

To: Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership

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Report by:

Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

Membership of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to invite standing members of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership to agree the appointment of community representatives to vacant positions within the Local Partnership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that standing members of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership:
- (a) Consider the summary of applications received in relation to the places for community representatives on the Local Partnership which require to be filled, as set out at paragraph 3.6 and;
 - (b) Discuss and agree those applicants which members of the Local Partnership wish to appoint to fill the vacant community representative positions on the Local Partnership.

3. Background

- 3.1 As set out in the paper agreed by Renfrewshire Council on 27 September 2018, membership of Local Partnerships will be comprised of an equal number of elected members from Renfrewshire Council and Community Representatives.
- 3.2 The standing members of the Local Partnership are those elected members from Renfrewshire Council which represent the Local Partnership area and a representative of active Community Councils in the area. In this Local Partnership area there are 15 eligible Renfrewshire Council members as follows:

1.	Councillor Natalie Don - Chair
2.	Councillor Jacqueline Cameron
3.	Councillor John Hood
4.	Councillor Alistair Mackay
5.	Councillor Andy Steel
6.	Councillor Derek Bibby
7.	Councillor Bill Binks
8.	Councillor Andy Doig
9.	Councillor Emma Rodden
10.	Councillor Audrey Doig
11.	Councillor Alison Jean Dowling
12.	Councillor Scott Kerr
13.	Councillor James Sheridan
14.	Councillor James MacLaren
15.	Councillor Colin McCulloch

- 3.3 As there are 15 elected members eligible to sit on this Local Partnership, this means there are 15 spaces for Community Representatives. Active Community Councils are automatically allocated a Community Representative space. All seven of the Community Councils in the Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership are active . The names of the Community Councils and their representatives are as follows:

1.	Houston Community Council	John McEvoy
2.	Bridge of Weir Community Council	Sandy Clark
3.	Brookfield Community Council	Margaret Dundas
4.	Kilbarchan Community Council	Fiona Stewart
5.	Howwood Community Council	Linda Smith
6.	Lochwinnoch Community Council	David Fowles
7.	Elderslie Community Council	Linda MacMillan

- 3.4 This means that there are eight spaces remaining to be filled by community representatives.
- 3.5 Criteria have been developed to support members to come to a decision on the appointment of community representatives. These were set out as part of the application and are as follows:
- Size of the community the group represents.
 - Mechanisms in place to communicate with the local community.

- Whether a group represents or support a community of interest and how connected the group is to other community groups in the area.

3.6 Five organisations have expressed an interest in providing a community representative. These are:

Applicant	Organisation	Summary of Application Information
Linda O'Malley	Rays of Hope	Cancer support group, offering exercise, creative writing, cooking, sewing, scrapbooking, walking, crafting and a Community Choir. The Community Choir is open to all members of the community. 80-90 people attend each week. Strong ties with Royal Alexandra Hospital, Glenniffer Outreach (Accord), St Vincent's Hospice, Engage Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, Elderslie Community Council and the Star Project.
Meg Gilzean	Bridge of Weir Tenants and Residents Association	Promote community involvement in decision making on Council housing, infrastructure and amenities in Bridge of Weir. 21 members, with meetings open to all.
Jennifer O'Brien	Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) Project	LEAP offers free and impartial energy efficiency advice and encourage sustainable community development around energy, transport, waste reduction, active and shared transport. LEAP has been in operation since 2010 and has worked with other organisations such as KLAS Care, Connect4Renfrewshire and RAMH.
John Anderson	Howwood Sports and Hobbies	Provide indoor sports and hobbies to 50 children aged 8-12 years for the last 14 years. Communicate with parents through direct letters and emails.
David Blair	Renfrewshire District Scouts	Represent a community of interests including young people of Renfrewshire and the village of Kilbarchan. Connected to groups within the local area.