

To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 31 May 2018

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Update on the Review Of Community Level Governance Arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Council approved in December 2017 a second phase of consultation on the Review Of Community Level Governance Arrangements, to take place between 22 January and 15 April 2018. The purpose of this consultation was to seek views on a set of nine proposals for change that were based on views expressed during the first period of consultation during autumn 2017.
- 1.2 Engagement took place based on a consultation paper, with responses invited either online or in hard copy. Public meetings and drop-in sessions were also held to enable face-to-face discussion on the proposals. The proposals were also presented and discussed at all five Local Area Committee meetings and officers also attended meetings of community groups on request.
- 1.3 A paper setting out the response to the consultation on the Review of Community Level Governance Arrangements was submitted to Renfrewshire Council on 3 May 2018 and was agreed. The full paper presented to Renfrewshire Council can be found at:

<http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/2216/Committee/3/Default.aspx>

- 1.4.1 The next stage of the Review will be to develop finalised proposals, taking into account the views expressed during the consultation period, for agreement by Renfrewshire Council at its meeting on 28 June 2018. Recommendations of this report will be implemented during 2018/19, with continuing dialogue with communities on the details of this implementation.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 Members are asked to:

- Note the responses to the second phase of consultation on the Review of Community Level Governance Arrangements
- Note the arrangements for development and implementation of finalised proposals regarding the review.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 In 2016, Council agreed changes to the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership, and as part of this work it was agreed that a review of the Local Area Committees (LACs) would be carried out.
- 3.2 The aim of the review is to assess the Local Area Committees as a model of community level governance, and make recommendations for a future model. The review included the form and function of Local Area Committees, along with the Local Area Committee grant funding.
- 3.3 In December 2017, a paper was taken to Council outlining the key findings from the Local Area Committee review (and engagement activities) and Council agreed that consultation could commence on the proposals submitted.
- 3.4 The second phase of consultation that took place between 22 January and 15 April 2018 sought feedback on nine proposals that were developed using evidence from the review of Local Area Committees.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - It is possible that the administration of new arrangements could have financial implications for the Council. These will be developed and presented as part of any changed proposals presented to future Council meeting.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - There are no HR implications arising from this report. There may be organisational development implications for a future model, as it is possible that there will be training requirements for officers as part of the transition to any new model.
3. **Community/Council Planning –**

Community Plan - Our Renfrewshire is well – This priority of the Community Plan explicitly refers to the review of community level governance, and in particular that communities are best place to support themselves and articulate their own needs.

Council Plan - Building strong, safe and resilient communities – A key priority within the Council plan is to ‘Strengthen existing community networks and empowering local people to become more involved in their area and the services delivered there.’
4. **Legal** - Any future change to Local Area Committee arrangements would be likely to have governance implications for the Council. These will be developed and presented as part of any changed proposals presented to future Council meeting.
5. **Property/Assets** - Not applicable
6. **Information Technology** - Not applicable
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The proposals discussed within the paper should improve participation and representation of communities and enable groups to have more voice and influence in the shaping and scrutiny of public services.
8. **Health & Safety** - Any health and safety implications would be considered in the delivery of the consultation, and moving forward in any new arrangements developed.

9. **Procurement** – Not applicable.
10. **Risk** - Not applicable
11. **Privacy Impact** - Not applicable
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable

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