

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 25 February 2016	9.30 am	Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley. PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

I refer to the agenda for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday, 25 February 2016 at 9.30 am and now enclose the following Minutes which were marked 'to follow':

Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board, 15 February 2016, pages 427-432
Paisley South Local Area Committee, 16 February 2016, pages 433-436
Leadership Board, 17 February 2016, pages 437-445
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Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee, 18 February 2016, pages 452-455

Please also find attached an amended page 371 of the Planning & Property Policy Board minute on the 26 January 2016.

Minute of Meeting Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 15 February 2016	10:00	CMR 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors B Brown, M Brown, Grady, Provost Hall and Councillors J MacLaren, McEwan, Perrie and J Sharkey.

IN ATTENDANCE

A McMahon, Chief Auditor; D Amos, Head of Policy & Commissioning, N Irvine-Brown, Senior Policy Officer and D McLavin, Senior Communications Officer (all Chief Executive's); G McKinlay, Head of Schools and J Trainer, Acting Head of Early Years & Inclusion (both Children's Services); E Lorimer, Transportation Officer, D Kerr, Service Co-ordination Manager and A Summers, Amenity Services Manager (all Community Resources); P McLean, Senior Performance Review Officer (Development & Housing); A MacArthur, Head of Finance and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources); and I Beattie, Head of Health & Social Care (Paisley) (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership).

CHAIR

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

APOLOGY

Councillor Caldwell.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

1 **INTERNAL AUDIT AND COUNTER FRAUD PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE FOR PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2015**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Auditor relative to Internal Audit and Counter Fraud progress and performance for the period 1 April to 31 December 2015, in terms of the delivery of the audit plan.

The report compared the percentage of audit work completed against targets, within time and the percentage of audit reports issued within three weeks of completion of audit fieldwork. It was noted that performance was ahead of target in all but one area. The number of successful investigations and the level of overpayments identified by the Counter Fraud Team during the period were also reported together with progress against local and national initiative involving Internal Audit and the Counter Fraud Team including the National Fraud Initiative and the Scottish Local Authorities Chief Internal Auditors Group.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 **SUMMARY OF INTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS FOR QUARTER TO END OF DECEMBER 2015**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Auditor relative to the requirement, in terms of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS), that Internal Audit communicated the results of each engagement to this Board. The appendix to the report provided a summary of findings in relation to final reports issued for those engagements completed during the period 1 October to 31 December 2015.

The report intimated that, in addition to the reports listed in the appendix, Internal Audit had an ongoing commitment to: a range of corporate and service initiatives; progress information security matters in partnership with ICT and Legal Services; provide advice regularly to officers; provide Internal Audit services to the associated bodies for which Renfrewshire Council was the lead authority and to Renfrewshire Leisure Limited; co-ordinate the Council's corporate risk management activity; and manage the benefit investigation and insurance teams.

DECIDED: That the summary of audit findings reported during the quarter from 1 October to 31 December 2015 be noted.

3 **TRAINING FOR AUDIT, SCRUTINY & PETITIONS BOARD MEMBERS**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Auditor relative to training for Board members undertaken in line with guidance produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy on the implementation of Audit Committee principles in Scottish Local Authorities in terms of which training in audit and risk related matters was provided to members of the Board.

The current briefing, by the Chief Auditor, related to the risk of fraud from both within and outwith the Council and the mitigating factors in place to reduce this risk. Fraud was defined as 'obtaining an advantage by means of deception'. The briefing examined high-risk fraud situations; the opportunities, pressures, motivation and rationalisation used by those who committed fraud; and examined recent case studies involving forged documents, bribes and housing tenancy fraud. The role of the Counter Fraud Team was also explained and the results of a recent Counter Fraud Pilot to test of tenancy and Scottish Welfare Fund applications were provided.

DECIDED: That the report and briefing be noted.

4 **ANNUAL COMPLAINTS 2014/15**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the annual complaints report 2014/15. The report advised that the Council's complaints handling procedure complied with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman's (SPSO) guidance on complaints handling and sought to resolve customer dissatisfaction as close as possible to the point of service delivery and to conduct thorough, impartial and fair investigations of customer complaints.

The report set out the stages of the complaints process and provided a summary of the numbers and types of complaints received, responded to within timescales, customer satisfaction monitoring and key complaint areas including what was being done to address issues raised. The Council had received 5,725 complaints in 2014/15 and the report identified how the information provided in complaints was used to improve services.

The appendix to the report detailed the Council's complaints handling performance during 2014/15 over a range of high-level performance indicators related to the SPSO complaints handling procedure.

It was noted that the 2014/15 value for the total number of complaints received per 1000 population was 3.34 and not 7.25 as detailed within the appendix.

DECIDED: That the report be noted

5 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING FRAMEWORK INDICATOR PROFILE 2014/15**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the local government benchmarking framework indicator profile for 2014/15. It was noted that the Accounts Commission published an annual direction which set out the performance information that councils must report in each financial year. The direction for 2014/15 performance data covered three categories being corporate management, service performance and the local government benchmarking framework (LGBF).

The report intimated that during the year the Council published local performance information in board reports, key publications and on the website to demonstrate the delivery of best value in service arrangements. The validated LGBF data for 2014/15 was published by the Improvement Service on 29 January 2016. The report provided an analysis of the Council's LGBF data for 2014/15, compared the Council's performance to other councils, highlighted improvements in performance data and identified areas for further improvement. Of the 56 national indicators, since 2013/14, the Council's ranking in 28 had improved, one had remained the same, 22 had declined, and in five no trend information was available.

