

To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

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Forum Conference, 2 June 2020

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities will host an event in summer 2020 to raise awareness of the work of the Forum and connect with the wider third sector. The proposed date and venue for the event is Tuesday 2 June 2020, 12.30-4pm, at the Abercorn Centre, West College Scotland, Paisley.
- 1.2 Members of the Forum will be asked to contribute to presentations on the day regarding the business of the Forum. Members will also be asked to bring ten people each from community and third sector organisations to the event in order to ensure a diverse attendance across the sector.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities:
- (a) Agree that the event take place on Tuesday 2 June 2020, 12.30-4pm in the Abercorn Centre, West College Scotland.
- (b) Agree that individual members contribute to the event and bring ten attendees each to the event.

3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities has operated since May 2016 as a key part of the community planning arrangements in Renfrewshire. The Forum has been successful in raising the profile of the third sector contribution to improving outcomes for people in Renfrewshire and in raising third sector issues with public sector community planning partners.
- 3.2 The Forum has enabled the public sector and the third sector to fully engage on key issues such as tackling poverty, Paisley's bid to be City of Culture and the

development of Advice Works services and services for children and young people in Renfrewshire. Connections made to policy agendas and with other partners has enabled third sector organisations in Renfrewshire to have a significant degree of influence in policy development and practice in Renfrewshire.

- 3.3 It is proposed to hold an event to reflect on the contribution made by members of the Forum and to strengthen the link with other third sector organisations not represented on the Forum. The event would both raise awareness of the role being played by the Forum For Empowering Communities and also provide an opportunity for groups in Renfrewshire to network with each other.
- 3.4 It is intended that members of the Forum provide an input on some of the work progressed with other partners through the Forum, which will both celebrate and raise awareness of the impact that it has had. In order to ensure a varied attendance from third sector organisations, Forum members will be asked to bring a further ten people along to the event.

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