

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 20 February 2018	18:30	Renfrew Town Hall, Renfrew Cross, Renfrew, PA4 8LJ

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Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Jim Paterson: Councillor Jane Strang:

Councillor John Shaw (Convener): Councillor Cathy McEwan (Depute Convener):

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Chair

Community Representatives

Community Planning Partners

In Attendance

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

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

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To: RENFREW & GALLOWHILL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

On: 20 FEBRUARY 2018

Report by: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES

**Heading: COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION,
PROGRESS UPDATE**

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides a progress update on activities the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership has carried out in the Renfrew and Gallowhill area in quarter 3 (1 October – 31 December 2017). The statistical information has been provided by the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, including relevant Council Services, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue. The report includes information on:

- Renfrew and Gallowhill community safety statistics;
- Environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
- Protecting vulnerable residents;
- Building safer communities;
- Diversionary activities;
- A spotlight on gender based violence.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of this progress update report.

3. Focus on Renfrew and Gallowhill

- 3.1 The table below details the number of incidents reported in the Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area during Quarter 3, 2017/18 (01 October to 31 December 2017). The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership continues to target resources into identified hotspot areas.

Incidents Reported	Q3 2016/17		Q3 2017/18	
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 1	Ward 2
Serious Violent Crime (all Gp 1 Crime)	4	5	3	3
Minor Assault	21	21	29	29
Drug Crime	33	14	9	11
Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) (number of calls)	197	206	230	173
Vandalism	23	31	26	24

- 3.2 When compared with the corresponding period in 2016/17 there was a similar number of incidents during the same period this year. The increase in incidents in Ward 1 being similar to the decrease in incidents in Ward 2. Analysis of the information indicates that there were not repeat locations albeit a slight concentration noted in the Renfrew town centre area. There was a significant reduction of 73% within Drug Crime in Ward 1 whilst there was also a reduction in Serious Violent Crime, which remains at a very low level with only three incidents recorded.

Renfrewshire Wardens' Antisocial Behaviour Calls

- 3.3 62 antisocial behaviour calls were received by the Renfrewshire Wardens' service for the Renfrew and Gallowhill LAC area during October to December 2017 which is a significant decrease compared to 95 calls in the corresponding period in 2016. 636 patrols took place within the Renfrew and Gallowhill LAC area, many in response to these calls. The antisocial behaviour calls made to the Wardens help the Community Safety Partnership to respond to and direct resources across Renfrewshire.
- 3.4 During October to December 2017, there was a small increase in the number of calls to the Noise Team and although the number of noise complaints increased, they tended to be minor and did not require any enforcement action.

4 Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

Environment and Place - Team Up to Clean Up

- 4.1 The Team Up to Clean Up campaign continues to flourish and engagement with communities and schools has been encouraging. The Council has a growing community group contact list and engagement is developing well. The webpage is live, offering branded downloadable materials and community clean up packs, posters and leaflets to support activity. Community groups can publish their contact details, enabling those who would like to join events, or arrange their own, to obtain support and more information.

- 4.2 A Team Up to Clean Up Facebook page has been launched capturing a significant level of interest with over 200 members joining to date. The page is designed to be a resource for community groups to share good practice, promote events to like-minded individuals and facilitate discussion.

Dog Fouling

- 4.3 A new approach will be adopted for maximum impact in key hotspot areas identified through data analysis and evidence of need. Initially dog fouling will be counted then highlighted using a temporary chalk spray to demonstrate the extent of the issue and encourage local dialogue. This work will be carried out in partnership with the young people from Street Stuff. The spray and dog fouling will be removed within 48 hours by Streetscene. Signage will then be introduced in the street along with temporary street art. Wardens will ensure the area is monitored and will adhere to a zero tolerance approach to dog fouling and litter within the area.

Purple Flag re-accreditation

- 4.4 Paisley has been successful in its application to retain Purple Flag status throughout 2018. This is a boost to local businesses who will benefit from Paisley First promotion of the town and its status throughout the year. A particular focus will be on encouraging more students into the town using their Purple Flag discount card.

5 Protecting Vulnerable Residents

Community Safety Partnership Youth Team

- 5.1 Over the last few months, the Community Safety Partnership Youth Team have been delivering a range of promotional and educational visits to Renfrewshire Schools engaging with pupils with the support of partner agencies. There have been talks on a variety of subjects including Guy Fawkes night, anti bullying and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Firereach

- 5.2 Following an increase in malicious fire raising across the Renfrewshire area a number of young people identified as being at risk of carrying out this type of behaviour have participated in a week long Firereach course. The course hosted by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service worked with the young people to raise awareness of the dangers and impact that this behaviour has on communities.

Festive Safety Campaign

- 5.3 Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership delivered a Festive Safety Campaign during December 2017 and early January 2018 within Paisley town centre with a Safe Bus service being provided by the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership assisted by the Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

I Am Me/Keep Safe

- 5.4 The new I Am Me school tour #MakeaDifference Scotland has been to 28 Primary Schools in Renfrewshire with 5,616 children participating this term. Of these 839 children's surveys have been returned highlighting positive results with the

overwhelming majority of children enjoying the visits, learning more about bullying and feeling more empowered to report bullying to an appropriate adult.

- 5.5 Keep Safe is extending across Scotland, with a further 12 local authorities actively rolling out the initiative. A further 8 local authority areas are currently engaged with I Am Me to prepare for Keep Safe within their area. There are now 334 Keep Safe places across Scotland, including 129 in Renfrewshire.
- 5.6 I Am Me won Disability Charity of the Year at the Charity Champions Awards in November 2017. In addition, the Charity has been shortlisted for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2018 which is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK.

6. Building Safer Communities

Autumn/Winter Events, 2017

- 6.1 During October to December 2017, Environment & Communities and in particular Amenity Services and the Community Safety Partnership (including wardens, CCTV and Street Stuff) have supported various events throughout Renfrewshire, including Winterfest, Paisley Halloween Festival, Paisley Fireworks Spectacular, Bonfire Night, Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday events throughout Renfrewshire, Reclaim the Night March and Christmas Lights Switch On events in Paisley, Johnstone, Renfrew, Elderslie and Linwood.

7. Diversionary Activities

Street Stuff

- 7.1 The Street Stuff programme has been delivering activities across Renfrewshire with recorded attendances in the region of 24,000 this financial year to the end of December 2017. This includes the delivery of additional activities with the provision of a healthy meal during the October school week and festive period with attendances averaging 100 per day – at a similar level to last year. A range of activities were delivered during the holidays including; Football; Table Tennis; Music and dance. Healthy meals were provided including a Christmas dinner with fun activity games, selection boxes and gifts/prizes for young people.
- 7.2 The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Renfrew and Gallowhill LAC area from October to December 2017:

Venue	Attendance
Gallowhill	216
Kirklandneuk	58
Knockhill Park	190
Arkleston	179
St James PS	248
Total	891

- 7.3 Funding from this LAC in 2017/18 has allowed Street Stuff to deliver extra sessions in local areas. In total, Street Stuff has provided 8 sessions over 5 days per week in the autumn months in the Renfrew and Gallowhill LAC area. The Street Stuff buses are also out during the 6 evenings and are moved depending on need and the requirements of the young people.

(Details of Street Stuff activities and the up to date timetable are available on the council's website using the following link
<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2381/Street-Stuff>.)

- 7.4 Street Stuff won the Community Champion award at Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce ROCCO Business Awards 2017. They also won the Community Engagement category at the Scottish Public Sector Awards in December 2017. These latest awards complete a hat trick of awards and a very successful and well deserved year of recognition for the programme.