The report considered why certain indicators were ranked in the bottom quartile and where there was declining performance and detailed planned actions to improve performance, including learning from best practice in other authorities. Detailed analysis of the indicator suite was contained in the appendix to the report and it was noted that relation to 'ENV6 – the percentage of total waste arising that is recycled', the Scottish Average was 56.8% and not 42.86% as indicated.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 **PETITION: ROAD SAFETY, SHORTROODS ROAD, PAISLEY**

Under reference to item 7 of page 297 of the Minute of the meeting of the Board held on 30 November 2015, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the petition on road safety at Shortroods Road, Paisley, submitted by Mr Haraburda. The Convener proposed that consideration of this petition be continued to the next meeting, at the petitioner's request, to allow him to attend. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That consideration of this petition be continued to the next meeting, at the petitioner's request, to allow him to attend.

Prior to consideration of the following item, the Convener welcomed Ms Brenda Dryburgh, petitioner, to the meeting.

7 **PETITION: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, CORSEBAR ROAD, PAISLEY**

Under reference to item 9 of page 298 of the Minute of the meeting of the Board held on 30 November 2015, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Board's continued consideration of the petition which had been submitted in the undernoted terms:

"As I have become visually impaired and can no longer drive I have to access buses and also have to frequently attend clinics at the RAH. Trying to cross Corsebar Road is very difficult and dangerous, even for people who are elderly or disabled. I think there is an urgent need for a pedestrian crossing or even just a central island near the entrance to the RAH driveway".

The report intimated that, at its meeting on 30 November 2015, the Head of Amenity Services had advised that a vehicle and pedestrian survey had been carried out and the results did not justify the installation of pedestrian facilities. Thereafter, having heard the petitioner, the Board agreed that a further vehicle and pedestrian survey be undertaken; that a site visit be arranged for those members of the Board who wished to attend; and that the outcome be reported to a future meeting of the Board at which consideration of the petition would be resumed.

The site visit took place on 14 December 2015 and the Head of Amenity Services advised that a survey of the waiting time to cross Corsebar Road outside the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) had been conducted from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm on 2 December 2015. Pedestrians had been observed over two lengths of Corsebar Road on either side of the entrance road to the hospital.

Analysis of the survey results had shown that in Zone 1 (to the north between the RAH entrance and Ricartsbar Avenue) the maximum waiting time was 48 seconds, the average wait was 18 seconds and in Zone 2 (to the south between the RAH entrance and Glencorse Road) the maximum waiting time was 55 seconds, the average wait was 15 seconds. The report indicated that the operational timings of a standard signalised puffin crossing included waiting times of between 26 and 66 seconds, which was on a par with the waiting times already experienced without a signalised crossing, and that there had been two slight injury accidents in the past three years close to the bus stops to the north of the hospital entrance. It was noted that these accidents did not involve pedestrians.

The Head of Amenity Services had concluded that pedestrians waiting to cross had not favoured one side of the hospital entrance over the other. A signalised crossing would not significantly reduce pedestrian waiting times. The injury record at the site did not justify an intervention and there was no observed justification for a signalised crossing based on pedestrian waiting times.

The Board heard from Ms Dryburgh in support of her petition and from the Transportation Officer.

It was noted that the location, together with the likelihood that pedestrians crossing at this site were infirm and required longer than average time to cross the road, presented exceptional circumstances. It was also noted that a pedestrian crossing had been installed in Stanley Road, which had significantly less traffic or pedestrians waiting to cross.

It was proposed that it be recommended to the Director of Community Resources: (a) that the rationale for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Stanley Road be examined and compared against the Corsebar Road site; (b) that all factors be taken into account to make an exceptional case for a pedestrian crossing near the RAH entrance; and (c) that the options identified be reported to a future meeting of the Board when consideration of this matter would be resumed. This was agreed.

DECIDED: That it be recommended to the Director of Community Resources:

(a) that the rationale for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Stanley Road be examined and compared against the Corsebar Road site;

(b) that all factors be taken into account to make an exceptional case for a pedestrian crossing near the RAH entrance; and

(c) that the options identified be reported to a future meeting of the Board when consideration of this matter would be resumed.

Minute of Meeting Paisley South Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 16 February 2016	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors E Devine, Henry, Mack and McCartin.

CHAIR

Councillor Henry, Depute Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

P Campbell, Charleston Tenants' & Residents' Association; H Muir, Foxbar Resource Centre; S McLean, Glenburn Community Forum; D Polson, Greater Foxbar Community Building; O Nadeem, Scottish Youth Parliament; and F Dolan, Thursday Club.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Inspector Thomson, Police Scotland and Dr C Johnstone, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Cameron, Bid Director (Paisley 2021); A McMillan, Head of Resources (Children's Services) (Lead Officer); K Markwick, Senior Manager Roads & Transport and C Robertson, Warden Services Manager (both Community Resources); and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) (both Finance & Resources).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

L Devine, Community Engagement Officer (Stronger Communities).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cameron, Glen and M Macmillan and J Creighton, Glenburn Tenants' & Residents' Association and J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP: LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

There was submitted an update report by Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership relative to the development of a draft Strategic Plan for the Partnership which set out what the Partnership wanted to achieve, how it planned to improve services and make best use of available resources. The draft Strategic Plan had been the subject of a consultation exercise which ended on 3 February 2016. The finalised Strategic Plan would be presented to a future meeting of this Local Area Committee (LAC).

