

**To: The Villages Local Partnership**

**On: 13 November 2019**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**THE VILLAGES LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Villages Local Partnership agreed a number of priority areas for focus at the meeting on 21 March 2019.
- 1.2 These Local Priorities should help develop the agenda and workplan for the Local Partnership moving forward, and it is recommended that members of the Local Partnership discuss the Local Priorities and agree how they wish to progress their agenda.
- 1.3 It is anticipated that Local Partnerships may want to refine their Local Priorities as the Partnership continues to develop. This is an opportunity to review and refine prior to the allocation of grant funding in 2020/21.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members:
  - a) Review and reflect on the draft priorities for The Villages, which are outlined in Section 3 of this report
  - b) Agree how the priorities can shape the Local Partnership's work plan moving forward
  - c) Identify any particular agenda items for the next 12 months, including partners they may wish to invite to the Local Partnership to provide further information on a specific topic

### 3. **Background**

3.1 At the meeting in March 2019, Local Partnership members, considering local information and their experience of the local area, identified four draft priorities as part of a facilitated discussion.

3.2 These were drafted in priority statements, and are as follows:

#### **1. Connectivity and transport**

The Local Partnership wants to see villages which are well-connected to each other, when people can connect with each other too. Transport is a clear focus in this area, including both public transport and green routes.

#### **2. Environment and parks**

The Local partnership want well-maintained villages, with high quality public parks and a focus on street scene, including fly tipping, dog fouling and litter.

#### **3. Access to services, facilities and assets**

The Local Partnership want to improve access to what's going on in the community, including community activities, and making the most of their community buildings and facilities.

#### **4. Village identity and character**

The Local Partnership want to maintain the identity and character of the villages in the area. Key to this is developing and sustaining local community groups, and the delivery of local events.

3.3 It is recommended that Local Partnership members revisit these priorities and identify how the priorities can start to develop a workplan. Members may wish to consider the following points for discussion:

- (a) How would the Local Partnership like to structure its work – for example, is there a Local Priority which is more urgent, or could the Partnership use the priorities as 'themes' for future meetings?
- (b) Are there any priority areas where the Local Partnership would like further information, and who could provide this?
- (c) Are there particular partners or stakeholders which the Local Partnership would like to invite to the Local Partnership?
- (d) Is there any further engagement around the priorities that needs to be done with communities in The Villages area?
- (e) How could Partner representatives in the Police, HSCP and Engage Renfrewshire support the work of the Partnership?
- (f) Are there specific goals or objectives that the Local Partnership would like to agree in order to progress the Partnership's work?

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