

Minute of Meeting Renfrewshire Area Support Team

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 16 March 2021	14:00	Remotely by MS Teams,

PRESENT

Eileen Anderson, Derek Brama; Craig Campbell; Annemarie Currie; Edi Hanley; Alex MacDonald; Hannah McCulloch; Ewan McNaught; Jim Melrose; and Marion Robinson.

CHAIR

D Brama, Area Convener, presided.

ALSO PRESENT

A Cramb, Area Support and Improvement Partner (Children's Hearings Scotland); L King, Locality Reporter Manager

IN ATTENDANCE

P Shiach, Senior Committee Services Officer (Finance and Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillor J Shaw, J Doherty, A Stevenson and A Thompson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Area Convener indicated that there were three additional item which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Area Convener, being of the opinion that the items which were dealt with at items 8, 9 and 10 of the agenda was competent and relevant, authorised their consideration.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2 MATTERS ARISING

DECIDED: That it be noted that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

3 LOCALITY REPORTER MANAGER - UPDATE

4 RENFREWSHIRE PROMISE STRATEGIC GROUP

5 RESULT OF DEFERRALS SURVEY

6 RECRUITMENT

7 HEARINGS MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP

8 AREA PLAN

The Area Convener advised that previously the Area Plan had been submitted by the Area Convener. These were now concluded by the Area Support Improvement Partner and Children's Hearings Scotland. He further indicated that the majority of activity identified in the Action Plan was covered on the AST agendas and dealt with at the regular meetings. CHS also required a quarterly report on activity connected with the Action Plan.

The Area Convener indicated that the issue would be the topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Area Conveners.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

9 COMPLAINTS

The Depute Area Convener provided an update on progress made in relation to the investigation of a complaint received on 1 March 2021. He advised that he had interviewed two of the three Panel Members involved and had also interviewed the

Reporter.

The Depute Area Convener indicated that this complaint and others in the past related to the way in which Panel Members are perceived by other participants at the hearing and that decisions made should reflect the discussions undertaken at the Hearing.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

10 **DEVOLVED FUNDING**

The Area Convener indicated that there was a balance of £155 available in the Devolved Funding budget for 2020/21., and it was his intention to buy Panel Member recognition gifts by the end of March 2021.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: Members noted that the next meeting of the AST was scheduled for Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 2.00 pm.