

**To: Renfrew Local Partnership**

**On: 26 November 2019**

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

**TITLE:**  
**RENFREW LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Renfrew Local Partnership agreed a number of priority areas for focus at the meeting on 28 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 Renfrew, 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 five draft priorities as part of a facilitated discussion.

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

#### **1. Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life**

The Local partnership want to see more things to do in the town centre, particularly encouraging local events and seeing more happening in the evenings. They want to do this by making best use of community assets and spaces, including working with the town centre business community.

#### **2. Moving around and connectivity**

The Local Partnership wants the economic investment in Renfrew to benefit the local community, particularly making it easier for people to get around the town, and to travel to and from Renfrew.

#### **3. Making the most of public assets**

The Local partnership want to see the maximum use of public resources, such as parks and outdoor spaces, as well as maximising the use of buildings in the community.

#### **4. Strengthening social connections**

Improving social connections and tackling social isolation is a key theme for the Local Partnership, and the Partnership recognise the affects of all ages, including younger and older people. Community events and activities are important, as will be a focus on improving health and wellbeing locally.

#### **5. Key Theme – Maximising economic impact**

The Local Partnership want to see a focus on boosting the economic outcomes for people in Renfrew and how this can support their Local Priorities.

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 Renfrew 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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