



Minute of Meeting Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 14 May 2015	14:30	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillor T Williams; S MacDougall, Lead Officer and Director of Community Resources; O Reid; E MacLean; D Hawthorn and Y Farquar (all Renfrewshire Council); S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities; S Miller, Engage Renfrewshire; K Phillips, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; A Lowe, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; N Galloway, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and M Shepherd, Police Scotland.

CHAIR

Councillor Williams, Chair, presided

IN ATTENDANCE

S Graham, Engage Renfrewshire and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council). APOLOGIES Councillor B Perrie; and D Mair (both Renfrewshire Council); A Dick, West College Scotland C Prentice, Victim Support; W Kennedy, North Strathclyde Criminal Justice Authority; and L King, Scottish Children's Reporters Administration.

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1 **ADULT & CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES**

A Lowe gave a presentation on his first year as Independent Chair of the Adult & Child Protection Committees.

The presentation outlined the common themes and highlighted the Declan Hainey Fatal Accident Inquiry. It noted that the biennial report had been published and outlined the future focus and challenges.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

2 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of A Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board held on 5 March, 2015.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

3 **ROLLING ACTION LOG**

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

It was agreed that as S&S.2603.13(7) was complete it would be removed from the action log.

S&S.21.11.13(6) – D Hawthorn advised that a protocol was being developed to respond to missing persons and there was better communication and engagement with Police Scotland. It was agreed that this action was complete and would be removed from the action log.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be agreed.

4 **"STREETS FOR ALL?" - IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY OF STREETS, PAVEMENTS AND PUBLIC SPACES IN RENFREWSHIRE**

There was submitted a report by Renfrewshire Access Panel/Engage Renfrewshire relative to making streets and public places within Renfrewshire more accessible to disabled people and other people with mobility difficulties.

The report advised that the charity Living Streets published an analysis of statutory Equality Objectives of Scottish councils called "Streets For All?" which was contained within the Appendix to the report. The report highlighted that by improving accessibility within the environment this would directly benefit a wide range of individuals with temporary or permanent mobility issues, reduce the costs to individuals and public services of preventable falls and would also widen access to public services and the local economy.

The Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities proposed to work with the Board to develop appropriate practical actions as proposed in "Streets For All?" to improve the

accessibility of streets, pavements and public places.

S Cruickshank advised that Renfrewshire Access Panel would be willing to do a street audit in an area specified by the Board.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Living Streets Report “Streets For All?” report be noted;
- (b) That it be agreed that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities will work with the Board to develop work to improve the accessibility of streets, pavements and public places, which will contribute to achievement of the relevant equality outcomes in Renfrewshire, as outlined within the report; and
- (c) That it be agreed that the report be submitted to a future meeting of the Safer and Stronger Board with recommendations regarding practical ways to improve accessibility of streets, pavements and public spaces in Renfrewshire.

5 REPORT ON PSP PERCEPTION

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing an overview of perception data from the results of the winter 2014 Renfrewshire Public Services Panel survey which consulted panel members on council services, anti-social behaviour and empowering communities. The report also provided a detailed analysis on the issues which impacted on the Safer and Stronger outcomes.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 REPORT ON RED IMPACT MEASURE FOR REPORTING TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to those impact measures which were identified as being 10% or more outwith target (red alert).

The report indicated that one impact measure from the Safer and Stronger Single Outcome Agreement fell within the red alert status. An analysis of the progress of the indicator was contained within the report and would form part of the overall progress report to the Community Planning Partnership Board in June 2015.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the update provided on the indicator be noted; and
- (b) That it be agreed that the update be reported to the Community Planning Partnership Board at its meeting on 24 June 2015.

7 SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD - SELF ASSESSMENT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the proposed Safer & Stronger Self Assessment.

The report indicated that the self assessment was designed to measure the partnership strengths and weaknesses thus enabling the Board to identify areas for development. The assessment considered seven areas and members of the Board would be required to complete a scorecard for

Each. The report indicated that on completion of the scorecards a report providing an analysis of the results together with recommendations would be presented to the next meeting of the Board.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that the Board undertake the Community Safety Partnership Self Assessment; and

(b) That it be agreed that the Board complies with the timescales as set out within the report

8 PROGRESS UPDATE ON COUNTER TERRORISM STRATEGY (CONTEST) AND STRATEGY FOR TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME (SOC)

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources which provided an overview on the current arrangements in place and a progress update on actions being taken to strengthen governance arrangements and to ensure all relevant aspects of the agenda were being taken forward effectively and that the Community Planning Partnership comply with the guidance arising from the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

DECIDED:

(a) That the progress being made in responding to Counter Terrorism and Serious & Organised Crime Strategies at a national and local level and that local arrangements are in place to comply with the requirements of the Act be noted;

(b) That the establishment of a “Prevent” working group as set out in the report to take forward the counter terrorism strategy, reporting to the Chief Officers Public Protection Group (chaired by Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive), through the Community Safety and Public Protection Steering Group (chaired by Head of Public Protection) be noted;

(c) That the intention to use the guidance for Health Boards on implementing the Prevent Strategy as the basis for the development of a self assessment/audit evaluation of the current areas of risk and potential mitigating actions in relation to this Agenda be noted;

(d) That the progress made to date by the Integrity Working Group in undertaking a self assessment audit and identifying actions that require to be taken forward to improve the resilience of the Council and partners in relation to Serious and Organised Crime be noted;

(c) That the overarching governance arrangements that are in place – including the requirement to report to each meeting of the Public Protection Chief Officers Group on progress be noted; and

(d) To note the intention to bring regular update reports to the Safer and Stronger Thematic Board for its consideration.

9 **RENFREWESHIRE TRUSTED TRADER SCHEME - SATISFACTION REVIEW 2015**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the Renfrewshire Trusted Trader Scheme Satisfaction Review 2015.

The report stated that the Renfrewshire Trusted Trader scheme was launched in March 2012, with 17 member traders. Following agreement between the two authorities, the scheme was expanded to cover East Renfrewshire in April 2014, offering a pan-Renfrewshire solution to benefit customers, businesses and Trading Standards Services. The scheme has now reached its 3rd anniversary and had 42 member traders, covering the two local authority areas. The Satisfaction Review for 2015 was attached as an Appendix to the report.

DECIDED: That the attached satisfaction report on the Renfrewshire Trusted Trader Scheme, demonstrating its success be noted.

10 **COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by Community Resources which provided an update on recent activities carried out by the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership which included information on: environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; the development of the HMICS Scrutiny Plan; and the development of the integrated control room and CCTV

DECIDED: That the report be noted.