	4,838	0	4,838	4,788	50	1.0%	62	(12)
Premises Related	80	0	80	87	(7)	(8.8%)	(7)	0
Transport Related	3	0	3	4	(1)	(33.3%)	(1)	0
Supplies and Services	316	0	316	318	(2)	(0.6%)	(2)	0
Transfer Payments	4,642	0	4,642	4,629	13	0.3%	12	1
Support Services	39	0	39	40	(1)	(2.6%)	(1)	0
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>9,918</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,918</b>	<b>9,866</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>(11)</b>
Income	(6,876)	371	(6,505)	(6,486)	(19)	(0.3%)	(33)	14
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>3,380</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>

**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY - NON-HOUSING SERVICES**  
 1st April to 10th November 2023  
**POLICY BOARD: ECONOMY & REGENERATION**

Project Title	Prior Years Expenditure to 31/03/2023	Current Year 2023-24						Full Programme - All years					
		Budget at P6 2023-24	Budget Adjustments 0	Revised Budget 2023-24	Projected Outturn 2023-24	Budget Variance (Adverse) or Favourable		Total Approved Budget to 31-Mar-27	Projected Outturn to 31-Mar-27	Budget Variance (Adverse) or Favourable			
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000		£000	£000				
<b>ECONOMY &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>													
Paisley Art Centre Redevelopment	1,170	1,839	0	1,839	1,839	0	0%	3,050	3,050	0	0%		
Paisley Town Hall Redevelopment	17,132	4,668	0	4,668	4,668	0	0%	22,050	22,050	0	0%		
Flexible Outdoor Facility/Travel & Accessibility Infrastructure	485	1,172	0	1,172	1,172	0	0%	7,050	7,050	0	0%		
Playing Fields and Sports Development	783	4,818	0	4,817	4,817	0	0%	5,600	5,600	0	0%		
Paisley Museum	23,624	14,970	0	14,971	14,971	0	0%	45,522	45,522	0	0%		
Town Centre Capital Fund	759	167	0	167	167	0	0%	4,037	4,037	0	0%		
Paisley Learning & Cultural Hub	4,737	2,197	0	2,197	2,197	0	0%	7,000	7,000	0	0%		
Place Based Fund	859	1,400	0	1,400	1,400	0	0%	4,428	4,428	0	0%		
Paisley Junctions and Charging Hub	390	2,956	0	2,956	2,956	0	0%	3,346	3,346	0	0%		
Townscape Heritage CARS 2	3,086	1,014	0	1,014	1,014	0	0%	4,099	4,099	0	0%		
Shared prosperity fund	0	0	225	225	225	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		
RCGF PACE Theatre	0	0	1,084	1,084	1,084	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		
<b>Total Economy &amp; Development</b>	<b>53,025</b>	<b>35,201</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>36,510</b>	<b>36,510</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>106,182</b>	<b>106,182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>		
<b>TOTAL ECONOMY &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>53,025</b>	<b>35,201</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>36,510</b>	<b>36,510</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>106,182</b>	<b>106,182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>		

\*Rolling programmes have a prior year year expenditure of £0 as the expenditure is not directly linked from one year to the next as a singular project.





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**To: Economy and Regeneration Policy Board**

**On: 23 January 2024**

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**Report by: Chief Executive**

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**Heading: Renfrewshire Economic Profile (January 2024)**

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## **1. Summary**

1.1 This report contains the ninth edition of the Renfrewshire Economic Profile. These updates allow members to track changes in the local economy through a set of key statistical indicators. The last update on the Economic Profile was brought to the board in January 2023. The report also provides a progress update in respect of the Glasgow City Region Investment Zone and recent investments announced in Renfrewshire.

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## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Board:

- (i) Notes the content of the January 2024 Renfrewshire Economic Profile Update.
- (ii) Notes the update on the Glasgow City Region Investment Zone (GCR IZ) and recent investments in Renfrewshire.

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## **3. Background**

3.1 The purpose of the economic profile update is to describe and track local demographics and economic indicators for Renfrewshire on an annual basis. The data and analysis presented provides a context and a baseline to assess how well the Renfrewshire economy has performed over time.

3.2 In terms of the profile, as with previous versions of this reports, officers have selected Scotland and the Glasgow City Region (GCR) as the most appropriate comparators. The national average is a commonly used guide by most local authorities in terms of relative performance.

3.3 Members comments are welcomed on the format and content of the economic profile. The profile will be shared with stakeholders and become a key source of data relating to the performance of the local economy. The profile aligns with the Renfrewshire Economic Strategy.

#### **4. Key issues arising from the Renfrewshire Economic Profile.**

4.1 In previous version of these economic profile updates to Board, officers had selected a range of the latest statistics to see progress against some of the councils' key objectives. This has similarly been done in this year's update.

4.2 Renfrewshire's population continues to grow at a steady rate with this trend expected to continue until 2043. The 2022 census (superseding National Records of Scotland data) reveals that the population has grown by 5% between 2011 and 2022 to 183,800.

4.3 In line with national records, deaths decreased (4.5%), births increased (6.5%) but total deaths exceed births. Continued population growth is accounted for by inflow migration into Renfrewshire's towns and villages.

4.4 Renfrewshire's overall employment rate fell marginally in 2022/23 with a subsequent slight increase in unemployment and claimant count rates. At the same time there has been a moderate increase in economic inactivity rates. Female employment has decreased by 700 between July 2022 and 2023, which is comparable to the decrease in male employment (600), because of an overall decrease in the number of people who are economically active as a percentage of the overall working age population. However, both male and female employment rates are higher than the national averages.

4.5 The average weekly income of Renfrewshire's residents has increased significantly since the last reporting period, rising from £634.80 to £715.70. A large number of people continue to be employed in retail (13,000), business administration (11,000) and manufacturing (8,000).

4.6 In strategic economic terms, the Gross Value Added (see glossary for definition) has increased by 11% since the previous reporting period and is now estimated at £4 billion<sup>1</sup>. This includes a significant increase in manufacturing output, the highest per capita in Scotland.

4.7 Sustainable Tourism continues to grow in importance in Renfrewshire's Economy with the number employed in the sector having increased by 1,565 to 6,330 since the last reporting period.

4.8 There was a significant increase (112%) in direct tourism expenditure from £88.09m in 2021 to £187.11m in 2022. This is likely attributed to pre and post pandemic differences and underreported information in 2021.

4.9 Town Centre Vacancy Rates have marginally increased in Renfrewshire's towns from 2022 potentially as a result of the pandemic, inflation and the cost-of-living crisis.

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<sup>1</sup> The latest GVA results are provisional until the following year when they may be revised as a result of late returns or information received in the course of the following year's inquiry

- 4.10 The rate of school leavers in positive destinations (96.6%) in 2021/22 is higher than the national level and is the 4th highest in the City Region.
- 4.11 The supply of new housing per 10,000 population marginally decreased between 2021 and 2022. Renfrewshire's rate is the 4th highest in the City Region and is higher than the national average.
- 4.12 The amount of urban vacant and derelict land in Renfrewshire has fallen by 71% since 2016.

### Conclusion

- 4.13 Overall Renfrewshire's economy appears to be performing well when compared to regional and national rates for a number of key performance indicators including, GVA, qualifications, employment and earnings. This report also highlights the importance of the manufacturing sector to the Renfrewshire economy.
- 4.14 The full economic profile for Renfrewshire is included in Appendix 1 of this report.

## **5. Glasgow City Region Investment Zone Update (GCR IZ)**

- 5.1 In June 2023, following an agreement between the UK Government and Scottish Governments, it was announced that both the Glasgow City Region and the North-East of Scotland had been awarded Investment Zones (IZ) status, the first such zones in Scotland. This commitment has been backed by funding, which can be used flexibly between capital investment and tax incentives for investing companies. The overall goal is to deliver economic growth, secure more investment and create more high value jobs within the Region.
- 5.2 In the UK Government's Autumn Statement (Wednesday 22 November 2023), the Chancellor made a commitment to the expansion of the planned Investment Zone programme in Scotland. These changes will mean extending the timeline from five to ten years and doubling the grant to each Investment Zone from £80m to £160m.
- 5.3 Since the announcement, on-going activities between GCR's Programme Management Office and Member Authorities, as well as the Scottish and UK Governments have identified three key priority sectors which will guide investment, these are:
- Advanced Manufacturing
  - Health & Life Sciences
  - Digital & Enabling Technology
- 5.4 The next phase is to determine which areas/projects within the Region should be eligible for IZ funding and support. There will now be an 'Open Call' for sites focussing on the three priority clusters identified above, aimed at private businesses across GCR which have been highlighted by the individual authorities in earlier work.

This approach will incorporate the HM Treasury 'Green Book' business case development guidance. This phase will run until March 2024. Officers will now look to submit a bid for the site at Netherton Campus and wider AMIDS area and will work with other businesses/organisations in the area on their respective bids.