8. Public Protection Spotlight – Gender Based Violence

- 8.1 The term 'gender based violence' was first defined by the United Nations in 1993. This international agreed definition is still used today and helped to create the Scottish Government's definition:
- Gender-based violence is a function of gender inequality, and an abuse of male power and privilege. It takes the form of actions that result in physical, sexual and psychological harm or suffering to women and children, or affront to their human dignity, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life.
- 8.2 Violence against women has its roots in gender inequality (Statistically 1 in 4 women and children will experience some form of violence or abuse at some point in their life). However, this does not mean that all acts against a woman are gender based violence, or that all victims of gender based violence are female.
- 8.3 Renfrewshire's Gender Based Violence Strategy Group (GVB) is an inter-agency strategic partnership responsible for developing and implementing Renfrewshire's response to Equally Safe - Scotland's National strategy to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls. The GBV strategy group have recently completed a Self Evaluation exercise and have drafted the Renfrewshire Gender Based Violence Strategy for 2018 – 21, which will be launched later this year
- 8.4 In recent years, domestic violence media campaigns and reporting strategies have been giving victims of violence the confidence to report and providing mechanisms for third parties to also report incidences of violence. This has led to an upwards trend in reporting of domestic violence which corresponds to the national trend.
- 8.5 In Apr-Aug 2017, 933 residents in Renfrewshire were reported victims of domestic violence which is a 6.5% decrease compared with the corresponding period last year,

although this total is similar to the 920 recorded victims in 2015, with domestic abuse remaining a key priority for Community Planning Partners.

- 8.6 Responding to incidents of domestic abuse involves several partner agencies including Police Scotland, Social Work, ASSIST (Advocacy, Support, Safety, Information, Services Together) and the Children's Reporter. Following an incident of domestic abuse to which the police have responded, onward referrals are routinely made to Children's Services in respect of child care concerns and to ASSIST in respect of concerns for the victim's well being. 2730 referrals of domestic abuse with a child in the household were received by Children's Services during 2016/17. Children's Services make inquiries into these referrals and if necessary investigate concerns received. There are a range of specialist services available to support women and children who are subject to gender based violence, including Renfrewshire Women and Children First and Renfrewshire Reconnection (Renfrewshire Council), Renfrewshire Rising, Renfrewshire Women's Aid, ASSIST and Barnardos.
- 8.7 MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) meetings are held on a 4 weekly basis to protect victims at the highest risk of harm. Since MARAC was established within Renfrewshire in November 2015 there have been 232 victims discussed and safety plans have been put in place to prevent further harm to them and their family.
- 8.8 The 16 Days of Action is an international annual awareness-raising campaign aimed at raising awareness and applying protective action to end violence against women and girls around the world. In 2017 the campaign ran from 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10th December, Human Rights Day. The campaign encouraged people to take action and use their influence to help raise the status of women to a level where violence against them is no longer tolerated.
- 8.9 Renfrewshire Council worked with local and national community and volunteer groups to create a variety of events for our version of 16 Days of Action. The theme in Renfrewshire this year was 'March to the Beat of Your Own Drum' which sees women and supporting agencies join forces to educate and inform the public about gender-based violence. A key symbol associated with the campaign is a white ribbon. On 28th November, The Reclaim the Night March, was coordinated by Renfrewshire Rising, to raise awareness and call for the end of violence against women. The sale of white ribbons resulted in a donation of £117 being made to Renfrewshire Rising.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
3. **Community Planning** –

Our Renfrewshire is fair - The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership treats all enquiries and complaints consistently using relevant legislation and guidance to ensure everyone that lives, works and visits Renfrewshire is treated fairly.

Our Renfrewshire is safe - The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership contributes towards Renfrewshire being a safe and secure place for those living, working or visiting the area, using intelligence led joint tasking arrangements.

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. 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** – None
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** – None
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None

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To: Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee

On: 20th February 2018

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Review of community level governance arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 In 2017, a review of Local Area Committee arrangements was carried out. The aim of the review was to assess the Local Area Committees as a model of community level governance, and make recommendations for future models.
- 1.2 A number of proposals for a future model of community level governance have been developed, which are detailed in the consultation paper attached at Appendix A.
- 1.3 In December, Council agreed that a consultation could start on the proposals. The consultation is now open and will be live until 15th April 2018.
- 1.4 Following consultation, detailed proposals for a new model will be brought back to Council for approval. It should be noted that as formal committees of the Council, Council will be asked to make any relevant amendments to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation.
- 1.5 Any new model developed would then be implemented over 2018/19 following relevant Council approvals. In the meantime, a number of

process improvements will be implemented to improve the efficiency of the Local Area Committee grants process for 2018/19.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 Members are asked to:

- Note the proposals which have been developed
 - Note the consultation period on these proposals is open until 15th April 2018
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3. **Background**

3.1 In 2016, Council agreed changes to the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership, and as part of this work it was agreed that a review of the Local Area Committees (LACs) would be carried out.

3.2 The aim of the review is to assess the Local Area Committees as a model of community level governance, and make recommendations for a future model. The review included the form and function of Local Area Committees, along with the Local Area Committee grant funding.

3.3 Process and key activities:

- Benchmarking has been undertaken to assess the range of models across other Scottish local authorities.
- Engagement activities have been undertaken throughout the review, including: presentations at Local Area Committee meetings, a survey, a series of focus groups and individual interviews with organisations. This has included a range of people regularly involved in Local Area Committee meetings, alongside organisations who have been both successful and unsuccessful in gaining grant funding from Local Area Committees, and a number of organisations from the wider third sector who are not currently engaged with LACs.
- A Community Council Local Area Committee sub-group was also set up.
- Analysis of grant funding applications and awards across all five Local Area Committees for the last three years

3.4 In December 2017, a paper was taken to Council outlining the key findings from the Local Area Committee review (and engagement

activities) and Council agreed that consultation could commence on the proposals detailed at Appendix A.

4. Consultation arrangements

- 4.1 The consultation duration is 12 weeks, starting from late January 2017 until the 15th April 2018.
- 4.2 The consultation will focus on engaging the wider community in addition to those who are engaged in the current local area committee system.
- 4.3 The consultation will involve a range of methodologies to seek views from a range of stakeholders. This will include traditional consultation questions which can be answered online or on paper, along with a range of open consultation events in community locations across Renfrewshire and specific consultation sessions facilitated by community led organisations.

5. Local Area Committee grants for 2018/19

- 5.1 Any proposals to amend the Local Area Committee grant processes would not be implemented until 2019/2020.
- 5.2 It was, however, agreed by Council in December 2017 that administrative and process improvements would be explored for the 2018/19 round of grant funding, in order to help the process run more smoothly and efficiently.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** - It is possible that the administration of new arrangements could have financial implications for the Council. These will be developed and presented as part of any changed proposals presented to future Council meeting.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** - There are no HR implications arising from this report. There may be organisational development implications for a future model, as it is possible that there will be training requirements for officers as part of the transition to any new model.
- 3. **Community/Council Planning –**

Community Plan - Our Renfrewshire is well – This priority of the Community Plan explicitly refers to the review of community level governance, and in particular that communities are best place to support themselves and articulate their own needs.

Council Plan - Building strong, safe and resilient communities – A key priority within the Council plan is to ‘Strengthen existing community networks and empowering local people to become more involved in their area and the services delivered there.’

