



Renfrewshire
Council

To: Leadership Board

On: 4 December 2024

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Fairer Renfrewshire Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council and its partners continue to work together to progress the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme, with a strong shared focus currently on the local response to the cost-of-living crisis.
- 1.2 This paper provides:
- A summary of the key issues reported to the Fairer Renfrewshire sub-committee on 13 November 2024 including the cost of living and programme updates.
 - An overview of priorities over the next 3 month period, as set out in Section 6.
 - An update for Elected Members on work that is being undertaken to commission a support service for people with a head injury in Renfrewshire as set out in Section 7 of the report.
- 1.3 Work is being progressed over the Autumn period as planned to review programme delivery to date, and to bring forward priorities for consideration by elected members for the next year of the programme.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that elected members:
- Note the content of the report and the work being undertaken to progress the Fairer Renfrewshire programme locally.

- Approve the allocation of £50,000 of Fairer Renfrewshire funding, as grant funding to Active Communities to support the continuation of community development activity in Gallowhill following the publication of the Community Needs Assessment referred to in Section 5.
 - Note the update in relation to the commissioning of a support service for people with a head injury and their family.
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3. Background

3.1 The Fairer Renfrewshire Programme has continued to develop and evolve over the last 18 months, with the immediate focus of the Council and its partners being in relation to the ongoing cost of living response and wider initiatives which seek to tackle poverty and inequality. This is a fast paced and constantly evolving programme and the Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-Committee continues to meet to provide oversight on all related activities being undertaken. Officers are progressing a stock take of the current programme, with a view to bringing back further recommendations to board on the 25/26 programme in early 2025.

4 Update from the Fairer Renfrewshire sub-committee

4.1 At its meeting on 13 November, the sub-committee considered:

- The most recent programme update including information on recent statistics and research in relation to the cost-of-living crisis, including the cost of living dashboard developed locally
- The initial evaluation report for the 2024 Summer of Fun Programme in Renfrewshire.
- Progress updates in relation to the community needs assessment work in Gallowhill, pension credit take up campaigns and various other service developments.
- A presentation from HSCP officers in relation to drug and alcohol related harm in Renfrewshire.

4.2 Officers gather information from a variety of sources at both a local and national level to inform discussion at the sub-committee. As highlighted above a cost of living dashboard is presented and a detailed cost of living paper is also provided which gathers together all of the local and national information. Further key statistics and information is provided in table 1 below.

4.3 A number of changes which will affect households were also announced in the UK Government's Budget on 30 October 2024. The sub-committee also considered initial information collated by officers at both a national and local level where available.

Table 1

Key national statistics

- The rate of inflation stood at 1.7% for September 2024, having reduced from 2.2% in August, and is now slightly below the 2% target set. This has since risen to 2.3% in October.
- The inflation rate for food, however, has increased slightly from 1.5% to 1.8%, the first increase since March 2023.
- On 7th November 2024, the Bank of England cut the interest rate to 4.75%. This is the second cut in the base rate this year after the reduction from 5.25% to 5% in August.
- The Energy Price Cap, originally introduced by Ofgem in January 2019 to set limits on the underlying rates charged by energy suppliers, is now set at £1,738 from the 1 January until 31 March. This is an increase of over 10% compared to the cap set between 1 July to 30 September 2024 (£1,568).

Cost of living research (national)

The latest insights into the cost of living from the Office of National Statistics for the period 7 August to 1 September 2024 found:

- 25% of adults said they had had to borrow more money or use more credit in the last month compared to a year ago.
- 49% reported that costs of living had increased compared with one month ago, while 49% said it had stayed the same. This has decreased gradually since October 2022 when 80% of adults reported an increase, and from the last reported figure of 51% in June 2024.
- For those who reported an increase, costs of food shopping at 93%, (the same as June) fuel at 46% (a slight decrease on June figures) and energy bills at 50% (a 3% increase) were the most commonly reported reasons.
- 4 in 10 people are spending less on food and essentials and 58% are spending less on non-essentials according to the survey.

Employment and income

- According to the ONS, the Claimant Count, which is taken from JobcentrePlus administration systems, for those claiming unemployment-related benefits in Renfrewshire has increased very slightly in September to 3.2% from 3.1% as it was in June 2024. This currently equates to 3,670 people aged between 16 and 64.
- Around 28,000 people aged 16 to 64 years in Renfrewshire were "economically inactive" in the year ending June 2024. This is an increase based on the previous reported figure of 26,200 in the year ending March 2024. Of those who are economically inactive, 88.4% are not looking for employment.

