

To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 24 November 2020

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Fulbar Avenue and Craigielea Road Underpass Mural Project

1. Summary

- 1.1 At previous Renfrew Local Partnership meetings, it had been agreed that £10,000 be allocated from the Common Good Fund to complete a mural project on the underpass between Fulbar Avenue and Craigielea Road.
- 1.2 The project is to be led by a local youth group and involve pupils from the two local primary schools and a professional artist.
- 1.3 Renfrew Local Partnership is asked to consider allocating a further £2,620 from the Common Good Fund to this project to cover the involvement of all four primary schools through a programme of development sessions with local children and professional artist's fees.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrew Local Partnership consider funding an additional £2,620 from Renfrew Common Good fund to support the increased scope of this project.

3. Background

- 3.1 At the Renfrew Local Partnership meeting in June 2019 it was agreed that 'officers look at the feasibility of finding a community led group to drive forward a mural project at the underpass between Fulbar Avenue and Craigielea Road, Renfrew. The project to look at the involvement of youth groups and St James' and Kirklandneuk Primary Schools designing and painting a mural on the underpass with consideration being given to a professional artist being identified to assist with the project.' It was further agreed at the November

2019 meeting that '£10,000 be ringfenced from the 2019/20 Renfrew Common Good Fund budget allocation for a mural project within Renfrew.'

- 3.2 Renfrew YMCA has been approached as the local youth organisation equipped to take the project forward. Further to discussions, they have approached a professional artist and costed a scheme of engagement sessions and associated activities.
- 3.3 Renfrewshire Council's Environment and Infrastructure Service have agreed to upgrade the lighting in the underpass with LED lighting and associated works. Renfrew Local Partnership will not be required to fund these costs.
- 3.4 The increased costings would allow for all four primary schools to be involved in the project and for artist development sessions with the young people.
- 3.5 The outline of the project and costings are provided in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 – Project Overview & Costings

Renfrew YMCA will work with children from the four local primary schools. This will be a fully youth led project to develop 4 concept ideas for each wall with the children for example:

- Renfrew our town – though their eyes, it could be places, hobbies or other things that they value of their town.
- Children will undertake a mapping exercise of their town, interviewing family members opening their eyes to other pieces of history and landmarks that shape Renfrew, this will create their concept idea for the mural.
- Positive words and pictures to stimulate a positive mental health reaction by viewers

Renfrew YMCA will support kids to take part in their I am whole mental health sessions, especially during the uncertain times of COVID-19, allowing children to explore their mental health and creating a mural of positivity will be extremely important.

Renfrew YMCA will work with children from each school to come up with the concept idea, develop their idea, work with the graffiti artist and each take home a small graffiti board for them to practice, each group with video blog their journey from conception of idea to the day of the big paint.

Item	Detail	Cost
Youth work staff direct contact	£15 per hour x 36 hours x 2 staff x 4 schools	£4320
Youth work staff indirect contact (planning sessions, creating content and evaluation)	£15 per hour x 5 hours per week x 6 weeks x 4 schools	£1800
Graffiti artist Bmore Sketchy Artwork	4 walls fully designed and painted using concepts agreed by the kids, 8 sessions with the kids as detailed above	£6500
	Total	£12620