DECIDED:

(a) That the consultation exercise be noted and that it also be noted that feedback had been sought from members of the LACs; and

(b) That it be noted that a further report would be brought to a future LAC meeting providing a copy of the final Strategic Plan.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing an overview of the activities of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership, consisting of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other community safety agencies for the Paisley South LAC area during the period 1 October to 31 December 2015.

The report contained statistical information which had been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership.

The report provided information on Paisley South community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; the development of the integrated control room and CCTV system; and work related to tackling gender based violence. In addition, the appendix to the report detailed the Street Stuff initiative timetable in relation to the five LACs between January and March 2016.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 **OPEN SESSION/KEY LOCAL ISSUES**

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that the Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire would give a presentation on their organisation, activities and use of LAC grant funding after the presentation by Stronger Communities.

DECIDED: That the position be noted.

4 **PAISLEY - UK CITY OF CULTURE 2021 BID**

The Bid Director, Paisley 2021, gave a presentation on Paisley's bid to become UK City of Culture 2021.

The presentation included background to the UK City of Culture competition, the assets Paisley had to offer in terms of objects, stories and people and the potential benefits of becoming UK City of Culture.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **STRONGER COMMUNITIES - GLENBURN PROJECT**

L Devine, Community Engagement Officer, Stronger Communities, provided a verbal update on the progress made by the Stronger Communities project in Glenburn.

Ms Devine advised that Stronger Communities was a partnership programme delivered by Save the Children, Aberlour, Action for Children, Barnardo's Scotland, CHILDREN 1ST and One Parent Families Scotland. The programme aimed to make Glenburn a better place for children to grow up in and key themes of safe, active and included had been identified following a community engagement process. A number of working groups would be set up in the community to take the key themes forward.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

6 **ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN RENFREWSHIRE**

The Convener welcomed Mr S Yerokun of the Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire to the meeting. Mr Yerokun gave a presentation on the origins of the Association and the educational, social and cultural activities undertaken by it to promote community integration, cultural identity and encourage capacity building.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley South LAC budget for 2015/16.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Paisley South LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 17 May 2016 in Renfrewshire House.

At the conclusion of the meeting S McLean advised the LAC that Councillor E Devine was this year's recipient of the Pat McCarthy Memorial Trophy, an annual award which recognised work and commitment in Paisley's Glenburn community. The LAC congratulated Councillor E Devine on his award.

Minute of Meeting Leadership Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 17 February 2016	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Cameron, E Devine, Harte, Henry, Holmes, Kelly, Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, M Macmillan, McCartin, I McMillan and Williams.

CHAIR

Councillor M Macmillan, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Black, Chief Executive; M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; D Amos, Head of Policy & Commissioning (Chief Executive's); D Hawthorn, Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, A McMillan, Head of Resources, G McKinlay, Head of Schools and L McAllister, Education Manager (Curriculum & Early Years) (all Children's Services); K Anderson, Amenity Services Manager - Waste (Community Resources); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) (both Finance & Resources); and J McKellar, Chief Executive and M MacPherson, Cultural Operations and Development Manager (both Renfrewshire Leisure Limited).

APOLOGY

Councillor Glen.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT DRAFT BUDGET 2016/17 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the draft Scottish Government budget 2016/17 and the draft local government finance settlement 2016/17 published on 16 December 2015 and subject to parliamentary approval towards the end of February 2016.

The report intimated that the budget figures for 2016/17 reflected use of budget flexibility mechanisms available to the Scottish Government between financial years and the intention of the Scottish Government to utilise the maximum capital borrowing powers available through the Scotland Act 2012 to support £316 million of Scottish Government borrowing. In addition, for the first time the 2016/17 budget included the impact of proposals on the Scottish Rate of Income Tax, representing the third and final tax power being devolved under the Scotland Act 2012.

It was noted that the Deputy First Minister had written to Council Leaders confirming the set of conditions which accompanied the provisional funding allocation for local government. Clarifications had been sought from the Deputy First Minister and the report detailed the key terms of the offer from the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government had not provided any material details of spending plans beyond 2016/17 on the basis of the late timing of the UK Government's Comprehensive Spending Review announcement in November 2015 coupled with the backdrop of uncertainty linked to the ongoing discussions between the Scottish and UK Governments on the fiscal framework that would underpin the future Scottish block settlements for the UK as part of the Scotland Bill 2015. The medium term financial outlook for public finances in Scotland, coupled with the stated commitments to protect major areas of the budget in real terms, would present an extremely challenging financial context for local government and an expectation of a further cash terms contraction in budgets over the medium term. Uncertainty would remain over the scale of the reduction however similar to 2016/17 this was likely to continue to be at a material level year on year that would drive a need for further significant and sustained savings across the local government sector to achieve balanced budgets.

The report further intimated that the Local Government Finance Circular 7/2015 had been issued to Councils on 16 December 2015. The circular provided details of the provisional revenue and capital funding allocations for 2016/17 ahead of the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 which was due to be debated by the Scottish Parliament in February 2016. Subject to parliamentary approval, the circular confirmed headline revenue grant funding for Renfrewshire for 2016/17 of £300.429 million. This settlement was conditional upon agreement to the continuation of the council tax freeze (£2.327 million) and the maintenance of the pupil teacher ratio and probationer places (£2.8 million).

The report provided further information on the details of the proposed financial settlement.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that the Leader of the Council wrote to the Deputy First Minister on 9 February 2016 indicating an in principle agreement to the offer presented as part of the local government finance settlement subject to formal approval by full Council.