- As part of the budget announcement, changes have been made to the levels of Minimum Wage. Legal minimum wage for over-21s is to rise from £11.44 to £12.21 per hour from April 25. The rate for 18 to 20-year-olds to go up from £8.60 to £10, as part of a long-term plan to move towards a single adult rate.

Debt

- Figures from Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau show that of the 1446 clients seen this quarter, 455 were working either full time or part time. The numbers of those working who are accessing the service has risen steadily over the last year.
- Advice Works are not seeing the same progressive rise, however and after in the previously reported two quarters an increase in employed clients with over 200 being seen in Q4 of 23/24 and 191 in Q1 of 24/25, Q2 24/25 showed a reduction again to 184.
- The number of new debt cases for Advice Works in Q2 was 153, down from 186 the previous quarter and debt managed was £391,745 down from £677,064. These trends will be monitored over time, with further information captured around debt and changes in client type.

Benefits

- Rises in state pension are calculated differently, so in April will be uprated by 4.1%, as this increase is determined by the 'triple lock' where the state pension goes up each year by either 2.5%, inflation, or earnings growth - whichever is the highest figure. The new full state pension is set to rise by £460 a year from April 2025.
- The 1.7% inflation figure, which was confirmed at the Budget on 30 October, means that the standard allowance of Universal Credit, for a single person aged under 25, will go up by £5.30 a month to about £317. For a couple aged over 25, the rise will be £10.50 to £628 a month.

Food costs / insecurity

- In Renfrewshire 1,322 Foodbank Vouchers were in Quarter 2, in comparison with 1,295 issued in the same quarter the previous year, an increase of 2%. The vouchers covered 1740 adults and 844 children this year, which was an increase in total number receiving assistance compared to the same quarter last year (1591 adults and 704 children).
- The inflation rate for food, however, has increased slightly from 1.5% to 1.9%, this is down from a recent high of 19.2% in March 2023

Housing

- According to the ONS, private rental prices in Renfrewshire rose to an average of £756 in September 2024, an increase of £7 per month on the last reported figure in June 24 and an annual increase of 7.7% from £702 in September 2023.

5. Fairer Renfrewshire Programme Update

5.1 Since the last update to Leadership Board in September 2024, a range of activities have continued to be progressed by officers and partners. A summary is provided in the sections below.

Winter Connections

5.2 At Leadership Board in May 2024, it was agreed that £75,000 of funding be allocated from the Fairer Renfrewshire programme to provide small grants to local organisations to support a Winter Connections programme in partnership with local organisations. The programme aims to encourage people to connect and participate in activities in warm and welcoming spaces across communities in Renfrewshire.

5.3 The funding will support local community and voluntary organisations with the additional costs of making venues, activities and sessions open as part of the programme, such as equipment, food, energy costs, and rent.

5.4 Funded activities must fit the criteria of Winter Connections and be:

- Open, free and easy to access
- Inclusive, welcoming, respectful, and safe
- Able or willing to provide connections to other services and supports
- Able to offer warm drinks/snacks/food along with activities, where possible

5.5 The fund opened to applications on 23 September and was quickly over-subscribed. The fund was closed on 11 October to general applications. Appendix 1 provides an overview of all projects funded to date through the programme.

5.6 As with previous years, the Winter Connections programme is published on the Council website, at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/winter-connections. Information about the programme will be made available to elected members and promoted through a range of communication channels.

Summer of Fun

5.7 As part of the Council's budget which was approved in February 2024, £100,000 was allocated through the Fairer Renfrewshire programme to support the development of a summer holiday programme for children and young people, with a focus on providing support and healthy food over the holiday period to low-income families.

5.8 It was agreed that £50,000 of the funding would be allocated to the provision of summer camps and £50,000 would be allocated to the Summer of Fun Community Programme piloted in 2023. The Fairer Renfrewshire Lived Experience Panel played a key role in directing how this funding could be used.

- 5.9 At its meeting on 13th November, the sub-committee considered an evaluation report which provided an overview of the programme, and set out key findings to be addressed as part of any potential planned future activities. This included launching grant funding streams as early as possible, and working to develop processes to ensure that all places at the holiday camps coordinated by the CLD service, were able to be fully utilised. There was strong evidence contained within the report that Programme strongly targeted and offered support to children from child poverty priority groups.
- 5.10 Findings from the evaluation will be considered as part of the development of the Fairer Renfrewshire programme for 2025/26.