4. **Legal** - Any future change to Local Area Committee arrangements would be likely to have governance implications for the Council. These will be developed and presented as part of any changed proposals presented to future Council meeting.
5. **Property/Assets** - Not applicable
6. **Information Technology** - Not applicable
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The proposals discussed within the paper should improve participation and representation of communities and enable groups to have more voice and influence in the shaping and scrutiny of public services.
8. **Health & Safety** - Any health and safety implications would be considered in the delivery of the consultation, and moving forward in any new arrangements developed.
9. **Procurement** – Not applicable.
10. **Risk** - Not applicable
11. **Privacy Impact** - Not applicable
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable

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Review of Community Level Governance

Consultation Paper

Please send your responses to Community Planning, Renfrewshire Council, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1WB by 15th April 2018

This survey is also available online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/communitylevelgovernance>

If you would like to request the survey in another language or format please telephone 0141 618 4168 or email your request to communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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Summary

We would like peoples' views on the proposals for changing community level governance arrangements (currently, these are known as Local Area Committees). The proposals cover five themes; function, membership, boundaries, meetings and grants. The proposals are summarised below.

Function

- To have new key aims, including; making connections between community groups and the wider community; identifying, setting and sharing goals for the local community; listening to, consulting and representing local communities; and distributing grants to support local activities.
- For the meetings to change from being 'committees' to being partnerships. The new partnerships could be named locally and would become part of the Community Planning Partnership, rather than a formal committee of the council.

Membership

- To extend voting rights to other community representatives, not just elected councillors.
- To have officer representatives at the meetings, from the Council, Police Scotland, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and Engage Renfrewshire.
- To have more local people involved with the partnerships, either directly through events or through being fed back to by a local attendee.

Boundaries

- To move from 5 area meetings based on ward boundaries, to 7 area meetings, based on community council boundaries.

Meetings

- To make meetings more accessible and participative, by having a balance of items on the agenda, improving reports and presentations, ensuring meetings are in good and accessible venues and that they are the right length.

Grants

- To have local grants for smaller local projects and a separate fund for projects that will run across the partnership areas.
- To support areas to use participatory budgeting in allocating grants and start by allocating the Youth Challenge Fund in this way.

Introduction

In 2016, Renfrewshire Council agreed changes to the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership, and as part of this work it was agreed that a review of community level governance would be carried out.

When we talk about Community Level Governance, we mean the formal structures by which local communities engage with the Council and other public services. Currently in Renfrewshire, this is done through a structure of committees called 'Local Area Committees' (or 'LACs') which were established as formal committees of the Council in 2007.

We have reviewed our current system of Local Area Committees to understand how well they work, as well as looking at other models across Scotland. In particular, the review has explored how Local Area Committees might best meet the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, and provide an enhanced role for communities to engage with the wider Community Planning Partnership.

Following what we have learnt from the review, we have developed a series of proposals for a future model of community level governance. This consultation sets out the proposals we have developed, and seeks views on whether (a) people agree with the direction of these proposals and (b) how we should put these proposals into action.

Why we are consulting?

The proposals outlined in the consultation paper have been developed following engagement with a range of stakeholders, but we recognize that in order to develop a model that works, we need to talk to a wider range of people.

Fundamentally, community level governance is about what works for communities. For this reason, it is essential that we work together with communities to design and deliver a model that meets their needs. Our aim is to have a model of community governance that reflects the views and requirements of communities, and in turn, that this encourages people to be more involved.

The consultation will inform the paper which will go to Council and Community Planning Partnership with details of a new model to be agreed. If this model is approved, then it would be implemented in 2018/19 and this would be done in partnership with a range of community led organisations.

As a Council, our Local Area Committee system is a formal committee of the Council. As structures are currently part of our Standing Orders, changes to this system need to be approved by Council. We have also proposed moving our community level governance arrangements into the Community Planning Partnership structure, so if these proposals are taken forward they will also need to be agreed by the Community Planning Partnership.

How we will consult?

We have already done some engagement with people as part of our review of current arrangements. We will build on this engagement in our full consultation.

As is standard, a consultation paper will be produced with information about the proposals, and consultation questions as detailed in this document. It will be possible to respond to this online, via email or using a paper copy.

In addition, a series of consultation events will be held during the consultation period, which will be carried out in community locations across Renfrewshire.

Key stakeholders include elected members, community councils, current Local Area Committee attendees, community organisations with a local interest, community anchor organisations, and organisations supported or funded through the existing Local Area Committee structures.

In addition to those currently engaged in existing arrangements, the consultation will seek views of those who are not currently engaged, such as wider community members and organisations.

The consultation will run for 12 weeks from 22nd January to 15th April 2018, to allow sufficient opportunity to carry out a range of consultation events and for people to respond to consultation questions.

Some terms used

Community Empowerment

Community empowerment is about communities being supported to do things for themselves and people having their voices heard in the planning and delivery of services.

Community Planning Partnership

Community planning is about how public bodies work together and with local communities to design and deliver better services. Partners work together to improve local services, ensuring that they meet the needs of local people, especially for those people who need those services most.

Local Area Committee (LAC)

This is the current local governance arrangement. Local Area Committees are formal committees of the Council. Anyone can attend a LAC, but only elected councillors can vote on decisions, including funding decisions.

Participatory Budgeting

This is when community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget.

Stakeholders

People and organisations affected or involved.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders are the written rules of a Council. Many of these rules are needed by law, but others are decided locally by the full Council.

The proposals

There are nine key proposals that are being consulted on, across five key areas; function, membership, boundaries, meetings and grants.

Function

Currently, the aims of Local Area Committees are to promote active citizenship, to advance community wellbeing by shaping services around residents' needs, to provide local scrutiny of public services and to allocate delegated funds to fund local projects.

Proposal one: Refresh the aims

Initial engagement indicated that current arrangements do not fully meet their current aims, and that many people feel the aims of community level governance are broader than their current function. While grant giving is an important part of the arrangements, we recognise there is significant potential value beyond grant-giving, and that current arrangements might not be fulfilling that potential.

Proposed key aims for new arrangements include:

- Make connections and networks between community groups and the wider community

Community level governance offers an opportunity to bring together elected members, public sector organisations, community councils and other community led organisations across an area. This has a clear purpose in terms of achieving social connections, networks and partnerships across a local area – and this should be a more explicit aim of the new arrangements.

- Identify, set and share local community priorities

Groups should then work with each other, their memberships and wider community to identify and share the priorities for the local area. This should be a focused set of priorities, which can be ambitious for the area but still achievable – rather than a 'wish list' for communities. In response, these priorities should be recognised by the Council and its partners, and should have a material impact on how public services are delivered.

- Listen to, consult and represent local communities

Community level governance should engage local stakeholders and communities around their views, needs and aspirations for a local community – which should be part of a two-way information flow between them and local public services. Public services should work with groups for formal consultation activity, but more broadly should seek local insight through these structures. Likewise, community issues could be raised through this structure.

- Distribute grants to support local activities

Grant assistance should remain an important function, to allow locally controlled allocation of resources to community groups. Further proposals relating to grant funding can be found at section nine.

1a) Do you agree with the proposed aims of new arrangements?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

1b) Do you have any additional comments on the proposed aims?

[Please include your answer here.]

Proposal two: Move from ‘committees’ to partnership

It is proposed that ‘Local Area Committees’ are not continued in their current form and are replaced with ‘Local Partnerships’ in order to reflect changes to function and remit. This emphasizes the core purpose of the groups as working together and partnership, rather than a committee style function. New partnerships would work together to identify an appropriate name that reflects the geographical area covered by their partnership.

Community level governance should be owned by the community, rather than a committee function of the local authority. For this reason, it is proposed that the new partnerships become part of the Community Planning Partnership structure, and no longer function as formal committees of the Council.

2a) Do you agree with the proposed approach?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

2b) Do you have any additional comments on the proposals?