- 5.5 It is expected that a further update on the outcome of the bid process will be provided to members in summer 2024.

## 6. Investment updates

### *New Innovation Hub at Rolls Royce*

- 6.1. The University of Strathclyde has signed an agreement with Rolls-Royce to develop an innovation facility at the companies Inchinnan plant. This will enable the University to scale-up its wide-ranging collaboration activities with partners across sectors including heat, transport and power electronics.
- 6.2 The innovation hub will support the journey to delivering a sustainable net-zero economy by accelerating the development and deployment of technology supporting decarbonisation.

### *New Oligonucleotide Manufacturing Centre*

- 6.3 Following the recent announcement of a multi-million-pound fund in the Autumn Statement, the Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) has initiated a plan to construct a new facility (the Oligonucleotide Manufacturing Innovation Centre of Excellence) which will be located adjacent to the Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre (MMIC) at AMIDS.
- 6.4. The new facility will manufacture advanced medicines, focusing on oligonucleotides - a class of molecules which hold the potential to address a wide range of diseases, from cancer to Alzheimer's.
- 6.5 Construction operations are expected to commence in 2024 and be completed by late 2025.

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## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – No additional finance is sought. All funding is accounted for within existing Council budgets.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
  - **Empowering our Communities** – the new Economic Profile will enable communities to have a clearer understanding of the relative performance of the Renfrewshire economy.
  - **Jobs and the Economy** - the new Economic Profile will present a clearer picture of the relative performance of the Renfrewshire economy.



4. **Legal** – None.
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
  - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.
8. **Health & Safety** – None.
9. **Procurement** – None.
10. **Risk** – None.
11. **Privacy Impact** - None.
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – Not Applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** – Not Applicable.

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#### **List of Background Papers**





None.





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## Renfrewshire Economic Statistics (Nineth Edition: January 2024)

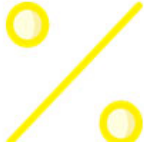

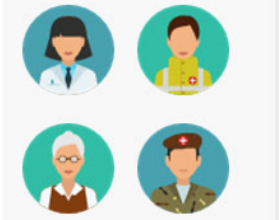

### 1. Population





	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <b>Population 2022</b>	<b>183,800</b> Increase of 5% from 2011.	<b>5,436,600</b> Increase of 3% from 2011.	<b>1,845,300</b> Increase of 3% from 2011.
 <b>Population projection (at 2043, 2018 based)</b>	<b>185,360</b> Increase of 4.3% from 2018.	<b>5,574,819</b> Increase of 2.5% from 2018.	<b>1,882,792</b> Increase of 2.7% from 2018.
 <b>Births (2022)</b>	<b>1,754</b> Increase of 6.5% from 1,647 in 2021.	<b>46,959</b> Decrease of 1.7% from 47,786 in 2021.	<b>17,324</b> Increase of 1.6% from 17,043 in 2021.
 <b>Deaths (2022)</b>	<b>2,130</b> Decrease of 4.6% from 2,232 in 2021.	<b>62,941</b> Decrease of 1.0% from 63,587 in 2021.	<b>20,786</b> Decrease of 4.2% from 21,704 in 2021.


 Male  <b>Male Life Expectancy 2020-2022</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>76.5</b>	Female life expectancy has increased at a higher rate in the 2020-2022 period.
 Female  <b>Female Life Expectancy 2020 - 2022</b>	<b>80.72</b>	<b>80.1</b>	
 Net migration  <b>Net Migration (2020-21)</b>	<b>1,230</b>  2nd highest level of net migration in the GCR, with an increase of 380 from 850 people in 2019-20.	<b>27,800</b>  Increase from 16,900 in 2019-20.	<b>6,500</b>  Decrease of 250 people from 6,750 in 2019/20.
  <b>% of population that is of the working age (16-64yrs) (at 2021)</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>65%</b>

## 2. Employment




	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>Economic Inactivity Rate (July 2022 – 2023)</b></p>	<p><b>23.3%</b> <b>26,100 people</b></p> <p>Rate has increased 2.8% between 21/22 and 22/23 with 3,200 people moving from economically active to inactive. This is reflected in the reduced employment rates below.</p> <p>Renfrewshire’s increase is primarily due to ill health. Figures have started to fall again in the last quarter.</p>	<p><b>22.6%</b></p> <p>Rate has decreased 0.3% between 21/22 and 22/23.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire has the third lowest inactivity rate in the GCR.</p> <p>North Lanarkshire has the highest inactivity rate at 26.8% and South Lanarkshire has the lowest at 17.3%.</p>
 <p><b>Employment rate - aged 16-64 (July 22 – June 23)</b></p>	<p><b>75.5%</b> <b>88,000 people</b></p> <p>This rate has decreased by 1.9% (1,200 people) compared to the previous 2021- 2022 figure.</p>	<p><b>74.8%</b></p> <p>Rate has increased by 0.4% in comparison to the previous 2021 -2022 figure.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire has had the second highest employment rate in the GCR after South Lanarkshire (80.8%). North Lanarkshire has the lowest (70.6%).</p>
 <p><b>Male</b></p> <p><b>Employment rate – Male 16-64 (Jul 2022-Jun 2023)</b></p>	<p><b>77.7%</b> <b>42,000 men</b></p> <p>This rate has increased (5.2%) compared to the previous 2021- 2022 figure however the number of men in work actually reduced by 600.</p>	<p><b>76.9%</b></p> <p>The national employment rate for males is lower than the Renfrewshire rate.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire has the fourth highest male employment rate in the GCR.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire has the highest (85.2%) and Inverclyde has the lowest (65.7%).</p>
 <p><b>Female</b></p> <p><b>Employment rate - Female 16-64 (Jul 2022-June 2023)</b></p>	<p><b>73.7%</b> <b>45,900 women</b></p> <p>Rate has decreased (8.6%) compared to the previous 2021 - 2022 figure representing 700 less women in work.</p>	<p><b>72.8%</b></p> <p>The national employment rate for females is lower than the Renfrewshire rate.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest female employment rate in the GCR, with North Lanarkshire having the lowest (61.5%).</p>

	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>Unemployment Rate 16-64 (July 22 – June 23)</b></p>	<p><b>3.0%</b> <b>2,700 people</b></p> <p>An increase of 0.3% from 2021 – 2022.</p>	<p><b>3.3%</b></p> <p>0.2% decrease since 2021 – 2022.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire has the fifth lowest unemployment rate in the GCR.</p> <p>Glasgow City has the highest at 4.40%</p>
 <p><b>Claimant Count (Nov 2023)</b></p>	<p><b>3.0%</b> <b>3,510 people</b></p> <p>The percentage remains the same at 3% from a year ago (Nov 22) with an increase of 60 people claiming benefits.</p>	<p><b>3.0%</b></p> <p>Decrease of 0.1% compared to November 2022 figure.</p>	<p><b>3.2%</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has the 3rd lowest proportion in the GCR.</p> <p>Glasgow City has the highest proportion (4.6%) whereas East Renfrewshire and East Dunbartonshire have the joint lowest (1.8%).</p>
 <p><b>Occupations (Workplaces in Renfrewshire; at 2022)</b></p>	<p>Renfrewshire has above average employment in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing (8,000)</li> <li>• Retail (13,000)</li> <li>• Business administration (11,000)</li> <li>• Transport and Storage (6,000)</li> </ul>	<p>Scotland is closer to Renfrewshire in terms of the proportion for construction and health but is lower in other sectors, such as manufacturing and transport and storage.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire has much higher proportions of employment than the GCR in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Transportation and Storage; and</li> <li>• Business administration</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Earnings (at 2023)</b></p>	<p>Median weekly earnings for full-time employees living in Renfrewshire are £715.70.</p>	<p>Median weekly earnings for full-time employees living in Scotland are £702.40.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire's Median weekly earnings are slightly lower than the GCR average of £739.30.</p> <p>GCR figures are skewed by outlier performances from East Dunbartonshire &amp; East Renfrewshire which have median incomes of £822.80 &amp; £858.70 respectively.</p>