School and Family Advice Provision

- 5.11 With the new school year having started in August, work has been ongoing with colleagues in Advice Works and Education as well as Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau (RCAB) to boost numbers using the School Support Service across Secondary and ASN schools provided by RCAB and the Family Advice Service for families of Primary and ELCC schools provided by Advice Works.
- 5.12 Engagement with Education Managers has continued and all head teachers have been sent information about the services. A public campaign is also planned. RCAB post information about the schools they will be visiting each week on their own social media to promote their service and engagement will continue throughout the year to ensure relevant school and nursery staff, including pastoral staff are aware of the services and can signpost or refer parents who may benefit from advice around money and benefits.
- 5.13 This quarter the Family Advice service has seen 80 parents or carers, bringing the total for the year so far to 183. Of these 167 have fitted into at least one Child Poverty Priority Group. Client Financial gain at present is £45,925.
- 5.14 Between August 16th and October 17th, 2024, the School Support Service assisted 38 clients. The most popular advice areas were benefits and housing. For this period the School Support service recorded financial gains for clients totalling £15,779.

Winter Clothing Grant

- 5.15 As part of the budget agreed by Council in February 2024, it was agreed that a Winter Clothing Grant of £50 be paid for each child eligible for School Clothing Grant in Winter 2024, with £300,000 of funding allocated from Fairer Renfrewshire for this purpose.
- 5.16 The payment was made directly to parents' bank account week commencing 28th October 2024. The payment was made for 5,076 children, with a final total funding allocation of £253,800.
- 5.17 The payment had been trailed through social media posts from September, ensuring the maximum number of parents were aware, and applied for School Clothing Grant to allow them to receive this payment.

Community Needs Assessment in Gallowhill

- 5.18 As previously reported to the sub-committee, late in 2023, Renfrewshire HSCP was successful in a funding bid to NHSGGC Public Health to carry out a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) in Gallowhill, recognising the concerning increase in Child Poverty rates in the Gallowhill and Renfrew South Ward. The CNA, being carried out by Active Communities, commenced at the start of July 2024 using the Place Standard Tool and 250 responses had been received to mid-October.
- 5.19 As previously reported to elected members, an application was made to the Scottish Government Child Poverty Accelerator Fund to support the testing of new place-based approaches to child poverty in Renfrewshire, which would be informed by the CNA currently taking place. This joint bid with Renfrewshire HSCP, NHSGGC and Active Communities, with Renfrewshire Council being the lead partner was unfortunately unsuccessful.
- 5.20 Analysis shows Gallowhill has a high density of lone parents, households with a disabled adult or child and larger families (3 or more children). Recent census data and anecdotal evidence indicates that ethnicity and migration may also be an important factor in the increased rates. This initial analysis will be augmented by the CNA and we expect that this will provide critical community insights, to support targeted work in the area.
- 5.21 Council officers continue to work with partners to co-ordinate a programme of activities and supports in the Gallowhill area throughout the CNA process. Home-Start have introduced a Family Outreach Group to support families in the area, funded through the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund. In addition, Winter Connections funding has been allocated towards groups in the area and Renfrewshire Affordable Credit Alliance organised a community breakfast on 8 November as their annual Talk Money Week Event which was featured on the BBC's Morning Live programme.
- 5.22 In conjunction with services and partners such as Advice Works, Invest In Renfrewshire, Digital Champions, Social Security Scotland, St Mirren and Skoobmobile, residents were invited to have free breakfast and activities and find out about available supports, including Pension Credit and Scottish benefits. As part of the events, residents were also encouraged to complete a Community Needs Assessment survey with Active Communities to ensure a range of voices were heard.
- 5.23 The Community Needs Assessment is due to be concluded in the New Year, and this work will inform the development of any further approach. Following the unsuccessful bid, it is recommended that funding is earmarked from the Fairer Renfrewshire programme to secure the continuation of community development support within the area. This would provide capacity to support the development and implementation of actions emerging from the community needs assessment, and continue to improve and expand community led activity and infrastructure in the area.

5.24 It is recommended that £50,000 of funding is allocated to secure the continuation and development this work over the next 18 months, with the potential to extend the current support being provided by Active Communities to be explored by the Head of Policy and Partnerships through the provision of grant funding to this organisation. Wider work will also be undertaken to develop a place-based approach based on the learning from the CNA.

Pension credit

5.25 As previously reported to board, work has been underway to encourage older people who may be entitled to Pension Credit to apply for the benefit, as part of ongoing campaign activity, but also in response to national changes to winter fuel payments.