[Please include your answer here.]

Membership

Currently, Local Area Committees are chaired by an elected member within the area, and supported by a lead officer from the Council at Head of Service level. While formal membership of Local Area Committees is reserved to the elected members within the relevant area, Local Area Committees are comprised of a number of constituted community and voluntary sector organisations, and are also attended by other community planning partners such as the Police, and Health and Social Care Partnership. They are open to all constituted community organisations within the relevant local area, and are held as public meetings.

Proposal three: Voting rights extended

Engagement indicated that some groups feel disempowered by the lack of voting rights, while others feel it is proper for decisions to be made by elected members with a clear democratic mandate.

It is proposed that membership of new arrangements is widened to include equal numbers of elected members and community representatives, which would include representatives from relevant Community Councils operating in the area.

It is further proposed that new arrangements should seek to achieve decision making by consensus, but in areas where a decision is required, voting should be extended across the formal membership of the group. It should be noted that where this decision relates to a function of the Council (i.e. the distribution of grant funding) this would be a recommendation which would require formal 'approval' from either a Council board or an officer with sufficient authority.

3a) Do you agree that voting rights should be extended?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

3b) Do you have any additional comments on the proposals to extend voting rights?

[Please include your answer here.]

Proposal four: Other public services play a greater role

Where public services regularly attend Local Area Committees, their role is valued. However the presence and input of public sector partners is varied, and there are opportunities to maximize the role of the Council and its partners and use community level governance arrangements as an opportunity across the partnership to engage, consult and for two way information sharing with communities.

It is proposed that key partners have officer representatives in the new arrangements, and provide an active and open channel of communication between communities and their wider organisation. Based on our engagement, it is proposed that these key organisations are the Council, Police Scotland, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership and the third sector interface, Engage Renfrewshire. Other Community Planning Partners could be called in to participate in meetings where this was relevant.

4a) Do you agree that partners should play a greater role?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

4b) Do you have any additional comments on the proposals on public service involvement?

[Please include your answer here.]

Proposal five: Wider engagement with the community

If community level governance has an increased role in representing the voices and ambitions of communities, then it is increasingly important that governance arrangements are representative of their communities, and able to hear a range of voices from within their networks and the wider community.

It is proposed that formal members of the new arrangements will have a responsibility to engage their wider membership and/or network to inform their participation on the group and also to disseminate information on the groups behalf. Wider meetings should be considered in more of an 'event' style which encourage wider attendance and facilitate local connections and networks to be established. This could be achieved through wider publicity of meetings and activities, and include presence on social media and digital channels.

5a) Do you agree that partnerships should engage more with wider community?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

5b) How do you think wider engagement with communities would be best achieved?

[Please include your answer here.]

5c) Do you have any additional comments on the proposals to widen engagement with the community?

[Please include your answer here.]

Boundaries

There is a current requirement to review Local Area Committee boundaries, following the establishment of an additional ward prior to the 2017 local elections. Since this time a temporary ‘fix’ has been in place to allow LACs to continue to function, but they now have an uneven spread of population and elected member representation and need to be revised.

Proposal six: Move from 5 area based on ward boundaries to 7 based on community council boundaries

We have looked at redefining community level governance boundaries using Community Council boundaries, as opposed to Ward boundaries as these are more representative of physical communities and settlements, and in many cases the ward boundaries run counter to natural communities.

Feedback from engagement indicated that equal populations between areas were the fairest, and whatever boundaries are in place should recognise the distinction between urban and rural issues.

The proposals that have been developed are also based on similarities within areas, rather than differences. For example, areas might have shared physical features, or similar types of regeneration activity planned.

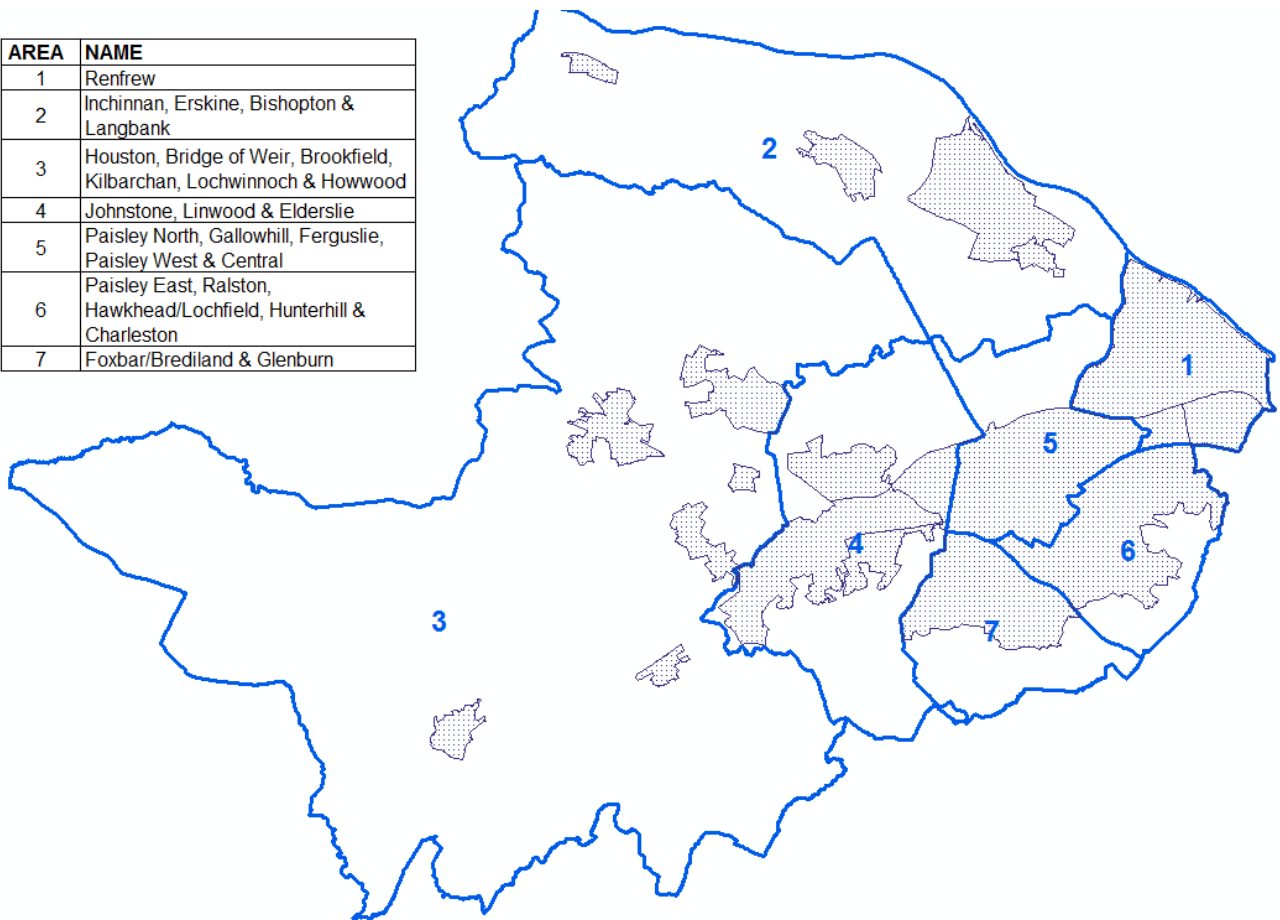
The proposals also expand the number of areas to 7 from 5, recognizing the current Local Area Committee areas are very large and wide ranging in some places. It is recognised that this may represent an increase in resourcing for the areas.