	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
<b>Employment in low pay sectors (%) 2021</b> 	<b>34.9%</b> Decrease from 35.1% in 2020.	<b>29.6%</b> Increase of 0.9% from 2020.	<b>31.4%</b> Renfrewshire has the highest rate in the GCR. North Lanarkshire has the lowest rate at 26.9%
 <b>Qualifications NVQ4 and above % of pop 16-64yrs (Jan-Dec 2021)</b>	<b>50.4%</b> 9.9% increase from 2018.	<b>50.0%</b> 5.8% increase from 2018.	Renfrewshire has the 4th highest rate of qualification at this level in the GCR with East Renfrewshire the highest (63.5%) and West Dunbartonshire the lowest on (36.0%).
<b>No Qualifications % of pop 16-64yrs (Jan-Dec 2020)</b> 	<b>7.1%</b> 3.1% decrease from 2018.	<b>7.8%</b> 1.9% decrease from 2018.	East Renfrewshire has the lowest percentage of residents with no qualifications in the GCR. North Lanarkshire has the highest at 18.6%
<b>% of School Leavers in Positive Destinations 2021/2022</b> 	<b>96.6</b> 1.7% increase from 2018/2019.	<b>95.7%</b> 0.7% increase from 2018/2019.	Renfrewshire has the 4th highest attainment level in the GCR. East Dunbartonshire has the highest % at 98.9%, with Inverclyde the lowest 94.0%
<b>% of Households that are Workless 2022</b>	<b>17.9%</b> Increase of 1.6% from 2018.	<b>18.6%</b> Increase of 1.5% since 2018.	<b>22.1%</b> North Lanarkshire has the highest % in the

	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
			<p>GCR at 27.1%. Inverclyde has the lowest at 15%.</p>


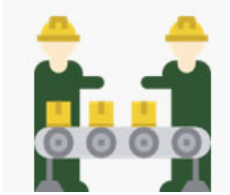

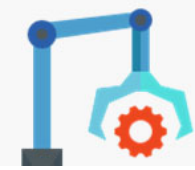
### 3. Business


	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>Private Enterprises (2023)</b></p>	<p><b>4,630</b></p> <p>86% are micro businesses with less than 10 employees.</p> <p>12% are small businesses (10 to 49).</p> <p>2% have been 50 and 250 employees.</p> <p>Less than 1% are classed as large businesses with more than 250 employees.</p> <p>This figure is for VAT and/or PAYE registered enterprises</p>	<p><b>171,350</b></p> <p>Generally, an equivalent split to that of Renfrewshire's with around 98% of businesses being classed as either micro or small.</p>	<p>Renfrewshire has a higher proportion of larger sized organisations compared to areas such as East Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire.</p>
 <p><b>Business Start Ups (per 10,000 working age population, 2021)</b></p>	<p><b>55.4</b></p> <p>16.9% increase from 2020.</p>	<p><b>54.1</b></p> <p>12.2% increase from 2020.</p>	<p><b>57.7</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire had the 4th largest number of start-ups (640) with Glasgow City the most with 2,960 and Inverclyde the fewest with 160.</p>
 <p><b>Business Closures (per 10,000 working age population, 2021)</b></p>	<p><b>50.2</b></p> <p>2.2% increase from 2020.</p>	<p><b>56.4</b></p> <p>8.3% increase from 2020.</p>	<p><b>53.7</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire had the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest Business Death Rate in the GCR, with East Renfrewshire the highest (64%) and Inverclyde the lowest (40.8%).</p>



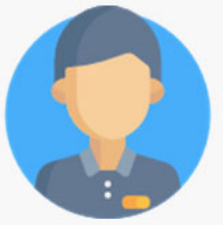



	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>GVA (2021)</b></p>	<p><b>£4 billion</b></p> <p>GVA has grown by 11% between 2020 and 2021.</p>	<p><b>£99.3 billion</b></p> <p>GVA has grown by 21.9% nationally from £81.5 billion reported between 2020 and 2021.</p>	<p><b>£29.9 billion</b></p> <p>Glasgow City (£13.6 billion) accounts for 45.6% of the GCR.</p> <p>Renfrewshire accounts for the third highest amount of GVA – 13.5%. East Renfrewshire has the lowest at 1.7%</p>
 <p><b>Town Centre Vacancy Rates (2023)</b></p>	<p>Paisley – 21%</p> <p>Renfrew – 16%</p> <p>Johnstone – 19%</p> <p>Erskine – 0%</p> <p>Braehead – 15%</p> <p>Linwood – 0%</p>		

## 4. Manufacturing




	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>Number Employed in Manufacturing Sector (2022)</b></p>	<p><b>8,000</b></p> <p>This figure has remained stable on the 2019 figure but is an 11% decrease from the 2018 figure (9,000).</p>	<p><b>171,000</b></p> <p>The total number of jobs in Manufacturing in Scotland has fallen by 4% from the 2018 figure.</p>	<p><b>54,000</b></p> <p>Glasgow City has the highest number of manufacturing jobs in the GCR (18,000) and East Renfrewshire the lowest (500).</p>
 <p><b>Number Employed in Manufacturing Sector per 10,000 working age population (2022)</b></p>	<p><b>664.5</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has a higher rate of employment in manufacturing than the GCR and Scottish rates.</p>	<p><b>501</b></p>	<p><b>458.77</b></p> <p>Only Renfrewshire, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire have higher rates than the Scottish average rate and Renfrewshire is the highest in the GCR.</p>
 <p><b>Manufacturing as % of total employment (2021)</b></p>	<p><b>9.3%</b></p> <p>Down slightly on the 2021 figure (9.5%).</p>	<p><b>6.8%</b></p> <p>Moray has the highest proportion of employment in manufacturing in Scotland (16.2%) and East Renfrewshire the lowest (2.4%).</p>	<p><b>6.2%</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has the highest proportion of employment in manufacturing in the GCR (9.3%) and East Renfrewshire has the lowest (2.4%).</p>
 <p><b>% of Scottish Manufacturing GVA (2021)</b></p>	<p><b>11.2%</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire contributes a higher proportion to Scottish manufacturing GVA than its overall contribution to Scottish GVA (4.0%).</p>	<p><b>100%</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has the highest manufacturing GVA in Scotland.</p>	<p><b>35.3%</b></p> <p>Glasgow City Region collectively accounts for around £5 billion GVA in manufacturing to the Scottish economy.</p>


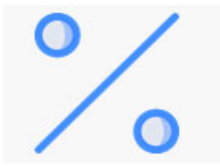

	<b>Renfrewshire</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>Glasgow City Region</b>
 <p><b>Manufacturing as a % of GVA (2021)</b></p>	<p><b>39.6%</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has the fourth highest manufacturing % of GVA in Scotland.</p>	<p><b>14.3%</b></p> <p>Angus has the highest manufacturing % of GVA in Scotland 42.3%. Aberdeen City has the lowest at 4.8%</p>	<p><b>16.88%</b></p> <p>West Dunbartonshire has the highest manufacturing % of GVA in the GCR 40.1% East Renfrewshire has the lowest 6.5%</p>



## 5. Tourism

	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>Sustainable employment in tourism (at 2023)</b></p>	<p>6,330</p> <p>Increase of 1,565 employees on the figure of 2022.</p>	<p>235,500</p> <p>Increase of 56,050 on the figure of 2022.</p>	<p>67,635</p> <p>This accounts for 28% of Scottish sustainable tourism employment. Renfrewshire has the fourth highest level of sustainable tourism employment (11%) in the Region. Glasgow has the largest with 34,130 (58%) and East Renfrewshire the smallest with 1,920 (3%).</p>
 <p><b>Direct expenditure (visitors, 2022)</b></p>	<p><b>£187.11m</b></p> <p>This is an increase of 112.4% on the 2021 figure of £88.09m</p>	<p>n/a</p> <p><i>STEAM is commissioned at a local authority level and therefore does not provide a Scotland or city-region wide figure</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>
 <p><b>Visitors to Events (2023)</b></p>	<p><b>16,731</b></p> <p>Visitors from outwith Renfrewshire are reported for 2 events in 2023 (Paisley Food and Drink Festival and Paisley Halloween Festival). The Spree did not take place in 2023, and numbers have not yet been recorded for Paisley Christmas Lights Switch On.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
 <p><b>All Visits to Attractions (2022)</b></p>	<p><b>1.03m</b></p> <p>An increase of 1.7% from 2021 figures.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>

## 6. Housing

	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>Supply of New Housing – Rate per 10,000 Population (2022)</b></p>	<p><b>45.3</b></p> <p>There was a slight decrease in house building completions in Renfrewshire between 2021 and 2022 from 897 to 832.</p>	<p><b>43.6</b></p> <p>There was an increase in house building in Scotland between 2021 and 2022 from 22,596 to 23,692.</p>	<p><b>36.5</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has the 3rd highest rate of new house building per 10,000 population in the GCR. East Renfrewshire has the highest (58.0) and East Dunbartonshire the lowest (13.4).</p>
 <p><b>Supply of New Housing – Rate per 10,000 Population (average 2018 to 2022)</b></p>	<p><b>44.0</b></p>	<p><b>37.5</b></p>	<p><b>31.5</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has the second highest 5-year rate of new house building in the Glasgow City Region. South Lanarkshire has the highest (47.2) and East Dunbartonshire the lowest (21.5).</p>
<p><b>% premises with available Fibre broadband connection (2022)</b></p>	<p><b>73.5%</b></p> <p>59.5% increase from January 2021.</p>	<p><b>39.7%</b></p>	<p><b>35.4%</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has the highest rate in the GCR. West Dunbartonshire the lowest 4.9%.</p>
	<p><b>254ha</b></p> <p>Renfrewshire has experienced a 71% reduction in Urban VDL between 2016 and 2022.</p>	<p><b>9,236 ha</b></p> <p>Overall Urban VDL has reduced by 27% between 2016 and 2022.</p>	<p><b>3,184 ha</b></p> <p>This is 34% of the Scottish total. Renfrewshire has the 4th highest total area of vacant and derelict</p>