5.26 The DWP are planning to directly contact 120,000 pensioner households by letter from 1 November 2024, who have been identified from Housing Benefit data as potentially eligible for, but not claiming Pension Credit. Each household will be invited to apply for Pension Credit before 21 December, which is the last date for making a successful backdated claim and still receive a WFP.

5.27 Work has been ongoing locally too to encourage application to Pension Credit. While awaiting further detail on this payment, Advice Works and Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau (RCAB), along with Corporate Communications, delivered a Pension Credit take up campaign, with specific appointments for older adults being offered during a benefit take-up week to ensure as many of those eligible in Renfrewshire who have not yet claimed this benefit do so.

5.28 A round table meeting was held on 2 October 2024 to discuss options for the Council and partners to promote Pension Credit take-up locally. Attendees included several Council Officers from assorted services including Corporate Communications, HSCP, RCAB, Engage Renfrewshire and ROAR. Work is ongoing to develop a Council targeted letter campaign using Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction data and investigate the possibility of organising a text campaign using GP surgery patient records. Scheduling of this work will take cognisance of the resources and capability of Advice Works and RCAB.

5.29 It was also noted during the meeting, that successful engagement with those aged 66 or over may also require face-to-face discussions from trusted partners in community locations throughout Renfrewshire, encouraging conversations about money and the benefits of getting a free benefit check. Attendees agreed to work in partnership, with those offering a client facing service undertaking to speak to their clients about Pension Credit.

5.30 Council Officers have undertaken a communications campaign promoting Pension Credit take-up via social media posts, press releases and internal communications. Flyers and posters have also been designed targeting both those that are aged 66 or over, and those that know someone of pension age, encouraging calling either Advice Works or RCAB for a benefit check. The draft wording and layout of the posters and flyers was amended following feedback received from attendees and stakeholders during a community Cost of Living Event held at Southend Action Centre on 8 October. The feedback was especially welcomed from those who attended who do

not speak English as a first language, and from those that come from, or assist those, from an ethnic minority.

- 5.31 The flyers and posters will be distributed to multiple locations across the area including libraries, health centres, sheltered housing complexes, GP surgeries, community centres, third sector organisations and shops. Pop-up events are also being arranged to generate face-to face discussions in the community.
- 5.32 Initial figures from Advice Works have been encouraging with 284 adults over 65 coming forward for a benefit check in the period 1 August to 15 October, compared to 197 in the previous period. Although many of those coming forward have been found not to be entitled to Pension credit, a benefit check has identified other supports, with applications made in particular for adult disability benefits.
- 5.33 Work has also been undertaken by officers to identify approximately 2,000 adults aged 66 and over who are in receipt of Council Tax Reduction, but not in receipt of Pension Credit. Direct letters have been sent over a four week period throughout November 2024 to these households, encouraging people to advice services for a benefit check. While there is no guarantee that these households will be eligible for pension credit, it is likely that a number will be eligible.

Lived Experience Panel

- 5.34 Elected Members have been given a number of updates relating to work of the Fairer Renfrewshire Panel. Early September saw the Panel Event with Panel members, elected members and council officers in attendance along with HSCP and Engage Renfrewshire. A report and evaluation of the panel event was reported in full to the Fairer Renfrewshire Sub-Committee in November.
- 5.35 In October, the panel took part in the Events Strategy consultation and a walkabout of the Halloween site took place on 24 October. The Panel have also started a piece of work commissioned by Renfrewshire HSCP, around the findings of their most recent Health and Wellbeing Survey, feeding back on the findings and helping identify priorities from the results.

Digizones

- 5.36 Work has been ongoing to establish DigiZones across Renfrewshire as places where individuals who may be digitally excluded could come to get online, access a digital device or receive digital skills support. Digizones have been developed through the Citizens Voice Forum which seeks to co-design digital inclusion solutions by taking a person-centred and place-based approach and by working with organisations involved in delivering digital inclusion as well as those impacted by digital exclusion.
- 5.37 The DigiZone early implementer phase launched on 16 October, during Get Online Week with all Renfrewshire Libraries becoming DigiZones as well as a number of Community Learning and Development/Youth Services locations and one 3rd sector partner – Active Communities. Details of venues are here www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/digizones

5.38 Learning from this phase will be used to help shape and inform future rollout and the DigiZone sub-group of Citizens Voice will continue to oversee and promote this initiative.