The 7 new areas are proposed to be:

1. Renfrew
2. Inchinnan, Erskine, Bishopton and Langbank
3. Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch and Howwood
4. Johnstone, Linwood and Elderslie
5. Paisley North, Gallowhill, Ferguslie, Paisley West and Central
6. Paisley East, Ralston, Hawkhead/ Lochfield, Hunterhill and Charleston
7. Foxbar/ Brediland and Glenburn

The proposed new boundaries are shown on the map below.

AREA	NAME
1	Renfrew
2	Inchinnan, Erskine, Bishopton & Langbank
3	Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch & Howwood
4	Johnstone, Linwood & Elderslie
5	Paisley North, Gallowhill, Ferguslie, Paisley West & Central
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7	Foxbar/Brediland & Glenburn



A move away from ward boundaries means that elected member representation in the proposed arrangements would be more complex, with some elected members' wards spanning two areas.

We appreciate that boundaries can often be controversial, and welcome comments on the proposals.

6a) Do you agree with the proposed move from ward boundaries to Community Council boundaries?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

6b) Do you agree with the proposed groupings?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

6c) What do you think the advantages of the proposed boundaries are? (Please tell us if you're answering in relation to a specific area)

[Please include your answer here.]

6d) What do you think the disadvantages of the proposed boundaries are? (Please tell us if you're answering in relation to a specific area)

[Please include your answer here.]

Meetings

Business at Local Area Committees is comprised of predominantly officer reports and presentations from the Council and its partners around local performance, service changes and consultation. There is an open session on every agenda where communities can raise local issues. The first two meetings in the cycle (typically May and August) are usually predominantly focused on considering grant applications and awarding LAC funding.

Proposal seven: Meetings should become more accessible and participative

Feedback from early engagement indicated that while many value the professionalism and formality of Local Area Committee meetings, some consider them too formal and intimidating for people who are new or unfamiliar with the Council committee system.

Moving forward, it is proposed that meeting arrangements are adjusted to become more accessible and participative. There are a number of practical measures that have been suggested through early engagement, and as such it is proposed that the following are reviewed:

- balance of items on the agenda

- quantity and quality of formal reports and presentations
- venue choices and room layout
- length of meetings
- the accessibility of meetings for disabled people

7a) Do you agree with the proposals about meetings?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

7b) What else could be done to support more accessible and participative meetings?

[Please include your answer here.]

Grants

Local Area Committees have a delegated budget, totalling £675,510 across the five areas. Any constituted community organisation in the relevant area can apply for a grant from the LAC for local projects and activities. Organisations serving citizens across several LAC areas can apply for funding from multiple LACs where appropriate. LAC funding is comprised of funding from relevant Common Good funds, Youth Challenge funding and General fund, and applications are considered under the appropriate fund.

Proposal eight: Local grants for local projects

It is proposed that grant funding is offered through Local Area Committees, aligned to local priorities and awarded for activities which are unique to that local area. These grants should remain easy for small local community organisations to apply for.

Currently, Local Area Committees allocate a significant level of their funding to applications that cover a number of different Local Area Committee areas. Early engagement indicated that this process can be long-winded and unpredictable for organisations applying, and some LAC members feel that applications are not always relevant to their local area. It is proposed that multi-area applications are moved to a central grants process administered by Council officers.

Engagement also indicated that more structure could be applied to the grants process to improve both the process, and the funding outcomes. It is proposed that a series of improvements are made to the

grant application process to make sure that decisions are well informed and the process runs smoothly and efficiently.

8a) Do you agree that funding should be focused on local projects, in line with the community priorities that have been identified and agreed?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

8b) Do you agree that 'multi-LAC' applications should be administered through a central grant fund?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

8c) Do you have any additional comments relating to the grants proposals?

[Please include your answer here.]

Proposal nine: Participatory budgeting

Participatory budgeting is a way for local people to have a direct say in how, and where, public funds are spent. The approach is recognized internationally and the Scottish Government is asking local councils to allocate more of their funding through participatory budgeting. By 2021, at least 1% of local government budgets in Scotland will need to be spent in this way. This method is being used more and more across Scotland as part of wider approaches to Community Empowerment.

It is proposed that local areas have the choice to deliver their grant funding through participatory budgeting, and that this would be supported by the Council.

It is also proposed that the Youth Challenge Fund should be distributed via Participatory Budgeting, where young people would decide on which projects should be funded for young people. This would

allow young people the opportunity to influence and decide youth activities across the area but would also bring young people closer to civic participation and decision making.

9a) Do you agree that new arrangements should give choice for participatory budgeting?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

9b) Do you agree that young people should decide on the allocation of the Youth Challenge Fund through a participatory budgeting exercise?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

9c) Do you have any additional comments on the use of participatory budgeting as part of community level governance?

[Please include your answer here.]

About you

We'd like to ask you some questions about yourself, so we can see if there are any trends in people's experiences, and to make sure we've reached a range of different people with our survey.

The survey is completely anonymous, and we keep the information in line with the requirements of Data Protection Act.

If you don't feel comfortable answering any of the questions, you can pick 'Prefer not to say'.

Postcode

What is your postcode?

Age

Please tell us your age in years:

Prefer not to say

Gender

Male

Female

Other

Prefer not to say

Transgender

Have you ever identified as being transgender? Yes No

Prefer not to say

Disability

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? Yes No

(A disability is a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities – lasting or expected to last longer than a year.)

Prefer not to say

Ethnicity

Asia, Asian Scottish, Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian Background, please write here:

Black, Black Scottish, Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black Background, please write here:

Mixed

Any other mixed background, please write here:

White

White Scottish

White British

White Irish

White Polish

White Gypsy Traveller

White other

Other

Other ethnic background, please write here:

Prefer not to say

Religion, religious belief or similar philosophical belief

Do you identify with any of the following belief systems?

None

Church of Scotland

Roman Catholic

Other Christian

Buddhist

Hindu

Muslim

Jewish

Sikh

Pagan

Prefer not to say

Other Religion, religious belief or similar philosophical belief, please write here:

Sexual Orientation

Heterosexual/ Straight

Gay/ Lesbian

Bisexual

Prefer not to say

Next steps

The consultation period is due to run from 22nd January to 15th April 2018. Following this, responses will be collated and analysed, and a model for Community Level Governance arrangements presented to Council and Community Planning Executive Group for approval in May 2018.



To: Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee

On: 20 February 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Award Feedback 2016/17

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on a number of projects that were funded by the Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC in 2016/17.

1.2 Providing regular feedback to LACs increases accountability and helps LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It is also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

3. Background

3.1 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC in 2016/17.

3.2 A list of all groups that were awarded funding by this LAC in 2016/17 is appended to this report. The list highlights the status of each group relative to the provision of feedback to this LAC.

3.3 Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire (AACR)

3.3.1 The Association was awarded £1,153 by this LAC for its Africans@Renfrewshire hub Project. The award was allocated towards accommodation rental cost, utilities and telephone/broadband.

3.3.2 AACR advises that 127 people benefitted from the grant through the provision of a service for African/ BME persons to engage with the wider community. AACR has held a number of events including talks, film nights, museum visits and cultural celebrations. The Hub also provides basic IT training, third party reporting, CV writing, access to computers and photocopying.

3.4 Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club

3.4.1 This LAC awarded £350 to Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club, primarily for the cost of ice hire. Up to 75 young people benefitted from the club's ability to keep costs as low as possible to participants while promoting physical activity, discipline and training.

3.5 Erskine Community Allotments

3.5.1 This LAC contributed £2,000 towards the cost of replacing the existing rubble access road to the allotments with a 'carpave' tarmac surface which assists wheelchair users and those less mobile.

