

To: Paisley East Local Partnership

On: 16 June 2021

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Paisley East Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report and 20/21 Funding
Application Feedback**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Paisley East Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Paisley East Local Partnership in 2020/21 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 Feedback from projects receiving funding in 20/21 on the outcome of projects is also attached. Due to the impact of Covid 19 on the ability of groups to successfully deliver projects, some groups have returned funding to the Local Partnership. In recognition of this situation it has been agreed that Local Partnership underspends in 2020/21 will be carried forward and added to the budget for 2021/22. For 2021/22, the normal arrangements will apply, requiring all funding to be spent by the end of the financial year with no provision for carry over to the following year.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2020/21 be noted.

3. Feedback From 2020/21 Grant Recipients

- 3.1 Feedback on the use of Paisley East Local Partnership funding allocated in 2020/21 was received from eighteen organisations as follows:

1. I Am Me Scotland

We requested funding to create Easy Read resources for Keep Safe to help make the initiative more accessible for people with learning disabilities and developed a Keep Safe Easy Read Animation. 504 participants benefited. These online workshops boosted creative learning, transferrable skills, problem solving and creativity. They also offered information on how to access other advanced learning opportunities and further training. The workshops helped with social connections at a time of lockdown and also boosted young learners' art portfolio development at time when formal learning and examinations were disrupted.

2.Paisley and District Boys Brigade Battalion Administration.

The Boys Brigade received funding from Paisley East and other Local Partnerships to run events and for Battalion Headquarters running costs. Funding enabled staff to maintain the Headquarters building and prepare it to be ready to open and function fully once lockdown restrictions eased.

3.Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation

Our project sought funding to enable cricket coaching to be available to the community. The funding enabled us to provide a qualified cricket coach, when COVID restrictions allowed. Sessions encouraged people of all ages and abilities to take part outdoors in an activity which enhanced their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

We reached a total of 100 people - mainly for the Paisley partnerships. The community were able to attend structured and covid friendly sessions to take part in physical activity. This was vital at a time when gyms etc were closed.

4.Lamont Farm

Funding from Paisley East and other Local Partnerships enabled Lamont Farm to provide a service when able to open to the public during 2020 and to enable the public to visit animals safely in the fields when other services were unavailable. Projects were also carried out via the internet, for example Zoom sessions with local children. Animal handling for children under-12 was also delivered safely.

Lamont Farm was opened July-November 2020. Over 1,000 people attended in a single day in during July.

Even during periods when the farm could not fully open, access to the Farm's fields for the public has provided a way of reducing stress and depression.

5. Ferguslie Cricket Club

We sought funding to enable us to purchase a new cricket roller, which was purchased. All our junior and senior players will benefit circa 75 members. In addition, all visiting teams will also benefit. Better cricket pitches prepared for all our teams and visiting opposition. In addition better pitches will enhance our ability to host representative games thus attracting visitors to Paisley.

6.Active Communities

Funding was requested to organise the Jingle Bell Fun Run at Barshaw Park in Paisley. A great family day out a Barshaw Park with Fun Run, train rides and Christmas Fun.

We couldn't host the event at Barshaw Park due to Covid restrictions. We were able to hold a virtual Christmas Run with 104 competitors taking part in a virtual 5k. We also organised the Paisley Elf Trail with 120 participants. Families were given a treasure map of 12 local Paisley Businesses and organisations and had to find the Elf in shop windows.

All participants received a Christmas medal , the same as they would have if they had taken part in the event at Jingle Bell Run. 224 participants took part, 20 volunteers were involved in organising and 12 local business benefited from the event.

7.Royal British Legion Pipe Band

The award was requested to help fund the re-generation of Paisley and District pipe band by purchasing musical instruments, practice equipment and facilitating the inclusion of those in the community who may not otherwise be able to afford to get involved in a band or learn a traditional musical instrument.

The money was spent as intended, but some changes to our original ideas came about due to the Covid pandemic. The biggest change was that because we couldn't practice or give lessons in our hall in the usual way we had to set up an online Zoom lesson format which proved very successful and will hopefully soon seamlessly blend into our usual form of tuition. Musical instruments were sterilised before being delivered to anyone.

