

**To: Paisley East Local Partnership**

**On: 6 November 2019**

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

**TITLE:**  
**Celebrating Renfrewshire Youth Participatory Budgeting Exercise**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Youth Challenge Fund component of Paisley East Local Partnership Budget was allocated during September 2019 by a participatory budgeting exercise for young people aged 12-25.
- 1.2 Young people co-produced the process of voting and 370 young people voted in the Paisley East area.
- 1.3 The Paisley East Local Partnership agenda on 6 November 2019 includes a presentation on the outcome of the Youth Participatory Budgetary process for Paisley East, by members of the Youth Steering Group who developed and delivered the process.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Paisley East Local Partnership note the outcome of the youth participatory budgeting exercise for this Local Partnership.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The purpose of the Youth Challenge Fund is to fund projects to benefit young people aged 12-25. The Youth Challenge Fund was renamed as “Celebrating Renfrewshire: By young people, for young people” by the youth steering group, and has a value of £24,095 in the Paisley East Local Partnership area.

- 3.2 It was noted at the Local Partnership meeting held on 25 June 2019 that the Youth Challenge Fund component of the total budget would be allocated through a participatory budgeting exercise for young people aged 12-25. This means that young people would have a direct vote on which projects would be awarded funding in their local area. The youth participatory budgeting exercise is a pilot exercise for the distribution of the Youth Challenge Fund, but also to inform the development of participatory budgeting within Renfrewshire more generally.
- 3.3 The exercise took place over the summer period, with voting in late September 2019. The project was co-produced by young people, supported by Renfrewshire Youth Voice, Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools and Young Scot.
- 3.4 Voting took place between 8am on 16 September 2019 and 6pm on 25 September with the award announcement taking place in the Tannahill Centre, Ferguslie Park, Paisley at 7pm on 25 September 2019.
- 3.5 370 young people voted in the Paisley East area, casting three votes each for different projects. Ten projects were funded, which fully allocated Paisley East budget of £24,095.

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