6. Current priorities

6.1 As highlighted to Board in September, the Fairer Renfrewshire Programme is now at capacity as officers have worked with partners to respond to emerging developments and to support existing programmes of work. There are several areas of activity that are being prioritised during Autumn/Winter 2024:

- Scoping and development of the Advancing equalities programme previously approved by Board
- Delivery of the Winter Connections Programme
- Benefit take up campaigns including Pension Credit
- Developing options to respond to the potential findings of the Community Impact Assessment in Gallowhill

7. Support for people with a head injury and their families in Renfrewshire

7.1 At the Leadership Board on 19 June 2024, elected members agreed to allocate £300,000 from the Fairer Renfrewshire programme to fund the development of a support service for people with a head injury and their families for a three year period. This followed the closure of the former Renfrewshire Head Injuries Service on 6 June 2024.

7.2 On 19 September 2024, an update on the development of the new support service was provided to Leadership Board as part of a wider paper relating to the Fairer Renfrewshire programme. At that time elected members were also advised that a judicial review petition from the Court of Session in relation to the service closure had subsequently been withdrawn.

7.3 The report noted that:

- Work had commenced on the process by which the service will be commissioned.
- Further market testing had been undertaken over the summer period through the publication of a PIN notice
- Work had been undertaken to commission an independent organisation to undertake further consultation with potential users of the service and their families. This was noted as a vital part of the process as it will ensure that their views guide the specification of any new contract specification which is tendered. It was anticipated at that stage that this consultation process would be completed by the end of September 2024/early October 2024, subject to the availability of the organisation identified.
- A tender process would then commence, with recommendations for award being brought before the Finance, Resources and Customer Service policy board. Officers had initially targeted the November 2024 policy board cycle, however it was noted that this was dependent on the timing and completion of the consultation process and wider procurement processes.

- 7.4 Following the Leadership Board significant progress has been made in terms of taking forward the consultation exercise:
- An external consultant was formally appointed to lead an independent consultation process with potential service users and their families. This has informed the service specification for the newly commissioned service.
 - The initial consultation process is now complete and involved a range of F2F sessions and focus groups, and also a provision of a survey for written responses. Although this stage of the consultation is complete, we intend to offer further opportunities for engagement with any new provider as part of the establishment of the service itself. We also intend to build into the contract specification the requirement to regularly engage with service users and to flexibly develop and provide the service in response to feedback.
- 7.5 Unfortunately for legal reasons it has not been possible to access contact details for service users that previously accessed the service provided with Quarriers. We have used intermediaries to get information to previous and potential new service users. This includes through the Sunshine Club, Carers Centre, community link workers, local voluntary and community organisations.
- 7.6 The formal tendering process has now commenced and in line with the Council's standing orders relating to contracts, any recommendations relating to the contract will require to be approved by the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board. Work is being undertaken presently to minimise any delays to the procurement process.
- 7.7 As mentioned above, it has not been possible to gain information in relation to previous users of the Head Injuries Service. We hope that through the consultation exercise we will be able to share information with those attending on local supports that are available to service users and families, whilst the service is put into place. We intend to collate information that can be shared on local resources, organisations and support services.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – no specific recommendations.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** – This report provides a summary of current partnership activities being progressed through the Fairer Renfrewshire programme, with a key focus on tackling the inequalities that exist in Renfrewshire.
4. **Legal** - none
5. **Property/Assets** - none
6. **Information Technology** - none
7. **Equality and Human Rights** – The report provides an overview of key activities undertaken as part of the Fairer Renfrewshire programme, and as such there continues to be a high level of equalities and human rights consideration across this programme – the activities detailed in this report are targeted specifically

at advancing equality of opportunity for a number of groups across the Renfrewshire area. An equality impact assessment has been developed as part of the commissioning process for the head injury service, and will continue to be developed and updated as the service progresses to implementation.

8. **Health and Safety** - none
9. **Procurement** – none
10. **Risk** – none
11. **Privacy Impact** – none
12. **Climate risk** – none
13. **Children’s rights** - the articles within UNCRC underpin the work that is being progressed in Renfrewshire through the Fairer Renfrewshire programme, particularly in relation to rights in relation to aspects such as life, survival and development, food, clothing and a safe home and supporting the best interests of the child and their families. Child poverty and family wellbeing are key local partnership priorities.
14. **COSLA Policy Position** – none

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Appendix 1 – Winter Connections Grant Funding

