

Minute of Meeting Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 15 December 2015	14:00	CMR 3, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillor Williams (Renfrewshire Council); S Miller (Engage Renfrewshire); S Cruikshank (Forum for Empowering Communities); P Nelis (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and S MacDougall and O Reid (both Renfrewshire Council).

CHAIR

Councillor T Williams, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

R Kennedy (Police Scotland); D McKenna (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); D Kerr, S Tkacenko and A McNaughton (all Renfrewshire Council); and J Dougan and L Moore (Women and Children First).

APOLOGIES

Councillor Perrie (Renfrewshire Council); A Dick (University of the West of Scotland); L King (Scottish Children's Reporters Administration); W Kennedy (North Strathclyde Criminal Justice Authority) and Y Farquhar (Renfrewshire Council).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by first considering Item 5 of the agenda.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 2 September, 2015.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

(a) S&S.02.09/15(4) - It was noted that:

- a revised Action Plan would be submitted to the next meeting for consideration; and
- multi-agency discussion would be generated around how to promote confidence in Renfrewshire as a safe place to live and to visit. In this regard, links to the UK City of Culture Bid should be explored.

(b) S&S.02.09.15(6) – It was noted that an update report on progress for Year 3 would be submitted to the next meeting.

(c) S&S.02.09.15(9) – It was noted that an update report would be submitted to the next meeting.

(d) S&S.02.09.15(11) – It was noted that the Self-assessment Update would be submitted to future meeting.

DECIDED: To note the report.

3 SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE AMENDMENTS TO SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council, proposing that the targets set out for Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire in the SOA be amended to take account of achievements to date.

The report also proposed that the impact measure relating to hate crime be amended given that the method now used by Police Scotland to collect data had changed.

It was noted that as a result of the postponement of this Thematic Board meeting until 15 December 2015, the Community Planning Partnership Board had approved the proposed changes.

DECIDED: To note that the Community Planning Partnership Board had approved changes to targets in the SOA for the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board as set out in the report.

4 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE STRATEGY GROUP AND MARAC UPDATE

There was submitted a joint update report by J Downie, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland and S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council, advising changes to the operational roles and procedures of the Renfrewshire Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). Police Scotland would now chair MARAC and Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership (RCSP) would co-ordinate and resource these meetings. The report intimated that arrangements had been put in place to ensure the smooth transition from ASSIST to RCSP.

DECIDED: That the proposed changes to the operational roles and procedures of the Renfrewshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) be noted.

5 CEDAR PROGRAMME UPDATE

J Dougan and L Moore, of Women and Children First, delivered a presentation about the Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery (CEDAR) Programme, an element of the Council's strategy for Tackling Poverty in Renfrewshire. They explained how the programme made a difference to the lives of children who participated; how and when families could gain access the programme; and how the various elements of the programme were tailored carefully to suit the circumstances of each individual child. External evaluation had endorsed the effectiveness of the CEDAR programme.

Funding for the programme was due to end early in 2016, however given its acknowledged success, the Big Lottery had agreed a funding package to deliver CEDAR in the area for a further 5 years. The Council's Poverty Commission would bridge any funding gap until the Big Lottery monies were secured.

DECIDED: To note the presentation and that an update report would be submitted to a future meeting.

6 DISCLOSURE SCHEME FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by J Downie, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland highlighting the main elements of the new Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse (the Scheme) which had been introduced throughout Scotland on 1 October 2015.

The Scheme provided a formal mechanism for potential victims, their family members, or another concerned member of the public, or professional body, to make enquiries about an individual they were in a relationship with, or, were in a relationship with someone they knew, and there was a concern that the individual may be abusive towards their partner. It provided Police Scotland with a method to disclose information about a partner's abusive past with their potential victims and gave people at risk of Domestic

Abuse the information they required to make an informed decision on whether or not to continue with the relationship.

DECIDED: That the content of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland be noted, disseminated and promoted, as appropriate, by each partnership organisation.

7 TACKLING POVERTY COMMISSION UPDATE

There was submitted an update report by S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council, on the work being undertaken to address the recommendations made by the Tackling Poverty Commission.

Three projects on the Tackling Poverty agenda were been taken forward by Community Resources:

- Delivery of an enhanced breakfast club provision within key areas;
- The recruitment of young people into roles as Special Constables and Special Wardens: and
- The expansion of the current StreetStuff programme.

It was intimated that a project team had been established for each of the three projects with a wider Project Board meeting every three weeks to review progress against key milestones. In addition to ensuring that appropriate governance arrangements were in place, each project lead officer would report to the Tackling Poverty Project Boards on a monthly basis.

DECIDED:

a) To note progress to date; and

b) To agree that further updates on progress be submitted to future meetings of this Board.

8 A CONSULTATION ON WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEOPLE WHO GO MISSING IN SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources, Renfrewshire Council, on the Scottish Government consultation on working together for people who go missing in Scotland, together with a copy of the response submitted by the due date of 30 November 2015.

The report intimated that responses to the consultation would inform the development of a National Missing Persons Strategy structured around four key objectives of Prevent, Respond, Support and Protect. A copy of the consultation and draft strategy was appended to the report.

It was noted that a response had been submitted to the Scottish Government jointly by the Director of Community Resources and the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

DECIDED: To homologate the action taken to submit the response to the Scottish Government by the due date of 30 November 2015.

9 **COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

There was submitted an update report by the Director of Community Resources on progress to deliver a range of initiatives linked to environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and the development of the integrated control room and CCTV.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.