8. Friends of Barshaw Park

The award was requested to improve the amenities of the park, bring people in the community of all ages and backgrounds together to work together, learn new skills and welcome new residents to the area.

We bought bird houses, nesting boxes, bird feeders and kits to build birdhouses and feeders. We printed information leaflets and charts.

We created a welcome pack which was delivered to new housing in the area. The pack contained a "Welcome to Barshaw Park" letter, and a wooden token, which we

invited recipients to decorate or write a message on, and hang from one of the laurel trees in the Walled Peace Garden in Barshaw Park.

We bought craft materials and created Easter Craft packs which were distributed to local children and community groups, and schools and invited them to create decorations to display in the Walled Peace Garden.

We had originally intended to deliver workshops in the Walled Peace Garden for local people and families to build birdboxes and learn about wild birds, and to deliver other craft workshops.

The pandemic meant that we could not deliver the sessions in person and in the park as we had intended, so we a system to deliver the projects at virtually. Our work with the Mirin Group, an organisation for young adults who have learning difficulties, had to be put on hold as the group could not meet during the pandemic.

Paisley East: We reached over 100 households in Hawkhead with our Welcome Packs.

Paisley Abbey Scouts, and over 20 households in Hawkhead, Greenlaw, and Town Centre took part in the Birdwatch project

Paisley East: 20 Households in Paisley East took part in the birdwatch project. The Birdwatch project was extremely popular and we distributed over 200 kits and birdhouses to households in Paisley and wider Renfrewshire. Some families were issued with both ready made birdhouses and children's kits.

Our Welcome Packs invited residents to visit Barshaw Park to enjoy it's amenities and also to join and volunteer with Friends of Barshaw Park.

We have recruited several new volunteers of different ages and backgrounds to work in the Walled Garden, and more people have joined our committee and made connections with others in the community.

People have learned new skills and developed and shared their knowledge of gardening, and have a sense in achievement in seeing the Walled Peace Garden looking beautiful with a peaceful and welcoming atmosphere. Visitors to the garden have benefited from having a lovely garden to visit and relax in.

Families and children have learned about the wild birds which visit their gardens and open areas in their local area. They are learning more as birds build nests in the Friends of Barshaw Bird boxes, and feed in the gardens and surrounding areas.

9. Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank

The funding had been applied for in order to support our Christmas campaign, then to expand to operate all year. The funding allowed us to do this by paying for a year of storage as well as other items listed below.

We now run at Easter, Halloween and Christmas as well as supporting all year round with birthday gifts.

Teens are always hard to buy for so often we purchase gift cards. They have all been distributed.

The money was spent on:

Storage for a year £1,859

Gift cards £2,360

Toys and gifts £859

Easter £1,650

We had put in for Halloween as well however did not get from all partnerships meaning we could not make the funding go as far as to Halloween.

Christmas - 2,510 completed referrals

Over 40 organisations referred to us

Easter - 3,594 big eggs, 1,465 small creme egg type as well as over 1,500 small toys and arts and crafts items.

45 schools

26 nurseries

14 charities and other organisation received eggs from us

Birthday boxes

All social work departments, health visitors, star project, ebi unites, the space project as well as some schools and nurseries have a stock of gifts that they can take from. This means items have already been quarantined at their end. They then fill out a record sheet and we top up their supply when needed.

Other organisation refer to us due to space or working from home.

We were able to provide safe, new toys and gifts of a high quality taking away and stigma. Our referral process also set up parents and carers with other services that we cannot offer - helping us all work together to keep services fair.

The toy bank also relives financial strain or helps stop families getting into debt.

Easter helped with food poverty as well as helping with an Easter egg hunt and another organisations Easter activities for the children that they support.

Businesses act as drop off points. This was a bit stop and start due to Covid however we try to use as many local small businesses as possible which also tends to bring them some new customers helping the local economy.

