

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership – Paisley North, West and Central

Tuesday, 9 February 2021	18:00	Teams Meeting

Present

Alan Clark (CREATE Paisley); Mike Dillon (Paisley North Community Council); Margaret Dymond (Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association); Heather Kay (STAR Project); Alison Love (Disability Arts Forum); John McIntyre (Ferguslie Community Council); Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, John Wilby (Paisley West & Central Community Council); and Christine Williams (REEM).

Chair

Councillor John McNaughtan, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

A Morrison, Head of Economy and Development (Lead Officer) and S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, (both Chief Executive's); R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer and K O'Neill, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Also in Attendance

I Cunningham (Engage Renfrewshire).

Apologies

Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor Jim Paterson and Darran Gillan (YMCA Paisley).

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

Declarations of Interest

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

1. Minute of Previous Meeting

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Local Partnership held on 15 September 2020.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2. Budget Monitoring and Celebrating Renfrewshire Report

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for Local Partnership funding in Paisley North, West & Central Local Partnership (PNW&CLP) area for 2020/21. The report intimated that applications for funding from the Local Partnership had previously been invited to reflect the Local Partnership's priorities of Community Empowerment, Tackling Social Isolation to Promote Health, Green Spaces and Community Safety. The available allocation for Paisley North, West and Central was £55,572. The report detailed General Grant Funds allocated by PNW&CLP at its meeting held on 16 September 2020 which were detailed in an appendix to the report.

The report also provided details of the £21,133 funding which was allocated for projects to benefit young people aged 12-25 through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund. Due to the coronavirus pandemic the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise was carried out in a virtual format.

The project was co-produced by young people, supported by Renfrewshire Youth Voice, Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools and Young Scot. Voting had taken place between 12 October and 6 November 2020 with 1,263 votes in total being cast by the young people from the Paisley North, West & Central areas. Twelve projects were funded, which fully allocated the Paisley North West and Central Youth Challenge budget of £21.133. with the award announcement taking place in an online event held on Friday 13 November 2020.

DECIDED: That the budget monitoring report and allocation of Celebrating Renfrewshire funding be noted.

3. COVID- 19: Impact on Communities

There was submitted a presentation by the Partnership Planning and Development Manager on the impact of COVID-19 on local communities.

The presentation updated members on the Community Impact Assessment work done to date; shared data from the Public Services Panel relevant to the Paisley North, West & Central Local Partnership; and outlined the Social Renewal Plan.

The presentation highlighted the key points arising from data and research undertaken in relation to COVID-19 cases; employment and support for business; neighbourhood hubs; the distribution of 1,250 digital devices/connectivity which had been distributed in Renfrewshire through the Connectivity Scotland programme; health and wellbeing; and the results on a Public Service Panel consultation on the effects of the pandemic, and highlighted the major concerns recorded.

The presentation also detailed responses on how households were managing financially now compared to pre-pandemic; and compared the responses from the Paisley North, West and Central local partnership area to others within Renfrewshire.

Information was also provided on a programme of listening events held over winter 2020/21 facilitated by Engage Renfrewshire and provided details of key points identified which included digital exclusion; loneliness and isolation and mental health and wellbeing. Engagement had indicated that some specific groups had experienced potentially greater impact as a result of the pandemic, including those from black and minority ethnic communities, women, and carers.

A full discussion followed in the course of which the Partnerships Planning and Development Manager was heard in answer to a number of issues raised by members of the Partnership on the presentation. The Local Partnership was of the opinion that these impacts had influenced the local priorities previously identified by the Partnership and agreed that the local priorities previously identified by the local partnership remained appropriate.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.