

**To: The Villages Local Partnership**

**On: 13 November 2019**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**REVIEW OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 When the Local Partnerships were established in September 2018, it was agreed that there would be a review of the arrangements after a year of operation.
- 1.2 It is anticipated that the review will begin in January 2020, one year after the first meeting of the new Local Partnerships in January 2019.
- 1.3 Since January 2019, the Local Partnerships have agreed their membership, identified some initial Local Priorities to work on, and distributed their grant funding. In addition, the Youth Challenge Fund has been distributed across all seven Local Partnerships using a participatory budgeting approach.
- 1.4 Local Partnership members are being asked to contribute their views on the scope of the review, to make sure it covers all the necessary areas. In addition, members are asked to provide views on how the review should be carried out.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of The Villages Local Partnership:
  - a) Provide views on both the proposed scope and approach for the Local Partnership review, outlined in section 3.

### 3. Background

3.1 It is proposed that the Local Partnership review covers the key areas that were used throughout the consultation and development of the Local Partnership model. This allows for consistency and comparison with previous engagement and consultation exercises, as well as fair consideration of all of the proposals implemented. These include:

- **Function** – this includes the refreshed aims of the Local Partnership, as well as the aim to move from formal committees of the Council to part of the Community Planning Partnership
- **Membership** – this includes the aim to extend full membership and voting rights to community members, along with the decision to include partner representatives from key Community Planning partners and the aim to include wider engagement with the community
- **Boundaries** – this includes the aim to move from 5 areas based on ward boundaries to 7 based on community council boundaries
- **Meetings** – this includes the aim to move to more accessible and participative meetings
- **Grants** – this includes the aim to focus grants more clearly on local projects, and the move to participatory budgeting.

3.2 It is important that a wide range of views can be heard as part of the review, and it is suggested that the following methods are used in order to gather feedback.

- A review of all correspondence and feedback received since the establishment of the Local Partnerships
- A further invitation for all Local Partnership members to input to the review on all topics in writing, with the opportunity to do this online, on paper or face-to-face
- An opportunity for wider community members to feedback, online or on paper

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