	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
<b>Urban Vacant and Derelict Land (Hectares; 2022)</b>			land in the GCR with North Lanarkshire the highest with 1,302 hectares and East Renfrewshire the lowest with 47 hectares.
 <b>Urban Vacant and Derelict Land as % of all Scottish V&amp;D land (2022)</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>34.5%</b> Renfrewshire has the 4th highest % of Scottish V&D land in the Glasgow City Region with North Lanarkshire the highest (14.1%) and East Renfrewshire the lowest (0.5%).
 <b>Derelict Land as % of total land area (2022)</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.7%</b> Renfrewshire has the 4th highest % of its total area classed as urban vacant or derelict in the GCR, with Glasgow City the highest (2.9%) and South Lanarkshire the lowest (0.2%).
<b>Total Vacant &amp; Derelict Land (Ha) in bottom 15% SIMD areas (2022)</b> 	<b>49 ha</b> 6.8% increase from 2021.	<b>976.4 ha</b> 7.7% decrease from 2021.	<b>280.6 ha</b> Renfrewshire has the 5 <sup>th</sup> highest amount in the GCR. Glasgow City has the highest amount at 501.4, with East Renfrewshire the lowest with 0.5.

	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Glasgow City Region
 <p><b>Breakdown of Tenure Type (2020)</b></p>	<p>Total Dwellings: 88,355  Owner Occupied – N/A  Private vacant/second homes – 2%  Private Rented – N/A  Socially Rented – 24%</p>	<p>Total Dwellings: 2,645,298  Owner Occupied – 58%  Private vacant/second homes – 4%  Private Rented – 15%  Socially Rented – 23%</p>	<p>Total Dwellings: 885,555  Owner Occupied – N/A  Private vacant/second homes – 2%  Private Rented – N/A  Socially Rented – 28%</p>
 <p><b>Effective Housing Land Supply % Brownfield (2021)</b></p>	<p><b>88%</b></p> <p>This figure is from Renfrewshire's Housing Land Audit. It represents the % of the land supply that will produce units in the next 7 years that is classed as brownfield.</p>		

## Glossary:

**Claimant Count:** The Claimant Count is a measure of the number of people claiming benefits principally for the reason of being unemployed, based on administrative data from the benefits system.

**Employment in low pay sectors:** These include employment in the retail and hospitality sectors.

**Gender Employment Gap:** The percentage point difference between the employment rates for men and women (aged 16-64). This is calculated by subtracting the employment rate for women from the employment rate for men. A positive employment gap indicates a higher employment rate for men compared with women, while a negative employment gap indicates a higher employment rate for women. Employment rate is the number of people in employment (aged 16-64) divided by the overall population (aged 16-64).

**Gross Value Added (GVA):** Gross Value Added measures the value generated in the production of goods and services. It is one measure of overall economic performance.

**School Leavers in Positive Destinations:** Includes higher education, further education, training, employment, voluntary work, Personal Skills Development and (Activity Agreements).

**Sustainable Tourism:** Sustainable Tourism sector was identified in Scotland's Economic Strategy as one of the growth sectors in which Scotland can build on existing comparative advantage and increase productivity and growth.

Scotland's tourism sector is a diverse industry, with a range of sub-sectors such as hotels, camping sites and other provision of short stay accommodation, restaurants, bars, travel agents, museums and other recreational and cultural activities.

*Vacant and Derelict Land:* Vacant land is defined as land within a settlement that has been previously developed, without physical constraint, and which the planning authority has indicated is available for redevelopment. Derelict land is defined as land 'damaged by development, so that it is incapable of development for beneficial use without some remedial works'.





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**To: Economy & Regeneration Policy Board**

**On: 23 January 2024**

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**Report by: Chief Executive**

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**Heading: Cultural Infrastructure Programme Update**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1. This report is to update the Board on the progress of Renfrewshire Council's Cultural Infrastructure Programme, being delivered on behalf of the Council by the City Deal & Infrastructure Team (with project management expertise from the Council's Property Services team) with the Paisley Museum Project being delivered by OneRen.
- 1.2. The Cultural Infrastructure Programme investment in Paisley town centre will use our internationally significant cultural and heritage story to transform our future for visitors and events within Scotland. This programme of work will bring new footfall and life to the town centre, new homes for top class cultural events, whilst preserving the heritage of the town.
- 1.3. As noted previously, the Cultural Infrastructure Programme has experienced significant impact from recent global events including the pandemic and war in Ukraine which has resulted in an economic challenge, particularly noticed in the construction industry. Completion of these projects are central to the recovery and inclusive growth of the Renfrewshire economy and Paisley Town Centre. As a result of these global issues, all projects have been re-baselined and plan to deliver as per the latest update included in this paper.
- 1.4. The Cultural Infrastructure Programme has seen a successful 2023 with the opening of both Paisley Town Hall, and Paisley Learning & Cultural Hub. Paisley Town Hall has successfully hosted several events since opening, including the Royal National Mòd. The programme of work continues into 2024 where the Paisley Arts Centre will be the next venue completed, ahead of the flagship Paisley Museum. This report also outlines other works included in the wider spectrum of the programme including external sports and public realm and the successful TH.CARS2 regeneration scheme.

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## **2. Recommendations**

2.1. The Economy & Regeneration Policy Board is asked to:

- i) Note the progress and current stage of construction of the projects outlined in this paper.
- ii) Note the areas being considered in relation to the operating model of Paisley Museum as outlined in section 7.9 – 7.14

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## **3. Project Updates**

3.1. Whilst each of the Cultural Infrastructure projects individually contribute to economic growth in Renfrewshire, it is important to note that the combined social and economic outcomes from across these investments are greater than the sum of the individual parts. Coupled with the Councils wider economic investments in City Deal, AMIDS, housing, and other regeneration projects, these social and economic outcomes for our local residents and visitors is enhanced further.

## **4. Paisley Town Hall Redevelopment**

4.1. Paisley Town Hall has been transformed into one of the top class entertainment venues in Scotland. The completion of the major refurbishment has brought this venue high onto the cultural map with the benefits already being realised.

4.2. Paisley Town Hall main works construction contract successfully completed on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The building has now been operating since September 2023 with several events having taken place. The programme of events so far included the successful Royal National Mòd, hosted in October 2023 which was a great success for Renfrewshire and the local community followed by a series of high profile sell out events. OneRen, as the venue operator continue to plan the programme of events for the coming year and beyond with marketing of the venue continuing to increase.

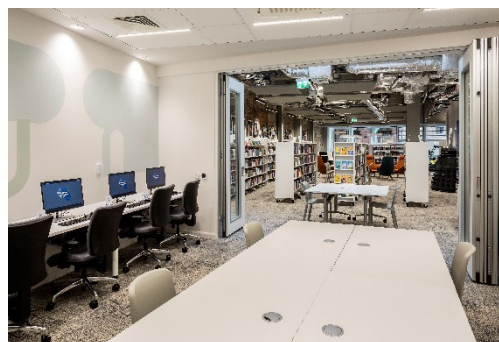
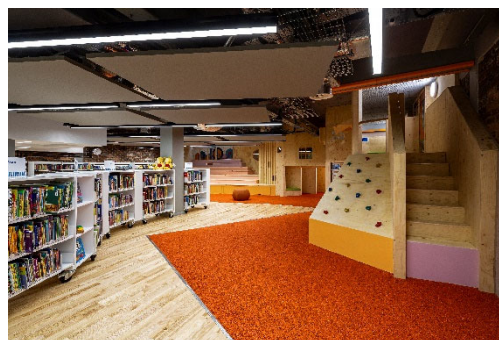
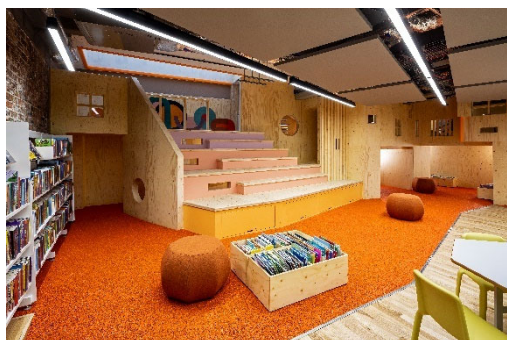
4.3. Due to the scale of construction in Paisley Town Hall, a period of snagging and defect management has been ongoing and is drawing to a close with no significant issues. This difficult process has been compounded by the historic nature of the building and the constraints on very specific material requirements and methods of construction.

