

To: Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership

On: 21 March 2019

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Local Partnership – Future Arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership requires to take a number of decisions about its operation over the next year.
- 1.2 These decisions relate to the arrangements for meetings and the name the Local Partnership wishes to be known by. Members of the Local Partnership are invited to contribute to these decisions as set out in section 3 below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership:
 - (a) Agree that three further meetings of the Local Partnership be held in June 2019, November 2019 and March/April 2020 with a wider community engagement event to take place during September/October 2019, as set out in paragraphs 3.1 – 3.3.
 - (b) Agree that members of the Local Partnership contribute their views on accessible venues for future meetings, as set out in paragraph 3.4.
 - (c) Agree that members of the Local Partnership contribute suggestions for its name going forward as set out in paragraphs 3.5-3.6, for decision at next meeting on Thursday 20 June 2019.
 - (d) Note the arrangements for Community Representative expenses, as set out in paragraph 3.7.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 Local Partnerships will meet a minimum of three times per year. The next meeting of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership will take place at 6pm on Thursday 20 June 2019 in Cargill Hall, Bridge of Weir.
- 3.2 It is proposed that each Local Partnership sets two further dates to meet in November 2019 and March/April 2020 and that the start time for meetings be agreed as 6pm.
- 3.3 In addition to the three Local Partnership meetings per annum it is proposed that a community event be organised to enable engagement with community groups, voluntary organisations and members of the public who are not members of the Partnership.
- 3.4 Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership is asked to consider whether it would prefer a single venue for all meetings or to alternate between different venues within the Local Partnership area. Members are asked to send any suggestions for accessible local venues to communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk by Tuesday 7 May 2019.
- 3.5 Each of the seven Local Partnerships consist of groupings of Community Councils. The name currently being used for the Local Partnership is simply a list of the names of each Community Council in the area.
- 3.6 Each Local Partnership may choose its own name, by agreeing either to continue with its current name or changing to an alternative name. Proposals for an alternative name should be submitted to communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk by Tuesday 7 May 2019 for consideration and decision at the meeting of the Local Partnership.
- 3.7 Under the previous Local Area Committee arrangements, community representatives were entitled to £50 per annum expenses to attend meetings. Members of the Local Partnership may continue to claim £50 per annum expenses for attendance at meetings. This resource would be drawn from the Local Partnership grant funding allocation as was the case previously under Local Area Committee arrangements.