3.6 Greensyde Carers – Gardening Project

3.6.1 The LAC awarded £100 towards the cost of floor beanbags, plants and shrubs and pots and decorative stones at the Milldale Centre. The project completed a rough hard landscaped area to allow all clients at Milldale to get out into the fresh air for relaxation. The garden also encourages people to tend the garden and encourage a sensory interaction with their surroundings. The group estimates that as many as 200 people benefitted from the project.

3.7 Renfrewshire Sports Network (RSN)

3.7.1 The LAC awarded £2,400 towards the cost of supporting the FAST card award scheme. RSN has advised that 45 athletes from a range of sports benefitted under the scheme which has encouraged them to seek further success and achieve higher goals in the future.

3.8 Paisley Pirates

3.8.1 The entirety of the LAC's award of £1,600 was utilised by the Paisley Pirates to cover ice hire costs.

3.8.2 During the 2016/17 season the Pirates, a team consisting of and run by local volunteers, won the Scottish National League and were runners up in both the play-offs and the Scottish Cup. As a result of their success, Paisley was ranked 41 as one of the top ice hockey towns in Europe. The team estimates that 77 people have directly benefitted from the grant as well as several hundred spectators.

3.9 Alba Thistle

3.9.1 The LACs award of £600 was set against the club's hire of training facilities at Seedhill and Ralston, the hire of grass playing fields and the purchase of training gear and equipment.

3.10 Double H Lunch Club

3.10.1 The multi area grant award has helped to provide two course lunch meals to elderly members of the club. The group has advised that by meeting hall rental costs the grant award helps to bring people together in a safe and friendly environment.

3.11 Parkrun

3.11.1 Parkrun UK was awarded a total of £1,800 towards the cost of establishing weekly parkrun events at ON-X Linwood, including the cost of purchasing a laptop, timers, scanners, course markers and high visibility vests. The running events are open to all and are free to participants.

3.11.2 In the 18 months since Parkrun Linwood was established a total of 1,300 different runners have registered as having run at the Linwood event, the weekly average is 133 runners and on two occasions over 200 runners have participated.

3.11.3 The sport of running has health benefits and the runners have participated in wider community activities such as collecting for the Renfrewshire Food Bank.

3.12 Lamont Farm

3.12.1 A regular recipient of LAC funding, Lamont Farm was awarded £2,000 by this LAC at its May 2016 meeting. The farm requires funding to help meet the cost of animal feed, bedding, hay and straw, farrier services, dentistry and insurance.

3.12.2 The Farm advises that over 1,000 people visit each year and that as many as 35 children volunteer at weekends. Lamont Farm also accepts work experience placements from local schools, colleges and universities.

3.13 The Boys' Brigade – Paisley & District Battalion

3.13.1 The Battalion received a total award of £5,000 towards the costs of refurbishing the headquarters building. The building now has a DDA compliant toilet facility and the upgraded kitchen allows the Brigade to provide catering for training courses being hosted at the headquarters. The upgraded heating system makes the building more suitable for daily working, meetings and training courses.

3.14 Robertson Park Bowling Club

3.14.1 The Bowling Club received a grant of £30,000 towards overall costs of £39,460 to replace the grass banking. The works were carried out in five phases and the club advises that this has improved safety for bowlers and spectators. 340 slabs were laid, the greens' edges have been levelled thereby rectifying 50 years of wear and pipe-work and electric cables were laid to facilitate the possible future instalment of a sprinkler system.

3.14.2 The feedback received from the club suggests that membership has increased from 77 to 87 following the improvement works and 5,000 leaflets were distributed to households in the area inviting local people to join the club. Introductory days have been held with three local primary schools and a more general 'Try Bowls' day was hosted by the club.

3.15 St James RC Church Hall

3.15.1 The LAC awarded £5,000 towards the cost of replacing the ceiling and lighting at the St James Church Hall, a facility used by a number of community groups. This work has now been completed.

3.16 RAMH – No Substitute for Life

3.16.1 The LAC awarded £376 towards the cost of this multi area application. The funding helped to meet the cost of a memorial football tournament for local people, especially young men, who were most at risk of suicide. The event acted as a platform for local and national organisations who were trying to tackle the stigmas and taboos that prevented people, and particularly young men, from talking about mental health and suicide.

3.16.2 The main outcomes of the event were that it was led by the local community, ensuring local ownership and developing the resources of the community; that suicide prevention messages were clear throughout the event in order to reduce the stigma associated with the subject; and direct access to information about suicide prevention.

3.17 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.17.1 This LAC awarded £2,000 to help meet the running costs for the offices of Renfrewshire Access Panel and help to enable the group to continue assisting Renfrewshire Council on various projects such as Living Streets; Joint Employability Project; and Changing Places Toilets.

3.17.2 The Panel has advised that throughout 2016/17 it continued its work to advance access provision and maintenance to buildings, environments and access to approaches for disabled people; to advance knowledge and perception with the aid of training and development; to advance knowledge and understanding of hate crime within Renfrewshire and assist with reporting to the appropriate authority; to advance the scope and procedures of the Panel by networking and building alliances; to provide advice on financial hardship and sickness for people with physical, mental and sensory impairments; and to develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Renfrewshire, in such a way they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and enable them to participate more fully in society.

3.18 Cairn Heights

3.18.1 The LAC awarded £2,144 to Cairn Heights to help to provide an opportunity to older adults living in Glencairn Court, Gallowhill to gain access to digital technology.

3.18.2 The group has intimated that the immediate outcomes for the residents will be access, skills, confidence and motivation. In the longer term the group hope that some may get employment, improve their education, save money by online shopping and research and become more creative. The group also hope to produce a monthly newsletter.

3.19 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

The LAC grant of £600 helped to meet the cost of transport for 52 young people from all over Renfrewshire who represented the Renfrewshire Bowling Association at matches all over the country. The Under 25s team play in the Scottish Inter-County League & cups and include two under 25 internationalists and two under 17 internationalists.

3.20 Renfrew Xmas Lights 2016

3.20 The £10,000 Renfrew Common Good Fund award contributed toward the enhancement of the Renfrew Xmas lights switch-on event. Specifically, the award helped to meet the cost of the firework display; staging, lighting and public address system; the provision of free children's activities and crafts including a Santa grotto; and the hire of reindeer. An estimated 5,000 people attended events throughout the day.

3.21 Renfrewshire Women's Aid

3.21.1 The £4,765.76 awarded by this LAC helped meet the cost of funding 19 refuge flats which supported women, children and other young people.

3.22 The Breastfeeding Network

3.22.1 This LAC awarded £1,417.40 towards the cost of the ongoing Breast Buddies project aimed at promoting breastfeeding in Renfrewshire.

3.22.2 The group has advised that they have continued to provide breastfeeding support to families in Renfrewshire at their three weekly drop-in support groups at Ferguslie, Johnstone and Linwood. The group has also attended local community events including Liliias Day, Sma Shot Day and Barshaw Gala Day which has enabled them to engage with the local community, talking to parents and their wider families, normalising breastfeeding and providing evidence based information to local health professionals and new parents.

3.22.3 The group has continued to support their existing volunteers by providing ongoing learning, and two volunteers have now commenced nurse training. The group estimates that 82 local families directly benefitted from attendance at group sessions and 65 families attended the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Linwood's Birthday party events arranged by the Breastfeeding Network.

3.23 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

3.23.1 The LAC awarded £600 towards the cost of coach travel to help the 52 young people who represent Renfrewshire at bowling compete all over the country. The Under 25s participated in the Scottish Inter-County League & cups and helped to develop two under 25 Internationalists and two under 17 internationalists.