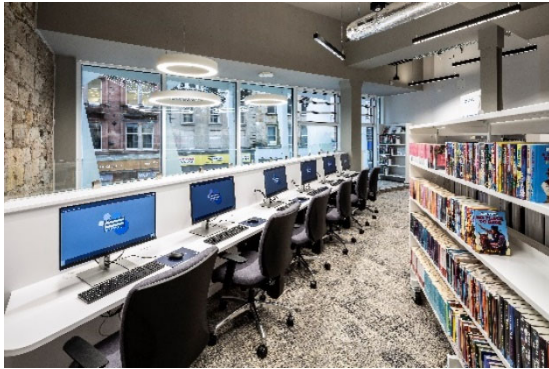
4.4. A review is currently underway of the lifecycle and maintenance requirements for the Town Hall which will in time be widened to include the Paisley Arts Centre and the Museum as it is imperative that the ambitious investment in these venues is safeguarded in the coming years. When concluded this will be the subject of a future report.



## 5. Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub

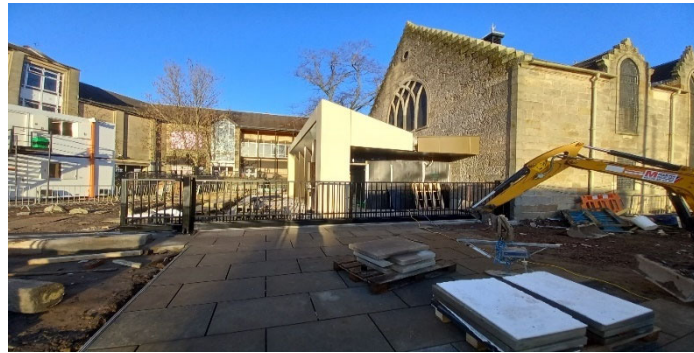
- 5.1. Paisley Learning and Cultural Hub is a 21st century community hub and a modern home for library services at the heart of Paisley High Street, bringing new footfall into the town centre. Construction and fit out of this building have recently completed, making it the latest milestone to be achieved in the cultural investment programme. The venue opened its doors to the public in November 2023 following the construction, fit out, and relocation of the temporary Paisley Central Library which was based within the boundaries of the Lagoon Leisure Centre.
- 5.2. Having taken over a previously vacant and derelict building on Paisley's High Street, the new home of library services has seen a flurry of interest with one of the most positive public reactions from both social media and direct public contact. This building is offering the public a new destination and reason to visit the town centre, attracting new and increased footfall which will have a direct benefit to all local businesses.
- 5.3. The inclusion of a large bespoke children's play structure has brought a first of its kind initiative to a library in Scotland where play will be directly linked to education through literacy and digital mechanisms. A substantial digital fit out has taken place with the building being fully connected to free Wi-Fi, a number of publicly accessible PCs, printers, and a host of audio visual and sensory systems to cater to all and make the Central Library one of the best in the country. A number of visits have taken place by neighbouring local authorities with each of them expressing an ambition to be able to build a library of the standard that Renfrewshire has achieved. This feedback has further bolstered the position that Renfrewshire is at the forefront of library service provision with this new facility.





## **6. Paisley Arts Centre**

- 6.1. Paisley Arts Centre is being extended and upgraded into a unique and intimate performance venue and creative hub, driving new life and footfall into the heart of the town centre. This refurbishment project includes a complete replacement of the building's mechanical, electrical and plant equipment, a full refurbishment throughout, new retractable seating, accessibility improvements and a new, modern, extension to improve the number of covers in the bar. These improvements are further supplemented by the creation of a new external public realm space to provide additional event capacity.
- 6.2. The contractor aims to deliver this building in early 2024 following a number of challenges due to the historic nature of the building and the confined working space. Risk does remain to the timeline, however expectations are that construction will complete in the first quarter of 2024, followed by an extensive fit out phase before formal opening.
- 6.3. The building is moving to the finishing stage of construction with internal finishing now taking place. Final structural elements are being finalised and the majority of work is transitioning to decoration and final fix activities. The implementation of a tension wire grid system has been a significant milestone for construction. This structure is fully supported at ceiling height of the auditorium and provides safe access for technicians to support audio-visual equipment for performances.
- 6.4. Alongside the construction on site work has also commenced for the fit out of the building with all audio-visual equipment procured. A sequencing and procurement process is now underway to support the fit out including furniture, catering, ICT and all building provisions. Alongside this exercise, OneRen are beginning the planning of operational activities including procedures, licencing, insurance, and resourcing. OneRen are also considering the events programme for the venue with more detail being confirmed in early 2024.



## **7. Paisley Museum Reimagined**

7.1 Paisley Museum Reimagined will be a world-class destination telling the inspirational stories of Paisley's people and pattern and showcasing its internationally significant collections. This project includes repairing and renovating all buildings on the museum campus delivering a 20% increase in the overall usable area. The construction also includes a new extension housing a visitor reception and café, the installation of new mechanical, electrical and plant systems, as well as the introduction of a public courtyard. Importantly, this work enables an increase in the interpretation of the collections and number of objects on display, with a strong focus on digital interpretation.

### **Construction Work**

7.2 Construction is expected to complete next Autumn and discussions are ongoing to secure earlier beneficial access for exhibition fitout and object install programmes to mitigate the extended completion date. Construction has been hampered by historic maintenance issues and therefore more extensive work than was previously anticipated has been necessary.

7.3 Despite pressures to the overall programme there is significant progress on site:

- Approximately 90% of work on the roofs are now complete and new rooflights installed.
- The installation of the red glass panes at the new entrance is now complete as well as the west extension aluminium façade.
- The new West extension goods lift installation has commenced and the East lift steelwork has been installed.
- Plaster preparation and repairs are complete on level 3 and high level decoration has now commenced in Galleries 2-5. Internal repairs preparatory work is progressing elsewhere in the main building.
- External landscaping work has commenced at the top of the site in front of the Observatory, Oakshaw buildings, Transit House and rear of Gallery 1.

### **Exhibition Fitout**

7.4 Fabrication of all display cladding panels and standard/bespoke skirtings is complete and in offsite storage awaiting install.

### **Digital Interactives**

7.5 All digital software contracts are awarded and production is well underway. A stop-motion animation film produced in collaboration with Kairos Women+ Group has been nominated for a Smiley Charity Film Award.

7.6 Approval was given to award the AV/Hardware contract at the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board 26 November 2023. Appointment is to be confirmed on 19 December after standstill period.



## **Collections and Conservation Work**

- 7.7 Archival material not selected for redisplay in the Museum has been removed from the Heritage Centre's temporary location at the Abbey Mill, frozen and returned to the Secret Collection for storage.
- 7.8 New photography of all works is currently underway with 90% of objects photographed and approximately 8000 images of project work including construction captured to date.

## **Looking forward**

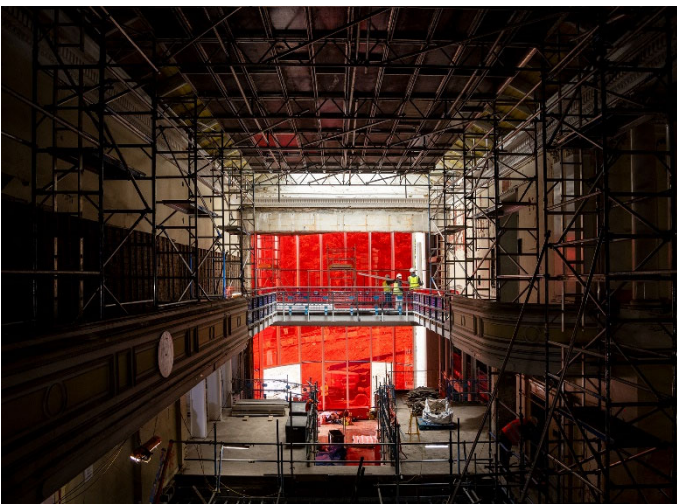
- 7.9 Paisley Museum Reimagined is the central project of the Council's cultural regeneration strategy. It will be the fourth project to be concluded following the completion of Paisley Town Hall, Paisley Central Library and Paisley Arts Centre. As with Renfrewshire's City Deal and Levelling Up Fund investments, collectively these projects are part of a long-term commitment to define a new, thriving future for Renfrewshire.
- 7.10 The scale of investment has enabled the Council to attract additional funding to protect significant historic assets, including Scotland's first public observatory.