2 **INTEGRATION OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN RENFREWSHIRE - COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Council's response to the draft Strategic Plan in relation to the integration of health and social care services in Renfrewshire. A copy of the draft Strategic Plan formed the appendix to the report.

The report intimated that The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 put in place the framework for the formal integration of health and social care services from 1 April 2016 which had significant implications for the future financial and operational governance and delivery arrangements for local services for adult health and social care, children's health services and elements of Acute Services. The legislation placed a duty on Integration Joint Boards to develop a Strategic Plan setting out the arrangements for the carrying out of integration functions in the Renfrewshire area to meet the needs of the local population over the next three years and into the future. The formal approval of this Strategic Plan triggered the delegation of adult social work services from the Council to the Integration Joint Board from 1 April 2016.

The Strategic Planning Group was formally established on 18 September 2015 and had included the full range of stakeholder and professional groups prescribed in the legislation. Through facilitated discussion members had provided views and feedback on behalf of their stakeholder groups which had helped shape the Strategic Plan. A formal consultation exercise had been carried out from 18 January to 3 February 2016. The Council had been granted an extension until 17 February 2016 to take into account the timing of this Board meeting and the report set out the Council's response to the formal consultation on the draft Strategic Plan for consideration by elected members.

It was noted that the final Strategic Plan would contain two further Statements, the Housing Contribution Statement and the Financial Plan, which were currently being finalised and which did not form part of the current consultation. The content of the Financial Plan would be scrutinised as part of a due diligence process which would seek to ensure that there was clarity around the detail of the budgets being transferred and a mutual understanding of the efficiency and other assumptions which underpinned them. The outcome of the due diligence process would be the subject of a separate report prior to 31 March 2016.

DECIDED:

- (a) The the content of the Integration Joint Board's draft Strategic Plan be noted;
- (b) That the Council's response to the formal consultation on the draft Strategic Plan, as set out in the report, be approved; and
- (c) That it be noted that a separate report on the outcome of the financial due diligence process would be submitted for consideration by elected members prior to 31 March 2016.

3 **RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY JUSTICE TRANSITIONS PLAN 2016/17**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the Renfrewshire Community Justice Transition Plan 2016/17, a copy of which formed the appendix to the report.

The report intimated that the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament on 7 May 2015 to take forward the legislative change needed to establish the new community justice model in Scotland. The new model sought to reduce reoffending through the co-ordinated responses of a range of defined agencies to work with criminal justice service users. The local multi-agency partnership would be required to develop its own strategic plan and performance would be measured against a national quality assurance framework.

A number of community planning partners referred to in the Bill as statutory community justice partners would be responsible for working together to publish a community justice outcomes improvement plan from 2017 onwards. Community planning partners would be central to the new community justice arrangements which would commence on 1 April 2016 with a shadow year with full responsibility from 1 April 2017 when Community Justice Authorities would be disestablished.

Locally, community justice partners were required to prepare and submit a transition plan to the Scottish Government by the end of January 2016 covering the shadow year. In consultation with the Community Justice Steering Group the Renfrewshire Community Justice Transition Plan 2016/17 had been developed and agreed at the meeting of the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 9 December 2015 and submitted to the Scottish Government by the 31 January 2016 deadline.

DECIDED: That the Renfrewshire Transition Plan 2016/17, which formed the appendix to the report, be noted.

4 **TACKLING POVERTY UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to approval for grant funding to progress two specific projects within the Tackling Poverty Action Plan, the Joint Employability Programme and Credit Union Development. The report also sought approval to sign up to the pledges within the Poverty Alliance's Stick Your Labels campaign which sought to challenge myths and stereotypes and tackle poverty-related stigma.

The report intimated that as part of Renfrewshire Council's Tackling Poverty Action Plan, the Council had allocated £410,000 in June 2015 to deliver a Joint Employability Programme which sought to improve and join-up employability support for young people from low-income households. It had been established that grant funding was the most appropriate mechanism for funding five of the workstreams within the Action Plan and the report sought approval to award £43,000 to West College Scotland for a range of activities including supporting the Parents in Partnership programme and providing taster sessions and employability and personal development courses for additional support needs and behavioural, social and emotional needs; £28,000 to the University of the West of Scotland to provide taster sessions for S2 and S4 and a module for S5/6 students; £22,000 to the Princes Trust to deliver their Achieve and Future Starts Programme supporting schools with the development of alternative curriculum models;

£18,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for a Skills Ambassador Programme which would provide business mentoring in schools; and £6,000 to Engage Renfrewshire to provide supported volunteering and work experience opportunities targeted at young people with additional support needs.

In relation to Credit Union Development it was noted that the Finance & Resources Policy Board approved a £500,000 Credit Union Development Fund in November 2013. This report sought approval of grant funding from this Fund to support a wide range of Credit Union development activities, to increase Credit Union membership across Renfrewshire and increase the availability of ethical financial products. The report sought to commit a further £138,331 to four Credit Unions operating in Renfrewshire being £83,580 to Renfrewshire Wide Credit Union; £22,152 to Gleniffer Credit Union (formerly Glenburn); £16,999 to White Cart Credit Union; and £15,600 to Johnstone Credit Union and the report detailed the development activities that the funding would support. Engage Renfrewshire had requested £37,658 to fund a Development Officer to work with the Renfrewshire Credit Unions for one year to develop strategies to make them more sustainable in the long term and the report sought approval for this award.

