

To: Renfrew Local Partnership

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Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Renfrew School Outdoor Recreational Equipment

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrew has four primary schools and two secondary schools. Encouraging the physical activity of young people at school contributes to good physical and mental health and fits with the Renfrew Local Partnership priorities of Strengthening Social Connections and Making The Most of Public Assets.
- 1.2 A practical way of making the most of our public assets in Renfrew and encouraging the strengthening of social connections in young people is to invest in improving outdoor recreation equipment at school sites for use by school pupils and the wider community.
- 1.3 Renfrew Local Partnership has previously ringfenced funds for the development of Robertson Park and an Underpass lighting and mural project as a proactive way of addressing Renfrew Local Partnership priorities. It is now proposed that Renfrew Local Partnership ringfence funding and make this available to the fund-raising bodies for each school, e.g. a Parent Council, to enhance outdoor recreational equipment within the playground/yard of each of the six schools.
- 1.4 The sum proposed to be made available for use within each school would be £3,500 (total £21,000).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrew Local Partnership ringfence a sum of £21,000 (£3,500 per school) and make this available for use within the six schools in Renfrew to purchase and install outdoor recreational equipment.

3. **Background**

3.1 The six schools within Renfrew are:

St James Primary School

Newmains Primary School

Kirklandneuk Primary School

Arkleston Primary School

Renfrew High School

Trinity High School

3.2 Renfrew Local Partnership has agreed the following priorities related to this proposal:

Making The Most Of Public Assets

The Local Partnership wants 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.

Strengthening Social Connections

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

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