10.Buddies of Hunterhill

We wanted the money to create a special, fruitful garden that could be used by many people. Our original plans to include our usual partners into the garden space to help with the allotment and orchard have been put on hold although the trees, shrubs and plants have been put in place ready for Covid restrictions easing up. We hope that

our families, friends and the young people from local schools can enjoy the garden as much as we have over the last few months.

We have spent some of the money you granted the committee but not all of it because of Covid restrictions. We spent money on making the garden look and smell better than it was. Trees and new sensory plants have been introduced recently, and we've created a beach area for residents to enjoy. We still have money left because we couldn't spend the money on what we originally planned because we've not been able to link with our community as we usually do. However, we hope to host a coming out of Covid garden party to showcase the work that has been done when the time is right. The number of people who this has benefited relates only to the care home residents, their close relatives at times when they have been able to visit and the staff who work in the care home so far which equates to over one hundred people. We hope to double that figure once restrictions have been lifted.

Relatives and friends of the residents have benefited most from this project so far. We do plan to get more beneficiaries within our local community involved in due course although the timing isn't right at the moment unfortunately, as we hope you can appreciate. The residents have welcomed the work in the garden and have enjoyed the improved space on days where weather permits, although feedback has suggested that the new features in the garden is something new and nice to look at even when it's raining which has helped to improve the health and wellbeing of all residents living in the care home.

11. Renfrewshire Walking Network

Promote the Walking Network through printed booklets and promotional material. These are placed in library's Community Facilities and Doctors surgeries. There was also money for training of new leaders and equipping them with Waterproofs and First Aid kits.

As we work with elderly and vulnerable groups all walks were cancelled due to Covid in March 2020. It is only in the last month that we are gradually restarting the Community Health Walks. This is delayed spending the grant on booklets and promotional material along with training and equipment. It is our intention to spend the grant as intended as things get back to normal.

12. Breastfeeding Network

To continue to help sustain our local breastfeeding support services. We wanted to continue supporting our existing volunteers by offering ongoing learning and developing their skills with supervision/study events and continue to support local families with breastfeeding by offering weekly support groups, attending local community events to increase public and community awareness of breastfeeding.

Over the past year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown restrictions we have continued to support our volunteers by offering frequent supervision and ongoing learning opportunities and have developed strategies online making this more accessible during the lockdown.

We have run 2 weekly online breastfeeding support groups open to parents requiring breastfeeding support and information via Zoom. We also started another weekly online antenatal breastfeeding information session for pregnant women and very new mums as all NHS antenatal classes were cancelled.

We set up other means of support by email, 1:1 phone and video call as face to face support was all cancelled.

We were unable to attend the postnatal wards to offer support to newly delivered mums or any community events which were cancelled due to the lockdown restrictions. However we are working towards setting up new Walk Talk and Feed groups locally as a way of helping mums to exercise and connect with each other, reduce isolation and get breastfeeding support, which we hope will be sustainable. We have not spent any funding on venue hire as the venues have been closed, however anticipate higher costs going forward when venues reopen.

183 attendances

56 new mums many who attended on more than one occasion. Our online Zoom groups are open to all across Renfrewshire.

New and existing breastfeeding families had access to online breastfeeding support via Zoom on 147 occasions (including during Christmas and New Year weeks) We gave email and social media support as well as 1:1 zoom call and video chat. New parents have been particularly isolated during the pandemic as face to face support from their health care providers was severely limited and in many cases, completely unavailable being restricted to video call from health visitors and GPs. We have been a lifeline for these mums who had very little practical support from family and friends at a very vulnerable time in their lives. We know that breastfeeding rates have been rising in Renfrewshire over the last few years and evidence shows that peer support makes a big impact on helping parents achieve their breastfeeding goals.

We aim to continue with our project which was originally in our application by restarting face to face breastfeeding groups, offering support in the postnatal setting, attending community events when guidelines allow.

13.Bungalow

Since taking over The Bungalow we looked at ways to reduce our carbon footprint. So, we set out to minimise our energy costs. We set out to replace the old boiler which we did with the grant. In addition we insulated the roof space, installed sensor taps and installed a sensor urinal flush system.