The Stick Your Labels campaign was run by the Poverty Alliance, a national network of individuals and organisations working together to combat poverty. The aim of the campaign since then had been to highlight the negative impact of attitudes around poverty. Renfrewshire Council had already demonstrated a strong commitment to this issue by setting up Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Commission, which made a number of recommendations on how organisations should work based on the powerful testimony of Renfrewshire citizens. The first of these principles was 'Addressing Stigma' and in particular focused on the importance of making sure all staff knew that tackling poverty was part of their job and understood how the stigma of poverty affected how people accessed services.

The Stick Your Labels campaign required the Council to make three key pledges: 'poverty is not inevitable'; 'attitudes matter'; and 'actions change attitudes'.

The work of Renfrewshire's Tackling Poverty Commission and the Council's response to the Commission's recommendations showed significant progress towards these three key pledges particularly around setting out the Council's commitment and contribution to tackling poverty. As part of the Council's commitment to the Stick Your Labels campaign the Council would discuss the opportunity for Community Planning Partners to sign up to the campaign to strengthen the commitment to tackling stigma across Renfrewshire.

DECIDED:

- (a) That £117,000 of grant funding to partners to deliver five of the workstreams within the Joint Employability Programme, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- (b) That £175,989 of grant funding to partners to support a range of Credit Union development opportunities, as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- (c) That the Council sign-up to the Stick Your Labels campaign run by the Poverty Alliance.

5 TACKLING POVERTY PROGRAMME - LITERACY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the implementation of the Literacy Development Programme in partnership with Strathclyde University.

The report intimated that the Literacy Development Programme would deliver a range of training programmes involving head teachers and class teachers across primary and secondary schools. The programme was an evidence-based, high quality professional learning opportunity to enhance the knowledge and skills of Renfrewshire teachers in teaching a broad range of literacy skills and would build capacity across the service in addressing closing the educational attainment gap between children from low-income families and their better off peers. The programme would offer Masters level credits for those teachers who wished to pursue their interests further in this area as part of career long professional learning.

Strathclyde University would carry out ongoing evaluation and provide a final report on the programme. This would involve the collection of data, interview with staff and recommendations would be made to inform the next steps of the programme.

A presentation on the programme indicated that very good progress had been made in the implementation of the programme and in the engagement of head teachers and class teachers across Renfrewshire. Early evaluations were positive and had identified the next steps in developing the programme further.

DECIDED:

(a) That the progress to date in the implementation of the Literacy Development Programme be noted;

(b) That the allocation of £990,000 provided by the Council, from the £6 million Tackling Poverty Fund, to support closing the attainment gap across Renfrewshire be noted;

(c) That the positive impact from initial evaluations and next steps for development be noted; and

(d) That the presentation be noted.

6 REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION IN RENFREWSHIRE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the findings of the independent review of the governance arrangements for public protection in Renfrewshire.

The report intimated that in recognition of the implications of changes in the organisational landscape, the Renfrewshire Chief Officers Group for Public Protection had commissioned an independent review of the oversight arrangements for public protection including the design and strategic oversight role of the Chief Officers Group, the role of the other strategic groups and committees in supporting the Chief Officers Group in its leadership and scrutiny roles, and the role and design of the tactical and operational groups which supported them.

The review had been undertaken between August and November 2015 by a former chief social work officer and experienced independent adult and child protection committee chair. The report on the review was completed in December 2015 and made a number of key recommendations regarding the design and function of the Chief Officers Group as well as additional recommendations regarding strategic and operational groups. The report and recommendations were considered by the Chief Officers Group at its meeting held on 22 January 2016 and, subject to a small number of amendments detailed in the report, had been agreed.

The report set out the context of the review and the key findings and recommendations arising from it. In particular it highlighted for consideration by members of this Board a recommendation made as part of the review in relation to the key scrutiny and assurance role of elected members in public protection matters.

DECIDED:

(a) That the findings of the independent review of the governance arrangements for public protection in Renfrewshire be noted;

(b) That the updates to the review recommendations agreed by the Chief Officers Group at its meeting held on 22 January 2016, as detailed in the report, be noted; and

(c) That the recommendation from the independent review in relation to replacing the existing arrangements where elected members were members of the child and adult protection committees, with the establishment from 1 April 2016 of a regular cross party member/officer working group on public protection matters, to provide the continued opportunity for elected members to effectively discharge their strategic scrutiny and assurance role be approved.

7 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to a strategic partnership agreement between Renfrewshire Council and the University of the West of Scotland, a copy of which formed the appendix to the report.

The report intimated that the Council and the University of the West of Scotland were committed to partnership working and were seeking to strengthen and focus collaboration on key areas of strategic importance for both organisations. The report sought approval for the Council to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement with the University of the West of Scotland which would provide a framework for partnership working over the next two years.

The report further intimated that the Council was in discussion with West College Scotland to create the same type of Strategic Partnership Agreement which would be submitted to a future meeting of this Board for approval.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the Council and the University of the West of Scotland be approved; and

(b) That it be noted that the University of the West of Scotland would submit the Strategic Partnership Agreement for formal approval by its Executive Board in parallel with the Council's approval process.

8 PAISLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY CONSULTATION REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the results of the public consultation exercise on the options for the potential relocation of the Paisley Lending Library (Paisley Central Library). The report detailed the number of responses received and the key findings of the consultation.

The report also outlined plans for further public consultation to develop the vision for the new library and the services it should offer to the public and highlighted the opportunity for such a relocation to enhance the library lending service for Paisley and to support the Council's regeneration plans for the town centre.

