
To: Council

On: 13 December 2018

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Governance Arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is (a) to approve the appointment of the Chair to the Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drugs Commission and (b) to amend the public holiday arrangements for Autumn 2019.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Council agrees to the appointment of Cllr Jacqueline Cameron as the Chair of the Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drugs Commission, as set out in paragraph 3.3 of this report; and
- 2.2 That the list of public holidays for 2019 be amended to show that the Autumn 2019 public holidays fall on Friday 27 and Monday 30 September.
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3. Background

Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drugs Commission

- 3.1 Through the development of the Community Plan in 2017, the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Executive Group identified

a number of concerns in relation to the impact of drug and alcohol misuse in Renfrewshire. There was particular concern in relation to high levels of alcohol related hospital admissions and drug related deaths. As part of wider discussion, partners noted the significant impact that drug and alcohol misuse has locally and were keen to explore potential options to work together as a partnership to improve associated life outcomes for local people. A clear link was identified to mental health and to partners working to ensure that services were in place at the right time in relation to early intervention and recovery, as well as to children's services and the correlation to adverse early childhood experience.

- 3.2 The Executive Group has now formally agreed to sponsor the establishment of an Alcohol and Drugs Commission in Renfrewshire. This has also been endorsed by the Community Planning Oversight Group comprised of elected members. The principal aim of the Commission being to assess the nature, causes and impact of drug and alcohol misuse in Renfrewshire. It is proposed that the first meeting of the Commission will take place in early 2019, with membership of the Commission being comprised of national and local experts in relation to the key areas of focus, as well as being drawn from lead professionals working in Renfrewshire to support people affected by drug and alcohol misuse. Opportunities to involve and engage with local people with lived experience will also prioritised.
- 3.3 Elected members will be aware that a Tackling Poverty Commission was previously established in Renfrewshire, which was chaired by the convener of the Finance and Resources Policy Board at that time. Given her role as Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board and Convener of the Member Officer Group, it is therefore proposed that the Alcohol and Drugs Commission is chaired by Councillor Jacqueline Cameron.
- 3.4 It is initially intended that the Commission will meet for a period of at least 6 months, with a view to recommendations being reported to community planning partners in Autumn 2018. Regular updates will be provided to elected members through reports to the Leadership Board and Renfrewshire Community Planning Oversight Group.

Autumn 2019 Public Holiday

- 3.5 At the meeting of the Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board held on 5 September 2018 a list of public holidays in 2019 for staff was approved. The dates listed for Autumn holidays of Friday 21 and Monday 23 September were not correct and it is proposed that the list be amended to show the correct dates as Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2019.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – n/a
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – n/a
3. **Community/Council Planning** – the establishment of the Alcohol and drug Commission is supported by community planning partners, who identified the need for this Commission through the development of the Community Plan in 2017.
4. **Legal** – n/a
5. **Property/Assets** – n/a
6. **Information Technology** – n/a
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. 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** – n/a
9. **Procurement** – n/a
10. **Risk** – n/a.
11. **Privacy Impact** – n/a
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – n/a

List of Background Papers

- (a) n/a

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