3.24 Paisley Sea Cadets

3.24.1 The £889 award from this LAC helped Paisley Sea Cadets to attend an annual camp in Benbecula. The applicants advise that 55 people attended the camp and the grant helped meet the food and accommodations costs, ferry fares and uniform polo shirts.

3.25 Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR)

3.25.1 The LAC awarded £8,480 towards the cost delivering a partnership project between Roar and Renfrewshire Leisure to bring a falls prevention and wellbeing initiative to Renfrew.

3.25.2 The project has been attended by 22 older people who participated in exercises designed for older adults to improve strength and balance which will help to keep them mobile. ROAR hopes to expand opportunities for older people in terms of them staying mobile and connected and has helped to shape national strategy development on tackling loneliness, reducing unintentional harm and the national falls strategy.

3.26 Future Feedback

3.26.1 All grant recipients are instructed to submit award feedback once their awards have been spent and further reports on the outcome of projects will be submitted to future meetings of this LAC.

Implications of this report

1. Financial

Grant awards were contained within 2016/17 LAC budget allocations.

2. HR and Organisational Development

None

3. Community/Council Planning

The wide range of projects awarded LAC funding reflect the diverse nature of the community in Renfrewshire and meets many of the key ambitions set out in the Community and Council Plans.

4. Legal

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

5. Property/Assets

None

6. Information Technology

None

7. Equality and 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 all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. 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 and Safety Implications

None

9. Procurement Implications

None

10. Risk Implications

None

11. Privacy Impact

None

12. CoSLA Policy Position

None

List of Background Papers

None

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Name of Group	Award from this LAC	Update status
GENERAL GRANT FUND		
Association of African Communities In Renfrewshire	£1,153	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Breastfeeding Network	£1,417.40	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Cat Rescue Service	£90	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
C-change Scotland	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Cornerstone Drop-in Centre	£375	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Double H Lunch Club	£233.33	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Erskine Community Allotments	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Feis Feislig	£1,294.20	Presentation made to LAC on 21 November 2017
Fitting-in	£1,156	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Greensyde Carers	£100	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Kelburne Hockey Club	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Lamont Farm	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Paisley Pens	£759.26	Receipts etc returned – group no longer exists
Paisley Pirates	£1,600	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Parkrun UK	£600	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Training Club	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Rainbow Turtle	£1,900	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
RAMH – No Substitute for Life	£400	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Rays of Hope	£1,960	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,226.20	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrewshire Deaf Group	£600	Meeting to be arranged with group
Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum	£300	Meeting to be arranged with group
Shopmobility	£494	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017

St James' Church Friendly Hour	£400	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
St James Orchestra	£340	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Stanley Athletic AFC	£1,236	No report received.
Wynd Centre (Adult)	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Renfrew Senior Citizens Social Club Centre	£2,200	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
St James' RC Church Hall	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Sanctuary Housing	£1,700	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Renfrewshire Women's Aid	£4,765.76	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Robertson Park Bowling Club	£8,908.11	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Jazzle Dazzle Fundraising Group (Cycle 3)	£1,799.10	No report received
St Catherine's PTA Fundraising	£1,850	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Jazzle Dazzle Fundraising Group (Cycle 3)	£664.57	No report received
RENFREW COMMON GOOD FUND		
Forever Young	£5,700	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Arkleston & Newmains Over 60s	£495	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Cairn Heights	£2,144	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Our Place, Our Families	£8,247	Report awaited
Renfrew Accordion and Fiddle Club	£560	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrew Community Council – Air Ambulance Memorial Refurbishment	£600	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrew Community Council – Media Project	£545	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
ROAR	£8,480	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
St Catherine's PTA	£8,080	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrew Xmas Lights	£10,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrew Football Club (Youth Section)	£3,900	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017

Robertson Park Bowling Club	£21,091.89	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
PAISLEY COMMON GOOD FUND		
Coats Memorial Church	£2,000	No further update – project still to proceed
YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND		
Basketball Paisley	£876	Report awaited
Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club	£350	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Loud 'n'Proud	£2,200	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
PAGGS	£2,453	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Paisley Sea Cadets	£889	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s	£600	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrewshire Sports Network	£2,400	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	£820	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Wynd Centre – Youth Counselling	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Street Stuff	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017 and on an ongoing basis
Alba Thistle	£500	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrew Football Club (Youth Section)	£3,100	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Jazzle Dazzle Fundraising Group (cycle 4)	£200.90	No report received



To: Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee

On: 20 February 2017

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Local Area Committees (LACs) provide funding through a range of grants in terms of the General Grant Scheme, Youth Challenge Scheme and, where appropriate, the Paisley or Renfrew Common Good Funds.
- 1.2 A table detailing the funds allocated by this LAC is attached as an appendix to this report.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the budget monitoring report otherwise be noted.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial

Grant awards were contained within 2016/17 LAC budget allocations.

2. HR and Organisational Development

None.

3. Community/Council Planning

The wide range of projects awarded LAC funding reflect the diverse nature of the community in Renfrewshire and meets many of the key ambitions set out in the Community and Council Plans.

4. Legal

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

5. Property/Assets

None.

6. Information Technology

None.

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8. Health and Safety

None.

9. Procurement

None.

10. Risk

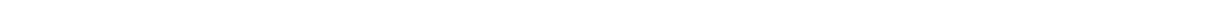
None.

11. Privacy

None.

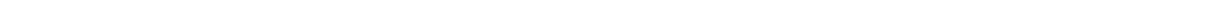
12. CoSLA

None.



List of Background Papers

None



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Budget Monitoring Report

Period ending: 31st March 2018

	Funds Available £	Funds Committed £	Balance to be Committed £
<u>General Grant Fund</u>	71,994.00		
<u>Carry Forwards from 2016-17</u>			
Travel expenses		£50.00	
Paisley Pens 16-17 grant return		428.35	
<u>Cycle 1</u>			
Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire		£1,215.84	
C-Change Scotland		£2,000.00	
Changing Stages		£844.00	
Cornerstone Drop in		£375.00	
Fitting-in		£1,060.00	
Forever Young		£1,542.70	
Gallowhill Senior Citizens Bowling Club		£90.00	
Greensyde Carers		£96.00	
Lamont Farm		£2,000.00	
Oakshaw Trinity Friendly Hour		£400.00	
Paisley Guitar Group		£620.00	
Phoenix Activities Group		£840.00	
Phoenix Flyers		£1,000.00	
Rainbow Turtle		£1,500.00	
RAMH - No Substitute for Life		£376.00	
Rays of Hope		£2,000.00	
Renfrewshire Access Panel		£2,000.00	
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s		£600.00	
Renfrewshire Council Youth Services		£0.00	
Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities		£2,500.00	
Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band		£2,500.00	
Renfrewshire Sports Network		£1,000.00	
RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group		£120.00	
Shopmobility Paisley & District		£300.00	
St James Orchestra		£300.00	
The Brestfeeding Network		£1,303.00	
The Wynd Centre		£1,200.00	
Renfrewshire Leisure - Active Schools		£9,763.00	
Walking Tours on Wheels		£800.00	
Glenburn Stroke & Disability Group		£1,166.00	
Johnstone Pipe Band		£10,000.00	
Arkleston & Newmains Community Association		£8,000.00	