The vision development process would be carried out during March and April 2016 and the outcomes would inform project development and design. A further report would be submitted to the meeting of the Planning and Property Policy Board to be held on 15 March 2016.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the outcome of the recent library consultation be noted; and
- (b) That the development of options for library relocation be approved.

9 DRAFT CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR RENFREWSHIRE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the draft Cultural Strategy for Renfrewshire, a copy of which formed the appendix to the report.

The report intimated that the previous Renfrewshire Cultural Strategy had been developed in 2010. Following the transfer of Cultural Services to Renfrewshire Leisure and the establishment of the UK 2021 City of Culture team, a new draft strategy had been developed.

Subsequent to approval, consultation would take place on the draft during February to April 2016 to ensure stakeholder feedback was incorporated with a final strategy document submitted to the meeting of this Board to be held on 8 June 2016.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the report be noted; and
- (b) That the draft Cultural Strategy be approved for further consultation.

10 THE GLASGOW BIN LORRY CRASH - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FATAL ACCIDENT INQUIRY

There was submitted a joint report by the Directors of Community Services and Finance & Resources relative to the potential implications to the Council in carrying out certain functions as a local authority following the release of the determinations of the Fatal Accident Inquiry into the Glasgow Bin Lorry Crash in December 2014.

The report intimated that as a local authority running similar services and vehicles it was essential that the Council took cognisance of the Sheriff's findings and considered these recommendations in a Renfrewshire context.

The Sheriff indicated eight reasonable precautions which could have prevented the crash and made 19 recommendations in his determination which, if followed, might reduce the chance of a recurrence of such an accident. The Council's current employee processes and operational arrangements within refuse collection activities had been examined in the context of these recommendations. Albeit the Council had detailed and robust employee processes and operational practices in place there were areas that would require to be considered and addressed in line with the Sheriff's recommendations, namely refuse collection vehicles, heavy fleet (gross vehicle weight of over 7.5 tonnes) having autonomous braking systems or lane departure warning systems fitted for new vehicles and considering what adaptations were possible, if any, to the existing fleet; strengthening and additional checks within the Council's recruitment and absence management processes. In particular sharing of information as held by GPs, for existing and new employees; information which would prevent an employee/potential employee from driving and any declarations as made to the DVLA; more detailed and more regular health checks on all drivers as employed by the Council (heavy goods vehicles/public service vehicles); and the introduction of mandatory pre-employment health questionnaire as specific to posts that require driving.

It was noted that a short life multi-disciplinary task group had been established to review current employee and operational arrangements and processes and to develop an action plan in respect of the Council's activities and duties with regard to the recommendations from the Fatal Accident Inquiry.

It was proposed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of this Board on the details of the action plan, including any financial implications rather than 'a future meeting' as intimated in the recommendations to the report. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that a short term multi-disciplinary task team had been set up, service led by Community Resources in conjunction with officers having specialist legal and operational/technical knowledge including refuse collection, transport, HR (recruitment and health and safety), legal, finance and Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership;

(b) That it be noted that the task team would consider the findings of the Inquiry and develop an action plan which would address the recommendations made by the Sheriff in so far as it related to the Council's function as a local authority; and

(c) That it be noted that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of this Board on the details of the action plan, including any financial implications.

Minute of Meeting Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 18 February 2016	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors B Brown, M Brown, E Devine, M Devine, Hood, Provost Hall, Councillors McQuade and Mullin.

CHAIR

Councillor Hood, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing), E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer, K Whiteside, Licensing Officer (Paralegal), G McIntosh, Civic Government Enforcement Officer (for items 1 to 3 only) and N Barr, Senior Clerical Assistant (all Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Provost Hall, for lateness, and Councillor McEwan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E Devine declared a non-financial interest in relation to items 6 and 7 of the agenda as he had knowledge of the background to the applications and indicated his intention to leave the meeting during consideration of the items and not to take part in any discussions or voting thereon.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part I of schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

1 GRANT OF SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 20 January 2016 consideration was resumed of the undernoted application for the grant of a Skin Piercing and Tattooing Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the second time together with Police Scotland who had submitted an objection to the application:-

Applicant: Mohawk Tattoo Studio, 77 Torrisdale Street, Glasgow
 Premises: 9 Old Sneddon Street, Paisley
 Authorised activity: tattooing and cosmetic body piercing
 Operating hours: 7 days per week – 10.00 am to 7.00 pm

Mr Lazar, on behalf of the applicant, and his Solicitor, Mr Robertson, were invited into the meeting together with Sergeant Hart and Constable White, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted an objection to the application. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened.

Councillor Hood, seconded by Councillor Mullin, moved that the application be granted for a period of one year.

Councillor M Devine, seconded by Councillor E Devine, moved as an amendment that the application be refused.

In terms of Standing Order 30 the Convener intimated that the vote would be by a show of hands.

On a vote being taken, 2 members voted for the amendment and 5 members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of one year.

SEDERUNT

Provost Hall entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

2 HEARING INTO POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Under reference to item 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 20 January 2016 consideration was resumed of the possible suspension of the undernoted Taxi Driver's Licence. The licence holder had been asked to appear personally for the second time:-

James Cumming, Flat 2/2, 21 Bowfield Avenue, Glasgow

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Cumming. The Convener proposed that this matter be considered in Mr Cumming's absence and this was agreed unanimously. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Cumming's Taxi Driver's Licence be suspended for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence with immediate effect. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Cumming's Taxi Driver's Licence be suspended for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence with immediate effect.