The project has addressed historic maintenance issues, brought the buildings up to code, created a fully accessible building alongside greater access to and understanding of our internationally significant collections. The world-class refurbishment of Paisley Museum provides for a significantly larger public campus with galleries, observatory, heritage centre, public gardens, events, learning suites and more, for community use and to attract visitors to the region. Designed as a social hub at the heart of our local communities for everyone to learn, discover, create and connect, Paisley Museum is also of national importance to Scotland's tourism and heritage sectors.

- 7.11 The design and construction of the site is increasing the indoor footprint by 20%, indoor public access areas by 27% and overall indoor and outdoor spaces by 138%. The business case for Paisley Museum Reimagined envisaged the museum core opening hours being increased from 28 to 49 hours per week to allow for a year-round, seven-day week public opening to accommodate greater visitor numbers estimated at 128,000 per annum alongside a 73% increase in formal educational visits. The provision of a more accessible, interactive visitor experience is also supported by a 1240% increase in digital provision. Paisley Museum Reimagined is not simply a refurbishment of an existing venue, but a transformational design of an entirely new visitor experience and Renfrewshire-wide museum service.
- 7.12 Consequently, the associated revenue budget will require to be uplifted to reflect the additional operating costs of the expanded public space as well as how the ongoing community co-production of displays and public programme will be managed and cared for. These are required to meet grant conditions that are part of the overall funding package for the project.

Utility and property costs are predicted to be one of the more substantial expenditures, recognising the challenges of today's economic climate. At the same time, income assumptions have been refined by learning from other museum services' commercial and fundraising activity, especially in the wake of the pandemic.

- 7.13 Whilst additional costs will need to be carefully managed as part of the Council's financial sustainability, the overall investment is about realising the longer-term economic benefits in unlocking Renfrewshire's cultural capital. Recent research by Museums Galleries Scotland shows visitors to Scotland's museums and galleries have a notable impact on, and make a clear contribution to, the economy. The vast majority of spend by visitors (92%) takes place off-site, showing the scale of contribution of museums to the wider economy.
- 7.14 Nevertheless, mitigations are being considered based on research within the museums and tourism sectors. These include moving away from the proposed seven-day week operation to a six-day or combined seasonal model to help reduce costs, with the potential to retain access on weekdays for organised educational visits. Further refinement will be considered in Year 2 as the regularity of visits and numbers of visitors becomes clearer and can be reviewed. Staff costs to safely run the expanded campus at Paisley Museum Reimagined will by necessity be an increase from the previous museum offer in Paisley. However, specialist staffing will be designated flexibly for Renfrewshire Museums Service, rather than solely Paisley Museum, thereby ensuring that the project's development will benefit the region as a whole.

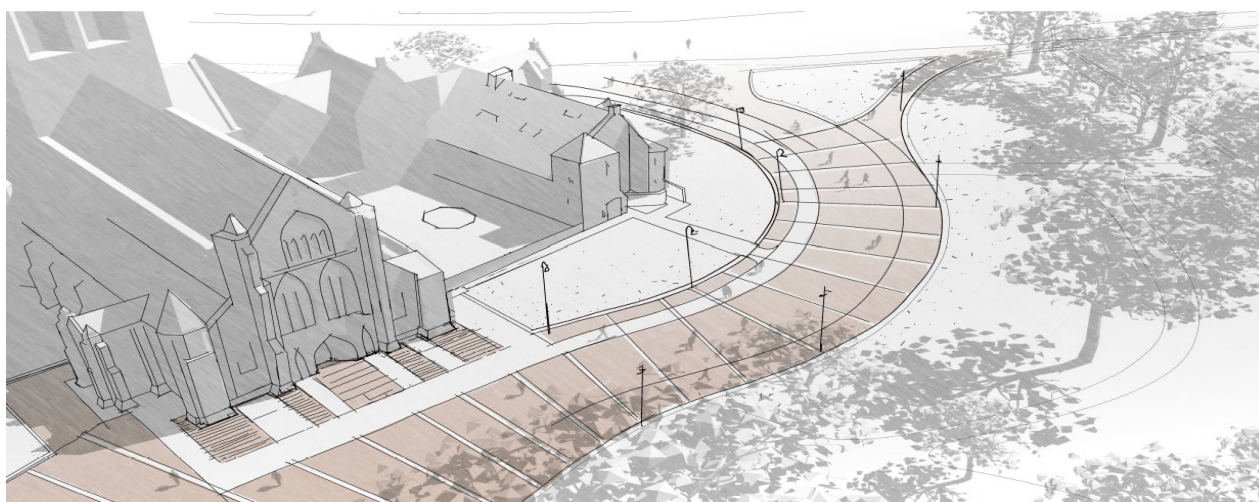
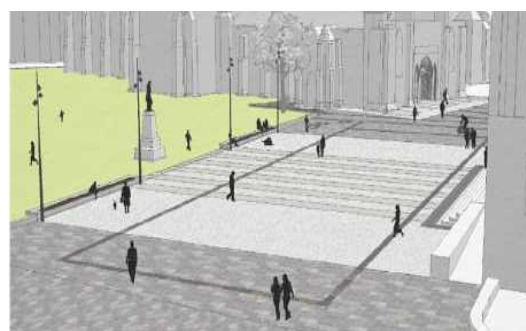


## 8. Abbey Quarter

- 8.1. Abbey Quarter is a high-quality public realm project to support the investment in the Town Hall facilities and provide an accessible outdoor events space for our Town Centre. The project extends over the area in front of, and to the side of the Town Hall. An important component of this project will be to remove stepped levels of paving and small boundary walls to green space to fully open up the area and make it more accessible encourage wider use.
- 8.2. Historic records and recent trial excavations indicates that there could be a risk of finding human remains in carrying out the public realm works at the identified locations. To allow these works to proceed, the Council submitted a Disinterment Application to Paisley Sheriff Court. This has now been granted with approval to proceed with the works, and in the unlikely event any human remains are discovered, these will be treated with care and compassion in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice on Exhumations and reinterred into Hawkhead Cemetery.
- 8.3. Design of the area in front of the Town Hall extending into the green area at the White Cart river is finalising, to be ready for planning.

Within this area, consideration has been given to Paisley Abbey which is captured in this area of design. The overall design is being driven by the successful public consultation event held in 2021 which confirmed the support for the plans.

- 8.4. The project team are planning the next phase of the project which will include submitting planning application, and mapping out the sequence of construction to ensure that local access can be maintained at all times to Paisley Town Hall and Paisley Abbey. It is expected that this will allow the team to proceed with a tender exercise to secure a contractor in summer 2024. Due to the external nature of the works, it is likely that it will be beneficial to target a spring 2025 construction commencement period to avoid elongated delays due to weather disruption.



## 9. Townscape Heritage and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme 2 (TH.CARS2)

- 9.1. Paisley TH.CARS2 is nearing completion with grant support for external repairs awarded to ten large building repair projects in Paisley Town Centre with nine projects completed.
- 9.2. Works to the final project, 32 High St (Liberal Club), are currently on site. However, the project has been delayed largely due to significant additional rot works discovered on site.

TH.CAR2 grant funded external works are expected to complete by January 2024 which will allow the completion of the TH.CARS2 scheme.

However the current works on site are not anticipated to complete until May 2024 due to additional rot works required and additional structural works to complete the window installation.

- 9.3. An extension to the TH.CARS2 completion date until March 2024 has been discussed with the funders to allow completion of the Liberal Club and submission of final reports and evaluation. A formal request has been submitted which is being considered.
- 9.4. The TH.CARS2 programme has delivered Building Repair projects, Shopfront improvements and a Small Grant programme to historic properties in Paisley Town Centre. The project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Renfrewshire Council, with combined project funding of over £4.1 million, and additional contributions from owners. The project is also delivering public realm improvements and a successful programme of heritage related activities and events has now completed.
- 9.5. A significant difference has been made to the condition and appearance of a number of prominent properties in Paisley Town Centre including: 2/3 County Place opposite Paisley Gilmour St, now restored and converted to flats, 20 New St (Vienna's night club), 41 High St (Right Way Credit Union offices), Sma Shot Cottages, 9 Gilmour St (Walker Laird's offices), 28 High St, 18 Georges Gate, 10 Shuttle St and 5 George Place, (Paisley Trophy Centre) which was recently used as a set location for a BBC Agatha Christie production.
- 9.6. Shopfront Improvements grants have supported ten projects in the High Street. These include: 30 High St (White Cart Company and Sinclair Jewellers), 36 High St, (Shelter), 61 High St (Print and Copy it), 41 High St (Right Way Credit Union), 44 High St (Uptown Barbers), 63A High Street (Nomads), 18 High Street, (Right and Left) and 67 High St (Houston's Kilts). The TH.CARS2 project has also supported a Small Grants programme mainly for traditional window repair projects in the Town Centre.
- 9.7. Public realm works have also been funded through the project with works completed at George Place. Public Realm works to pavements in the High Street area opposite the Museums are also now complete. This has been a complex project with private basements below the High Street pavements and additional structural repairs required. However, the works have made a significant difference to the quality of the public realm in this area and support the improvements to the Museum. Works to resurface Weighhouse Close where it meets the High Street have also completed.
- 9.8. TH.CARS2's community engagement programme of Heritage Education, Training and events has also now concluded. Comprising 42 projects, it has seen delivery of 630 workshops and over 115 separate events. Over 2,500 participants, trainees and volunteers have been engaged and estimated audiences of over 50,000 reached.

