

To: Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership

On: 20 June 2019

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Local Partnership – Business Arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Local Partnership meeting held on 26 March 2019 decided that the name of the Partnership be amended to The Villages Local Partnership, subject to further suggestions being received. A further three suggestions for the name of the Local Partnership have been received and are set out for consideration at section 3.1.
- 1.2 A number of suggestions were received for venues for future meetings of the Local Partnership. These are set out for consideration at section 3.2.
- 1.3 The Youth Challenge element of the Local Partnership funding will be agreed through a Participatory Budgeting exercise for young people that will take place during August and September 2019. The outcome will be reported to the next meeting of the Local Partnership in November 2019.
- 1.4 A community conference event for the Local Partnership area will take place during September/October 2019. The next meeting of the Local Partnership will take place in November 2019. The date and venue of the conference and the Local Partnership will be notified to Local Partnership members in June 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Local Partnership:
 - (a) Consider the name of the Local Partnership and venues for future meetings.

- (b) Note the arrangements for the Youth Participatory Budgeting exercise and informing local members of conference and Local Partnership arrangements for autumn 2019.
- (c) Note that members of the Local Partnership agreed at the meeting held on 21 March 2019 to complete a Register of Interests.

3. **Key Issues For Consideration**

Name of Local Partnership

- 3.1 It was decided at the Local Partnership meeting held on 21 March that the name going forward be The Villages Local Partnership, subject to further suggestions. Three further suggestions for names have been received for consideration. The full list of proposed names for the Local Partnership is:

Proposed Names
The Villages
West Renfrewshire Villages
Renfrewshire West Villages
Renfrewshire Villages

Venue of Meetings

- 3.2 Following the previous Local Partnership meeting, a number of suggestions for venues and comments were received for consideration. These are:

Suggested Venues and Comments
Rays of Hope, Elderslie
Old Library in Kilbarchan
Elderslie Village Hall as a single venue – meets an ask that the venue be accessible by public transport in recognition of the needs of non-drivers and people with disabilities
Tweedie Hall, Linwood – most logical and accessible place
Johnstone Town Hall (proposed twice) – convenient for all, provides good facilities and has no problems with parking. Transport between villages is difficult, but most villages have an evening bus service to Johnstone.
McKillop Town Hall, Lochwinnoch – large enough to take a Local Partnership meeting, but difficult to get a suitable booking and transport between various villages is difficult.

Schedule of Meetings

- 3.3 The Local Partnership agreed at its meeting in March 2019 that a conference event would be held in the area in order to engage with community groups, voluntary organisations and members of the public who are not represented formally on the Partnership, to take place during autumn 2019. The next meeting of the Local Partnership will take place in November 2019.
- 3.4 The 2019 conferences will focus on:
- Local priorities for each Local Partnership area and how partners can work together to deliver these.
 - Activity taking place during 2019 in each Local Partnership area. This will include information about projects receiving Local Partnership funding in 2019 and a look back at the impact of projects supported by the previous Local Area Committees.
 - Exploring how groups and organisations working within an area can work together to progress their own projects and support those of others. This will include opportunities to support organisations that applied for Local Partnership grants, but were not awarded funding.
 - Informing Local Partnerships about the nature and extent of community activity within each area to build knowledge and understanding of current operation and future projects.

Youth Challenge Funding

- 3.5 Each Local Partnership receives a proportionate share of the Youth Challenge budget, which funds projects and activities benefiting young people up to age 25. The Youth Challenge element of the Local Partnership budget will be allocated through a Youth Participatory budgeting exercise, where young people in the area vote for the applications that they want to see funded. This will be the same for all Local Partnership areas.
- 3.6 Participatory Budgeting means that the people who are intended to benefit from the projects vote on which projects are funded. Young people from each of the Local Partnership areas will be involved in developing the process for conducting the Participatory Budgetary exercise before a voting exercise is opened up to the wider community of young people in each Local Partnership area.

Code of Conduct/Register of Interest

- 3.7 A presentation was made at the March 2019 meeting of the Local Partnership regarding members signing up to a Code of Conduct and Register of Interest. This presented information for consideration by each Local Partnership on the issue of members of the Local Partnership signing up to a Code of Conduct and completion of a Register of Interest. It was decided at the meeting that the Code of Conduct for Devolved Public Bodies be adopted for the Partnership. It was also agreed that community representatives appointed as members of the Local Partnership sign up to the Register of Interests.

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