3 HEARING INTO POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The Board considered the possible suspension of the undernoted Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The licence holder had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland:-

John McCarrey, 8C Graham Street, Johnstone

Mr McCarrey, the licence holder, and his partner, Ms Brady, were invited into the meeting together with Sergeant Hart and Constable White, on behalf of the Chief Constable. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this matter. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the licence be not suspended. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the licence be not suspended.

4 GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who had submitted an objection to the application:-

John Maguire, 19 Inchgower Road, Stepps, Glasgow

Mr Maguire, the applicant, was invited into the meeting together with Sergeant Hart and Constable White, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted an objection to the application. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the application be refused. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be refused.

5 GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who had submitted an objection to the application:-

Muhammad Yaseen, Flat 1/1, 3 North Gower Street, Glasgow

Mr Yaseen, the applicant, and his wife, Mrs Yaseen, were invited into the meeting together with Sergeant Hart and Constable White, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted an objection to the application. In the course of submissions before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow matters to be clarified to members. The meeting was reconvened.

After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the application be refused. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be refused.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1.05 pm and reconvened at 1.10 pm.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor E Devine having declared an interest in the following items of business left the meeting and did not take part in any discussions or voting thereon.

6 GRANT OF STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for the grant of a Street Trader's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Director of Community Resources who had submitted a representation to the application and Police Scotland who had submitted an objection received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

Applicant: Paul Browne, 170A Paisley Road, Renfrew

Trading from: across from Decathlon, Old Govan Road, Renfrew

Authorised activity: carwash using van

Operating hours: Monday to Friday – 8.00 am to 5.00 pm and

Saturday - 7.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday – 8.00 am to 3.00 pm

Mr Browne, the applicant, and his father, Mr Browne, were invited into the meeting together with Sergeant Hart and Constable White, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted an objection received outwith the statutory timescale to the application and Mr Everett, on behalf of the Director of Community Resources.

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that the Director of Community Resources had submitted an objection to the application and not a representation as stated in the citation letter and agenda for the meeting.

On hearing the reasons for the lateness of the objection from Police Scotland it was decided that the objection be taken into account when the application was being considered.

After consideration of matters before the Board the Convener proposed that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit and that the applicant and objectors be invited to a future meeting of the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That consideration of the application be continued for a site visit and that the applicant and objectors be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

7 **RENEWAL OF HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

There was submitted the undernoted application for renewal of a House in Multiple Occupation Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Director of Community Resources who had submitted a representation to the application:-

Applicant: Bei Bei Liu

Premises: Flat 2/2, 12 Sandholes Street, Paisley

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that this application had been granted by the Head of Corporate Governance under delegated authority for a period of three years.

DECIDED: That it be noted that the application had been granted by the Head of Corporate Governance under delegated authority for a period of three years.

SEDERUNT

Councillor E Devine re-entered the meeting.

8 **GRANT OF LANDLORD REGISTRATION - PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

There was submitted the undernoted application for the grant of Landlord Registration. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Garry Clifford, 81 Wheatlands Drive, Kilbarchan

Mr Clifford, the applicant, was invited into the meeting. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of three years. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of three years.

9 VARIATION OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for variation of a Private Hire Car Licence:-

Applicant: United Taxis (Scotland) Limited, 6 Auchengreoch Avenue, Johnstone
Variation: to carry 8 passengers
Licence no.: PH634

The Convener proposed that the application be granted and that the policy which stated that “the MPV shall carry a maximum of 7 passengers” be not applied to this Private Hire Car Licence and that this vehicle be licensed to carry 8 passengers. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted and that the policy which stated that “the MPV shall carry a maximum of 7 passengers” be not applied to this Private Hire Car Licence and that this vehicle be licensed to carry 8 passengers.

10 GRANT OF LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for the grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence:-

Applicant: DSR Restaurants Limited T/A McDonalds
Premises: Unit K, Braehead Retail Park, Kingsinch Road, Glasgow
Authorised activity: fast food
Operating hours: 7 days per week – 11.00 pm to 5.00 am

The Convener proposed that the applicant be allowed to be an exception to the Board’s policy on trading hours and that the application be granted for a period of one year. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be allowed to be an exception to the Board’s policy on trading hours and that the application be granted for a period of one year.

Minute of Meeting Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 18 February 2016	18:00	Marriage Suite, Johnstone Town Hall,

PRESENT

Councillors Bibby, Caldwell, Andy Doig, Gilmour, Hood and I McMillan.

CHAIR

Councillor Gilmour, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

D Wadsworth, Elderslie Community Council; H McAleer, Greensyde Carers; J Anderson, Howwood Sports & Hobbies Group; A Stevenson, Johnstone Castle Community Learning Centre; G Kennedy, Johnstone Community Council; T Farrell, Johnstone PC Learning Group; A McBain, Johnstone Seniors' Forum; D Blair, Kilbarchan Community Council; M Lavery, Quarrelton Tenants' & Residents' Association; and N McBride, Renfrewshire Early Years Forum.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

Inspector Espie, Police Scotland and M Ferguson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership.