More than 100 partners have been involved locally and nationally, and over 150 job opportunities have been created for consultants and freelancers.

## **10. St James' Playing Fields & Ferguslie Sports Centre**

10.1. These projects will work towards delivering Renfrewshire's vision to 'make sport a way of life'. In 2018, Council approved the upgrading of changing facilities at Ferguslie Sports Centre and for the demolition and replacement of the existing pavilion at St James Playing Fields. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, a decision was made to put these projects on hold until such time that it was appropriate to proceed.

### **Ferguslie Sports Centre**

10.2. In July 2022, approval was given to resume the planning of the Ferguslie Sports Centre upgrades. This work will completely refurbish all existing changing facilities to the sports centre, bringing a greater experience to the already well utilised facility. The work will also ensure that the building is future proofed by fixing all issues with the roof to ensure no leaks, which has been an ongoing issue. The building will also receive upgraded boilers as part of this process making it more efficient and of better quality to customers and staff.

10.3. Following a successful tender period, a contractor was appointed in late summer 2023 and has now commenced on site. The site remains operational for bookings and completion is expected by late spring 2024.

### **St James' Playing Fields**

10.4. St James' Playing Fields project will reconstruct the previously demolished pavilions into modern and attractive changing facilities hosting 8 changing rooms and appropriate staff accommodation. This will support 4 football pitches that will be brought back into use to allow this nostalgic and widely known sporting ground to become a football destination as it has been in years gone by.

10.5. An update was provided at the January 2023 Economy & Regeneration Policy Board to note that it was not viable to proceed with the single bid that was previously received to construct the new pavilions at St James' Playing Fields due to being significantly over budget.

10.6. A value engineering exercise was carried out on the design and procurement options and the project retendered in May 2023. Unfortunately, tenders have again been received over the allocated budget.

10.7. At the Council meeting on 14 December 2023 members voted to make available a further £600k to enable this project to proceed as planned. A report will be taken to FRCS in February for approval to appoint a Contractor. Works are expected thereafter to commence at Easter 2024.

10.8. Following engagement with the Paisley North Community Council, and local elected members, further regeneration and community engagement activities are being considered for this area. Discussion is ongoing regarding the feasibility of implementing an outdoor community gym and community growing garden/allotment space.

These initiatives are not part of this project and will be discussed with the relevant officers from Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure.



Existing Pavillion Building



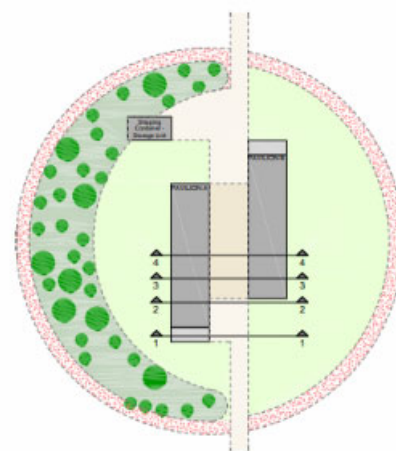
Existing Equipment Storage Building

4 grass pitches, arranged around axis

Clear axis through development

Pavilions and landscaping

Car Parking



**Images of previous pavilion now demolished vs layout and vision of new design.**

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## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – There are a number of significant risks associated with capital investment on the scale outlined in the report, many of which have been previously advised to members. Construction and refurbishment works in historic buildings are intrinsically subject to a higher degree of cost volatility due to the nature of the works and the fact that the complexity and detail of the works required are in many instances not fully known until the works are in progress and the building condition is fully understood. The existing capital budgets for those works in progress – Paisley Town Hall, Paisley Museum and Paisley Arts Centre – are under considerable pressure due to these issues and also due to the extended timescales of the works which were severely affected by the pandemic closedown and subsequent modified working practice period. Council agreed in June 2023 to pause elements of the wider cultural venues and town centre infrastructure programme in order to release funding towards those projects whose budgets are under pressure; and as these projects conclude and final costs are clarified, further updates to Board will be provided. It should be noted however that even with the above Council decision there remains a significant degree of risk and potential cost which could place further pressure on total capital resource.

There has been ongoing discussion and updating of the business cases for each of the cultural venue with colleagues in OneRen, including critically the updating of base assumptions in terms of operating costs and potential income generation. While core assumptions and the projected revenue operating position of Paisley Town Hall and the Arts Centre currently remain broadly consistent with original projections, they continue to be refined as the venues become operational. The updating of assumptions is indicating that there is likely to be revenue funding pressures associated with Paisley Museum which are above original business case assumptions. These predominantly relate to a revised catering offer and emerging clarity on potential income from touring exhibitions; as well as updated projections of utilities, maintenance and soft FM costs. The Council will continue to discuss with OneRen options to mitigate these additional costs, however it would also be prudent for the Council to build these updated cost projections into future revenue plans.

2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
  - *Our Renfrewshire is thriving* – These projects will link our communities and facilitate a significant increase in footfall to Paisley and surrounding areas. The infrastructure will enable Renfrewshire to host world class performances and attract new footfall from far beyond the local area.
  - *Our Renfrewshire is well* - The outputs of these projects will enable safe and inspiring locations for all.



From arts and performances to learning and educational space, Renfrewshire will offer anyone the ability to engage and take interest in either a new subject matter or an existing passion that is now much more accessible. Driving world class performances to the area and having 21<sup>st</sup> century work and education spaces will support people from Renfrewshire to engage in beneficial activities that will in turn support education and interest.

- *Reshaping our place, our economy and our future* – These infrastructure projects allow access to new and existing jobs for people in our communities. Significant increase in footfall will benefit local businesses who can grow as a result and in turn support their ongoing viability in the area. An increase in arts and performances will allow a platform for Paisley becoming a cultural hub in Scotland which can be used to drive new educational agendas with greater access to this subject matter.
- *Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all* – A specific focus has been applied to the redevelopment and construction of these projects to ensure accessibility is a key feature. A significant amount of thought has gone into making historic, and predominantly inaccessible buildings, available for anyone to enjoy and utilise. There are no barriers to utilising any of these buildings, and One Ren will continue to deliver an events programme that caters for everyone including those in more deprived areas.
- *Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy* – With these buildings being in the heart of Paisley Town centre, it means they are accessible sustainably due to the well-connected nature of the town centre. Limited town centre parking will force the use of public transport which will work towards the net zero ambitions of the Council. Recently completed infrastructure through AMIDS, including the shared cycle and walkway, also enhances the connectivity, and in future years with the opening of the Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside bridge, Paisley will become a vastly accessible route by sustainable travel.
- *Working together to improve outcomes* - Officers and contractors continue to work closely with local businesses and a business engagement programme will commence shortly to bring this to focus. Throughout the development of these projects, several organisations were engaged to design the outputs including accessibility groups, the Scottish Government, Historic Environment Scotland, multiple private sector organisations and the local community.

4. **Legal** – None.

5. **Property/Assets** – Note the improvements being delivered to current assets.

6. **Information Technology** – None.

7. **Equality & Human Rights -**

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights.

No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety – None.**

9. **Procurement –** all contracts are tendered in accordance with Council procurement procedures and where relevant taken to FRCS Board for approval.

10. **Risk –** Project specific and Programme level risk registers have been established for all projects. These are kept under regular review and reported to the Council's internal City Deal and Infrastructure Programme Board.

11. **Privacy Impact – None.**

12. **COSLA Policy Position – Not applicable.**

13. **Climate Risk –** these projects will significantly improve all mechanical, electrical and plant systems within existing and new buildings affected. This, coupled with improved efficiency in windows and doors will drive down the requirement for heating, in turn lowering the carbon footprint from key council buildings.

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**List of Background Papers**

None.