Applications Approved under delegated authority by Head of Policy and Partnerships				
Organisation	Area	Funding Requested	Purpose	Funding approved
Erskine Arts	Erskine	£2,000	Soup Sessions	£2,000
Rays of Hope	Elderslie	£2,000	Hope Project	£2,000
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	Renfrew	£2,000	Connect and Chat	£2,000
Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	Paisley	£2,000	Winter Youth Club	£2,000
Brick Lane Music Academy	Paisley	£2,000	Soup and a Jam	£2,000
Friends of Howwood Park	Howwood	£2,000	The Tuesday Club	£2,000
Just Dive In CIC	Paisley	£2,000	Winter Warmth and Wellbeing: Crafting, Floating, and Swimming for Older Adults	£2,000
Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	Johnstone	£2,000	Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	£2,000
Linwood Community Council	Linwood	£2,000	Winter Connections	£1,000
KLAS Care CIC	Linwood	£1,680	Family Connections	£1,680
Renfrewshire Rainbow Buddies	Shortroods	£2,000	Shortroods Youth Club	£2,000
Home-Start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	Paisley	£2,000	The Warm Place with Home Start	£2,000
STAR Project	Paisley	£2,000	STAR Winter Connections	£2,000
ROAR Connections for Life Ltd	Johnstone	£2,000	Jam Jar Movies at Station Seven	£2,000
The Tannahill Centre	Paisley Ferguslie Park	£2,000	Breakfast at the Tanny	£2,000
Scottish Afro Caribbean Arts Association	Paisley Gallowhill	£2,000	Winter Unity	£2,000
Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities (REEM)	Paisley	£2,000	The Get Together Project	£2,000
The Thursday Club	Paisley Glenburn	£2,000	Winter Warmer Project -	£2,000
Howwood Community Council	Howwood	£2,000	Winter Warmers	£2,000
Foxbar Elderly Forum	Foxbar	£2,000	Foxbar Elderly Forum	£2,000
Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust	Lochwinnoch	£1,000	Wellness Workshops	£1,000
Lochwinnoch Dodge Ball Club and Drop In	Lochwinnoch	£2,000	Youth Drop In Sessions	£2,000
Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group	Johnstone	£2,000	Still Here	£2,000
Kairos Women+	Paisley	£2,000	Community Soup	£2,000
Paisley North Church of Scotland	Ferguslie	£2,000	Wednesday Drop in Group	£1,000
Paisley YMCA	Paisley	£2,000	Cosy Crafts @ The Y	£2,000

Ralston Primary OSC	Paisley	£2,000	Winter Drama Club and Show	£2,000
Renfrew Trinity Church	Renfrew	£1,150	Lite Bites @ Renfrew Trinity	£1,150
CREATE Paisley	Paisley, Linwood and Johnstone	£1,870	CREATE Winter Drop In for Young People	£1,870
Shopmobility Renfrewshire	Paisley	£2,000	Mobility Crafters	£1,490
Dates-n-Mates	Paisley	£1,470	Dates-n-Mates	£1,470
Jubilee House	Paisley	£2,000	Winter Activities Group	£2,000
Loud n Proud	Paisley	£2,000	The Tuesday Club	£1,000
Houston Community Council	Houston	£1,047	Senior Citizens Film Shows	£1,047
Pachedu	Paisley	£1,950	Pachedu Young Visioners	£1,950
Preshal Trust	Paisley	£1,980	Preshal Paisley - Heat up and eat up	£1,980
School of African Cultures	Paisley	£2,000	Tosakana	£1,340
The Bungalow	Paisley	£2,000	The Bungalow Club	£1,000
Inchinnan Development Trust	Inchinnan	£878	Inchinnan Connects through Winter Craft Sessions	£878

Applications not recommended for approval

Organisation	Area	Name	Funding Requested	Decision
Finding Your Feet	Paisley	Physical Wellbeing Programme	£2,000	No funding award – does not meet criteria as no scheduled activity.
Genki Judo Club	Linwood	Winter Warm Up Together	£1,660	No funding award – very specific project with less additionality than other Linwood projects.
Golf in Society	Paisley	Golf in Society	£1,850	No funding award – would support a very limited number of people and take place outside. Referred to other funding sources.
Howwood Community Council	Howwood	Sewing and Craft Group	£1,500	No funding award – funding had already been approved for 2 projects in Howwood, one overlapping in time with this activity. Both other funded activities would support more people. Referred to another funding source.
Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust	Lochwinnoch	Monday Matters	£1,000	No funding award – 2 projects already funded in Lochwinnoch meeting different demographics (young and adult). Activity would take place in licensed premises.
Open Aye CIC	Paisley	Mindful Winter Photo Project	£2,000	No funding award – project mainly taking place outdoors and for a small number of attendees.