Our throughput weekly is between 500 and 700 attendees. The new heating system and insulation benefits them and our staff. The venue is a much more comfortable space to be in for customers and performers. Our carbon footprint will be reduced and energy bills smaller.

14. Rainbow Turtle

Through education we hoped to help develop informed and active global citizens. The money was mainly spent on salary of an education officer who liaised with schools and other groups to educate and promote Fair Trade.

The money was mainly spent on salary of an education officer who liaised with schools and other groups to educate and promote Fair Trade.

We promoted Fair Trade Fortnight and started a podcast about Rainbow Turtle, Paisley and Fair Trade.

We promoted Fair Trade via the Rainbow Turtle shop in Gauze St.

Covid made it difficult to work in person with schools and organisation and the education officer was on furlough for some of the year, so more was done on line.

This limited the impact in a difficult year. Previous years are more typical of our impact across Renfrewshire schools and organisations

In the coming year we intend to employ the education officer for more hours.

Rainbow Turtle works across all Renfrewshire and the main use of the funding is to pay part of the salary of a part-time Education Officer who works across all of Renfrewshire and makes all our resources to all schools and organisations across the county. As such it is not easy to break down how much each Local Partnership benefitted individually. All schools were offered online resources, especially during Fair Trade Fortnight.

The Education Officer is responsible for the online presence of Rainbow Turtle and that has been more important in the past year where physical contact was so drastically reduced.

She produced regular newsletters, maintained the website and posted regularly on Twitter and Instagram. Our followers on these platforms increases listed below in 3.2, over 1000 Twitter followers and almost 100 people follow us on Facebook. The charity works closely with the trading arm, Rainbow Turtle Trading and we have 26 active volunteers and more interested in joining.

Schools were closed for most of the year which meant normal business in terms of direct education work with pupils had to be postponed. However, contact with teachers continued, with a Teacher's Blog being set up, so mainly online. A number of events were planned over the year, but by necessity these have been rescheduled.

The Education Officer built up a wide variety of materials and resources, primarily online activities which can be rolled out when circumstances change. Hence, schools will be in a much better position to embed Fair Trade into the curriculum as normal services resume.

Home learning materials were developed for parents and guardians who were educating young people in the home. A wide variety of sessions, activities and digital learning opportunities were offered.

Updating the website and offering information and resources as well as drawing together links to relevant sites, was a key element of the work.

These resources were accessed by parents, teachers, partner organisations and interested members of the public who found them useful, engaging and informative. In previous , 'normal' years we were able to more by working with churches and other groups to have Fair Trade stalls, selling and education. We have previously worked with St Mirren's women's football team and using Fair Trade footballs. We have links with Scottish Fair Trade Forum and Just Trading Scotland (JTS) which is based in Paisley.

15.Shopmobility Paisley and District

Local Partnership funding was spent as intended on materials, equipment and volunteer expenses to ensure the provision of a mobility scooter and wheelchair service in Renfrewshire.

During lockdown open hours for the project were longer than normal. A new website was developed and support given to enable people to visit relatives in hospital, access scooters (including advice and maintenance), access counselling services, pick up prescriptions, get out of their home and access food.

16.Paisley Sea Cadets

We received £3,485. A new boiler was installed last month and the nest unit was installed.

We didn't spend anything on stationery. Due to covid restrictions the hall has been shut down since mid march 2020, and is still shut down, so strictly no one directly benefitted.

Our income for 2020/2021 is nil. In a normal year we would have received hall hire income, cadets subscriptions, bag packing income and gift aid. This was nil due to covid. All hall and cadet activities were completely suspended. The income received plugged the gap in our funding. The funding was used 100% as requested

17.Loud'n'Proud

The funding was requested to produce a week long festival celebrating Danny Kyle. The money is not spent yet due to Covid as we couldn't put on a live event. The event is now scheduled for Sma' Shot Day on the 3rd July

18.Wynd Centre

Child Play Therapy Report for first year

The first year of Project funding, supported by local Community Partnerships, has been positively used to purchase and refurbish a well ventilated play room within the

Wynd Centre; and also, to pay for a new staff member's professional training toward a qualification in Play Therapy. Training started in October at a training venue in Edinburgh, offered by the organisation PT UK. Since then, the training has been offered online due to lock-down, but it continues despite the current pandemic.