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**To: Economy and Regeneration Policy Board**

**On: 23 January 2024**

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**Report by: Chief Executive**

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**Heading: Steeple Buildings Kilbarchan - Update**

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## **1. Summary**

1.1 This report provides an update on the amendment to Council Motion 9 of 4 May 2023 which restated Renfrewshire Council's *"commitment to the refurbishment of the Steeple Hall with the allocation of the £700,000, as agreed at the 2021/22 Council Budget and instructs officers to bring forward an investment proposal with timescales for consideration at the next appropriate board."* In support of that process, Council agreed to:

- Consult with OneRen, the National Trust for Scotland, Kilbarchan Community Council, Kilbarchan General Society and the wider community in Kilbarchan on the future use of the Steeple Buildings (specifically an outreach museum linked to Paisley Museum which would complement Kilbarchan Weaver's Cottage);
- As part of that consultation, examine the viability of a "Kilbarchan Cultural Quarter";
- Work towards a prospective bid to Historic Environment Scotland's Historic Environment Grants Programme at the end of the consultation period;
- Develop a concept for the Steeple Buildings that reinforces Renfrewshire Council's Tourism Action Plan.

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## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Board:

- (i) Approve an initial repair programme for the Steeple Buildings at an estimated cost of **£310,000+VAT**.

This will deal with all immediate and urgent external repairs, plus some additional high-level repairs, and reinstate the electricity and water supplies internally.

- (ii) Authorise the Head of Economy and Development to continue stakeholder engagement and commission an options appraisal for the Steeple Buildings with the aim of bringing forward a viable, preferred long-term use for consideration at the next appropriate board.

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### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Prominently situated within Kilbarchan's Conservation Area, the Category A-listed Steeple Buildings date from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and are jointly owned by Renfrewshire Council and local charity the Kilbarchan General Society (who own a room on the first floor of the main halls building).
- 3.2 Though joint owners, Kilbarchan General Society are not a key holder for the building, nor are they responsible for any share of repair costs.
- 3.3 The property has additional symbolic significance to the village as a focus for its annual Liliias Day celebrations during which the statue of Habbie Simpson "comes to life" to lead a parade through Kilbarchan with his bagpipes.
- 3.4 The property is currently managed by OneRen as a community hall on behalf of Renfrewshire Council. Pre-pandemic the property was being used by the community for around 7 hours per week. Post-pandemic, the property has not reopened. Several other community spaces are available for hire in Kilbarchan, including: the Old Library Centre; Kilbarchan Parish Church Hall; Kilbarchan Guide Hall; Kilbarchan Scout Hall; Kilbarchan Bowling Club; and Kilbarchan Performing Arts Centre.
- 3.5 Repairs have typically been undertaken as issues have arisen. In December 2022, a flood caused significant water damage internally.

### **4. Stakeholder Engagement**

- 4.1 Throughout 2023, officers from the Regeneration & Place and Facilities & Property Services teams - as well as OneRen - have met regularly with Kilbarchan Community Council to understand their concerns and ambitions for the Steeple Buildings, and to keep them updated on actions resulting from the amendment to the May 2023 Council motion.
- 4.2 Meetings have also taken place, and dialogue is ongoing, with Kilbarchan General Society and the National Trust for Scotland.
- 4.3 An online questionnaire inviting local groups and individuals to share their previous experiences of the Steeple Buildings, and their hopes for its future, was distributed in October 2023 (please see **Appendix A**). From this, a wider database of stakeholders has been generated, which has been further augmented with the help of Kilbarchan Community Council.

4.4 Kilbarchan Community Council has asked officers to help facilitate the creation of a “Friends of the Steeple” working group. This would be a separate entity from the community council, likely with an ability to fundraise, and potentially taking an active interest in Kilbarchan’s wider heritage. Engage Renfrewshire has agreed to offer input on possible models and governance options for this group.

## **5. Condition Survey**

5.1 In September 2023, conservation specialists John Gilbert Architects (JGA) were appointed to carry out a non-intrusive external and internal condition survey of the Steeple Buildings, using a drone and cherry picker. Collaborating with a mechanical engineer, stone specialist, and quantity surveyor, JGA returned an illustrated report which itemised repairs as “immediate”, “urgent”, “necessary” and “desirable”. Estimates for the cost of each repair were also provided, as well as a summary of indicative project costs. JGA’s costings assumed the building’s return to its pre-pandemic use.

5.2 Using JGA’s report as a reference, and allocating additional estimated costs for surveys, site investigations, fees and inflation, costs for 7 alternative, initial repair programmes were generated: from Option A “immediate repairs only”, at an estimated cost of £238,000, to Option F “all repairs, including more expensive refurbishment options”, at an estimated cost of £1,088,000.

5.3 This Board are being asked to approve Option C2, at an estimated cost of £308,000, as the initial repair programme. This focuses on roof repairs and deals with all immediate and urgent repairs which JGA advised should be undertaken within 18 months of their survey being carried out. With scaffolding erected for roof repairs, this programme also includes less urgent repairs to windows above first floor level, and repairs to the steeple’s weathervane and clockfaces. It reinstates the electricity supply, which will enable both the clock and the heating to be switched back on, which in turn enables the water supply to be turned back on.

## **6. Options Appraisal**

6.1 Following on from the condition survey and online community consultation, Renfrewshire Council is seeking to appoint an external consultant to carry out a detailed Options Appraisal for the Steeple Buildings in early 2024. This involves further stakeholder engagement and will:

- (i) Consider appropriate uses for the building in the context of the proposed “Kilbarchan Cultural Quarter”;
- (ii) Consider a range of options for future use of the building, including community museum;
- (iii) Assess the viability of options and explore the business case, and associated costs, for the most viable options;
- (iv) Recommend a preferred option to take forward for approval by Renfrewshire Council.

6.2 Initial conversations about potential future funding applications to help refurbish the Steeple Buildings have taken place with National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES):

- (i) Given its location, NLHF have expressed doubts that any proposed use for the building would engage sufficiently with their target communities;
- (ii) HES are open to an application to their Historic Environment Grants programme; however, any application would be subject to Renfrewshire Council being able to demonstrate that a sustainable, long-term use for the building has been identified.

## 7. Next Steps

7.1 Subject to receiving approval from the Board, officers will instruct the initial repair programme.

7.2 Subject to the outcome of the Options Appraisal, the ambition is to return to Council on 28 May 2024 with a recommendation for a preferred use for the Steeple Buildings.

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## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – £700,000 has been allocated by Renfrewshire Council for the refurbishment of the Steeple Buildings. It's likely that additional funds would need to be sourced to fully refurbish the building, with further funds required to refit the building if a change of use was identified as the most viable option.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
  - *Our Renfrewshire is thriving* – The project supports development which will protect and enhance the built heritage of Renfrewshire's village centres, contributing to the creation of thriving places which support individuals, communities, and businesses.
  - *Reshaping our place, our economy and our future* – The project will help support the restoration and productive re-use of a landmark building in the centre of a Renfrewshire village, improving the built environment, helping to create job opportunities and contribute to economic growth.
  - *Building strong, safe, and resilient communities*: The project works in partnership with local groups and organisations to achieve positive outcomes.
4. **Legal** – The Steeple Buildings are jointly owned with local charity, Kilbarchan General Society.
5. **Property/Assets** – The intention is for Property Services to project manage the initial repair programme.

6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.
8. **Health & Safety** – None.
9. **Procurement** – A main contractor will need to be appointed to deliver the initial repair programme.
10. **Risks** – The initial repair programme is just the first step on a longer process which aims to bring the Steeple Buildings back into use.
11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – None.
13. **Climate Risk** – With cognisance of Historic Environment Scotland's 'A Guide to Climate Change Impacts: On Scotland's Historic Environment, Our Place in Time, 2019', the repair and maintenance of Steeple Buildings will contribute to the restoration and repair of Renfrewshire's historic fabric and will improve the performance of this property over time.

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## **Appendix A – Summary of Responses to October 2023 Online Questionnaire**

- The questionnaire received 54 responses – 8 on behalf of local groups, and 46 from individuals
- 65% of respondents had been previous users of the Steeple Buildings – the most common uses had been for: meetings; events; parties; classes; and groups
- 85% of respondents shared their suggestions about potential future uses. Continued community use was the most common theme. Uses which highlighted Kilbarchan’s history and heritage – particularly weaving - were also popular.
- In terms of specific functions, the following were mentioned:
  - wedding venue
  - village museum/outreach museum
  - heritage centre
  - community hub with halls and meeting rooms for hire
  - gallery/exhibition space
  - indoor bowling
  - youth club
  - men’s shed
  - music venue
  - cafe
  - wine bar
  - craft venue/market
  - farmers’ market
  - business hub
  - social enterprise hub
  - residential
- Other comments:
  - highlighted the architectural and symbolic importance of the building to the village
  - highlighted the need for external repair, internal upgrade, and more sustainable heating
  - questioned whether spending money to modernise the building might be better spent elsewhere
  - flagged the poor disabled access
  - highlighted the potential use of the square for associated events
  - suggested the building needed to have a distinctly different function from the other public access halls in the village
  - questioned whether the council was the best custodian of the building
- 80% of respondents asked to be kept informed about how plans for the buildings progress.