Xmas Lights enhancement		£10,000.00	
Renfrew YMCA		£4,000.00	
	£71,994.00	£71,133.19	£860.81
<u>Renfrew Common Good Fund</u>	67,360.00		
Cairn Heights		£1,000.00	
Forever Young		£6,500.00	
Renfrew Accordion and Fiddle Club		£560.00	
Renfrew care Home Activity Group		£6,677.60	
Renfrew Cricket Club		£2,900.00	
Renfrew Gala Day		£10,000.00	
Renfrew YMCA SCIO		£11,351.00	
Our Place Our Families		£26,618.00	
Fund Total	£67,360.00	£65,606.60	£1,753.40
<u>Paisley Common Good Fund</u>	2,000.00		
Gallowhill Senior Citizens Bowling Club		£2,000.00	
	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
<u>Youth Challenge Fund</u>	23,840.00		
<u>Cycle 1</u>			
DirectDevitt		£3,915.60	
Loud n Proud		£2,400.00	
Street Stuff		£5,000.00	
2175 Rolls Royce ATC		£616.66	
Basketball Paisley		£940.00	
Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club		£689.00	
Feis Phaislig		£1,009.00	
Girls Brigade Renfrew Division		£240.00	
PACE Theatre Company		£1,132.80	
Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club		£2,000.00	
Renfrewshire Youth Voice		£911.00	
The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion		£500.00	
The Wynd Centre		£1,200.00	
Fund Total	£23,840.00	£20,554.06	£3,285.94
TOTAL	£165,194.00	£159,293.85	£5,900.15



To: Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee

On: 20 February 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Application For Local Area Committee Grant Funding

1. Summary

1.1 The attached appendix details one application received for LAC grant funding.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the application for Local Area Committee grant funding, as detailed in the appendix to this report, be considered.

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

None.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community /Council Planning Implications

All grant applications should meet at least one of the key themes contained in the Community Plan and help ensure that our Renfrewshire is a thriving, well, fair and safe place.

- 4. Legal Implications**
Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
 - 5. Property/Assets Implications**
None.
 - 6. Information Technology Implications**
None.
 - 7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**
 - (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 all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. 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 and Safety Implications**
None.
 - 9. Procurement Implications**
None.
 - 10. Risk Implications**
None.
 - 11. Privacy Impact**
None.
 - 12. COSLA Policy Position**
None.
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Ref. No.	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Number of Members/users	Purpose of Grant	LACs applied to	Comments
RENFREW LAC APPLICATIONS						
1	Arkleston Parent Council	£2,890	18 volunteers	Develop and regenerate the playground and outdoor space of Arkleston Primary School.	Renfrew & Gallowhill	
	Total	£2,890				

Grants Summary Sheet 2017-2018

Reference		FR1311	
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Arkleston Parent Council	
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	0
		Part Time	0
		Volunteer	18
		Member	4
Address/based	1.3		
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	To help and support the children to have a memorable, fun and inclusive time at Arkleston Primary School. To provide additional equipment and goods that the school would otherwise not be able to fund and additionally organise social and community events for the benefit of the school, the children, and the local area.	
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC Applying to: Renfrew & Gallowhill	
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	£2,890.00	
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3 2.9	To develop and regenerate the playground and outdoor space of Arkleston Primary School. To provide an interesting, fun, memorable and educational environment for the pupils to learn and play. Providing age appropriate equipment and outdoor spaces that will help the children of the school grow their imaginations and make the most of their time outside. This will in turn support the health and fitness of the children by encouraging them to become more active and involved in outdoor play. There have been several discussions at parent council meetings, with parents/carers of the pupils as well as with teaching staff. The head teacher has identified the outdoor space and improvement of the play areas as our primary focus as Renfrewshire Council has advised that there are no funds available for any refurbishment works. We have conducted some local research and discovered that the other schools within Renfrew have superior facilities for the children, and we want to provide the same experiences to the children of Arkleston. The main aim of this stage of Project Play and Learn is to enhance the existing areas already in place. Recently the school had to pay for the removal of several picnic benches and tables that had become a health and safety risk to the children. We plan to purchase new benches/tables to allow the children to eat outside. These must be fire retardant which adhere to current regulations and we are looking at any options which are made from recycled materials. The school actively encourages recycling and we want to provide recycling areas within the playground to further develop the	

		<p>children's' knowledge about sustainability and re-use in conjunction with the Eco Schools philosophy. There are some raised beds which have been neglected and are in urgent need of refurbishment. Using the help of some volunteers we plan to develop these into something more cheerful and an inviting place to sit or play. We want the children to know that we are listening to them and taking their opinions on board by providing them with a better outdoor space to help them thrive. The project will provide the children with a place to eat their lunch or snack outside. Raised beds will be more inviting with new plants, flowers and a herb garden. The children can then utilise these herbs during their cookery time. Natural materials such as tyres, tree stumps and logs installed within the play area, will provide the children with areas to climb and explore within a safe and controlled environment. Research has shown that if children are more engaged in outdoor play, they are more open to learning. Our aim is to provide a safer environment in which to play with colourful, interesting, age appropriate equipment.</p>		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	2,875.90		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	Yes £200 donation to school for Christmas activities. Expenditure for Christmas Fayre on 24th November.		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured
		Flightpath Flightpath Parent Council	Not secured Not secured Secured	12 weeks Approx 12 weeks approx 00
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	<p>We want the children to know that we are listening to them and taking their opinions on board by providing them with a better outdoor space to help them thrive. The project will provide the children with a place to eat their lunch or snack outside. Raised beds will be more inviting with new plants, flowers and a herb garden. The children can then utilise these herbs during their cookery time. Natural materials such as tyres, tree stumps and logs installed within the play area, will provide the children with areas to climb and explore within a safe and controlled environment. Research has shown that if children are more engaged in outdoor play, they are more open to learning. Our aim is to provide a safer environment in which to play with colourful, interesting, age appropriate equipment.</p>		
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months (for office use only)	2.13			
		None		
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00			

Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Installation of natural materials Picnic Benches Buddy Bench x 1 Consultation, planning and advice from Grounds for Learning - Full day plus report	£2000 £2500 £480 £780	£2000 £1000 £480 £500
Appendix 4 Submitted (Out of School Care Providers Only)				
Lead Officer Recommendation <i>(for office use only)</i>				



To: Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee

On: 20 February 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC Timetable 2018/19

1. Summary

1.1 The Council at its meeting held on 14th February, 2008 agreed its scheme of decentralisation, which included reference to the cycle of local area committee (LAC) meetings as follows:

“10.1 Local area committees will meet at least on a quarterly basis. This will allow sufficient time for progress on action to be reported on local strategies and issues. Local area committees should meet in suitable local venues to enhance community participation.”

1.2 The Council's Standing Orders apply to LACs. Standing Order 53 allows the convener of a LAC to call a special meeting of that committee by notifying the proper officer. In these circumstances, special meetings require to be held within 14 days of the proper officer receiving the notification. This mechanism allows the convener to call a special meeting should any matters of particular urgency arise or if there is a general need for a meeting to consider matters such as outstanding grant applications.

1.3 Taking into consideration the ability of the convener to call special meetings if the need arises and the potential for changes to LAC meetings arising from the current review of local governance arrangements, it is suggested that meetings of this LAC be programmed to August 2018.

1.4 Meetings of this LAC have been held on Tuesday evenings at 6.30 pm and the choice of venues for local area committee meetings have been limited as a result of practical considerations such as size and accessibility. In the past the Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC has followed a pattern of two meetings in Renfrew Town Hall followed by one in Gallowhill Community Centre. These arrangements have been flexible to take account of available accommodation and the Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House, have been used when required.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That meetings of this local area committee be programmed for 22 May and 21 August 2018.

2.2 That consideration be given to the time and venue of local area committee meetings.

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

None.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community /Council Planning Implications

LACs are held at a time and place best suited to their members. This helps LAC members to work together to improve outcomes.

4. Legal Implications

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

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8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact
None.

12. COSLA Policy Position
None.

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None

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