Staff have been working with one 5-year-old child and three other young people aged 12-15 years of age, The Counselling Manger supports the process of referral by doing play therapy assessments in partnership with the parents or kinship carers of any children referred to the service. There is a case load of 4 child clients over 2 days.

Age of Child or YP	Gender	Number of Sessions
5	Female	5
12	Female	3
14	Female	4
15	Female	4
15	Female	4
15	Male	5

- From October to December 2020, 20 hours of child therapy had been offered and 5 sessions of counselling to a 15-year-old male client. Staff also worked with the adults who referred these 6 children.

Paisley East Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21

General Grant Fund	£62,797 (net of Members expenses)
Total Funding Awards	£57,497
Carry Forward to 2021/22	£5,300

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
FR1065	Paisley & District Royal British Legion Pipe Band	£1,559.36	£1,559.36	£0.00
FR1068	Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
FR1073	Rainbow Turtle	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00
FR1074	Ferguslie Cricket Club	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
FR1083	I am Me Scotland	£3,850.28	£3,850.28	£0.00
FR1084	Active Communities	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
FR1089	Paisley Sea Cadets	£495.00	£495.00	£0.00
FR1091	5TH Paisley Oldhall Scout Group	£3,850.28	£3,850.28	£0.00
FR1095	Renfrewshire Walking Network	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
FR1098	The Buddies of Hunterhill	£5,650.00	£5,650.00	£0.00
FR1106	Outspoken Arts Scotland Ltd	£2,887.71	£2,887.71	£0.00
FR1111	The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
FR1125	Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities	£2,216.25	£2,216.25	£0.00
FR1126	Home-start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	£482.75	£482.75	£0.00
FR1128	Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank	£1,215.00	£1,215.00	£0.00
FR1138	Charleston Tenants & Residents Association	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
FR1150	The Wynd Centre	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
FR1152	Loud n Proud	£1,572.45	£1,572.45	£0.00
FR1156	RAMH	£2,311.00	£2,311.00	£0.00
FR1162	Bungalow Enterprises CIC	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00

FR1171	Ralston Community Council	£5,300.00	Award declined and returned	
FR1172	Renfrewshire Accessibility Project	£2,239.32	£2,239.32	£0.00
FR1176	Lamont Farm Project	£1,540.11	£1,540.11	£0.00
FR1180	The Breastfeeding Network	£3,699.48	£3,699.48	£0.00
FR1182	Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities (REEM)	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1183	Oakshaw Trinity Friendly Hour	£375.00	£375.00	£0.00
FR1188	Friends of Barshaw Park	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	£0.00
FR1191	Paisley YMCA	£1,196.00	£1,196.00	£0.00
FR1208	Double H Luncheon Club	£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
FR1212	Shop Mobility, Paisley & District	£1,357.00	£1,357.00	£0.00
FR1215	Paisley & District U3A	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund £24,095
Total Funding Awards £24,095
Carry Forward to 2021/22 £0

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
CE1002	YMCA	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
CE1003	CREATE Paisley	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
CE1010	I AM Me Scotland	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
CE1012	Who Cares Scotland	£1,736.00		£1,736.00
CE1014	Loud n Proud	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
CE1015	Paisley Sea Cadets	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
CE1017	Own Your Bike	£1,982.28	£1,982.28	£0.00

CE1019	St Andrews Academy	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
CE1028	Outspoken Arts Scotland Ltd	£1,376.72	£1,376.72	£0.00
CE1037	Paisley Barbell Powerlifting Club	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
CE1040	PACE Theatre Company	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
CE1044	Kelburn Hockey Club	£1,500.00		£1,500.00
CE1045	Pachedu	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00