IN ATTENDANCE

E Gordon, Community Learning Officer (Children's Services); S Allan, Head of Amenity Services (Lead Officer) and M Corrigan, Enforcement Manager (both Community Resources); and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillor McGee and J Ross, Greensyde Carers and J Black, Sandyflats Tenants' & Residents' Association.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to item 7, D Blair declared an interest in the applications for funding from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund by Kilbarchan Improvement Project (KIPCo) and Kilbarchan Community Council. However, as he considered the interest to be insignificant he did not consider it necessary to leave the meeting.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Convener intimated that there was an additional item in relation to an application for Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund grant funding by Kilbarchan Community Council. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which is dealt with at item 7 of this Minute, was urgent in view of the need to determine the matter timeously authorised its consideration.

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE- STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT

There was submitted an update report by Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership relative to the development of a draft Strategic Plan for the Partnership which set out what the Partnership wanted to achieve, how it planned to improve services and make best use of available resources. The draft Strategic Plan had been the subject of a consultation exercise which ended on 3 February 2016. The finalised Strategic Plan would be presented to a future meeting of this Local Area Committee (LAC).

In response to a question raised at the last meeting of this LAC relative to uptake of the flu vaccination in the LAC area, the Head of Health and Social Care (Renfrewshire) advised that 79.7% of over 65s, 59% of those to be considered 'at risk' and 61.6% of children had been vaccinated against flu. These statistics were higher than the Renfrewshire, Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS and national figures.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the consultation exercise be noted and that it also be noted that feedback had been sought from members of the LACs;
- (b) That it be noted that a further report would be brought to a future LAC meeting providing a copy of the final Strategic Plan; and
- (c) That the information on the uptake of the flu vaccination in this LAC area be noted.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION - PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing an overview of the activities of the Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Partnership, consisting of Renfrewshire Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and other community safety agencies for the Johnstone & the Villages LAC area during the period 1 October to 31 December 2015.

The report contained statistical information which had been provided by a number of community planning partners including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership.

The report provided information on Johnstone & the Villages community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; the development of the integrated control room and CCTV system; and work related to tackling gender based violence. In addition, the appendix to the report detailed the Street Stuff initiative timetable in relation to the five LACs between January and March 2016.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 PAISLEY'S BID FOR UK CITY OF CULTURE

The Town Centres Project Manager gave a presentation on Paisley's bid to become UK City of Culture 2021.

The presentation included background to the UK City of Culture competition, the assets Paisley had to offer in terms of objects, stories and people and the potential benefits of becoming UK City of Culture.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 OPEN SESSION/KEY LOCAL ISSUES

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) provided an update on a number of issues raised at the last meeting of this LAC including support for Syrian refugees in Renfrewshire, the implications of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in relation to the role of LACs and the guide to LAC grants.

DECIDED: That the updated position be noted.

5 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Johnstone & the Villages LAC budget for 2015/16.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 APPLICATION FOR LAC GRANT FUNDING

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an application for LAC funding.

DECIDED: That the application for funding be determined as follows:-

Elderslie Wallace Bowling Club – schools bowling project – awarded £1,000

7 APPLICATIONS TO RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CITIZENS FUND

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the submission of applications to the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund by Kilbarchan Improvement Project for £3,500 towards the cost of a boiler replacement at the Old Library building, Kilbarchan and by Kilbarchan Community Council for £3,000 towards the cost of Christmas lights enhancements.

DECIDED: That it be recommended to the Finance & Resources Policy Board that £3,500 be awarded to Kilbarchan Improvement Project and £3,000 be awarded to Kilbarchan Community Council from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Johnstone & the Villages LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 19 May 2016.

Minute of Meeting Planning & Property Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 26 January 2016	15:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors B Brown, E Devine, Audrey Doig, Gilmour, Grady, Hood, Kelly, J MacLaren, McGurk, Murrin, Nicolson, Perrie and M Sharkey.

CHAIR

Councillor Kelly, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; F Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing Services, A Morrison, Head of Regeneration, D Bryce, Development Standards Manager, V Howie, Finance Business Partner and S Marklow, Assistant Manager - Policy (all Development & Housing Services); and J Lynch, Head of Property, D Forbes, Finance Manager, F Hughes, Asset Manager, M O'Neill, Senior Solicitor, N Young, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Litigation & Advice) and K Brown, Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

APOLOGY

Councillor McGee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The application fails to meet structure plan policies Policy 6 of providing and meeting a range of tenures across a housing market.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Audrey Doig, J MacLaren, McGurk, Nicolson and Perrie.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors B Brown, E Devine, Gilmour, Grady, Hood, Kelly, Murrin and M Sharkey.

5 members having voted for the amendment and 8 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That the application be granted subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the report.

(c) 15/0739/PP – WARD 1: FULL PLANNING PERMISSION: ERECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 59 DWELLING HOUSES AND 18 FLATS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, PARKING AND LANDSCAPING: LAND TO WEST OF, ANDREW AVENUE, RENFREW – ASHLEIGH (SCOTLAND) LTD AND MCL ESTATES (BRAEHEAD) LTD

DECIDED: That the application be granted subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the report and a Section 69 Agreement.

(d) 15/0740/PP – WARD 5: PLANNING PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE: ERECTION OF MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING CLASS 1 RETAIL STORE AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, CAR PARKING, LANDSCAPING AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS (SECTION 42 APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 1 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 12/0421/PP WITH RESPECT TO THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS PERMITTED IN PHASE 2): 2 PRINTERS PLACE, PAISLEY, PA2 7RX – ALDI STORES LTD

DECIDED: That the application be granted subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the report.

(e) 15/0754/LB – WARD 5: LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR DEMOLITION: PART DEMOLITION OF HOSPITAL WARD COMPRISING THE REMOVAL OF WALLS AND CHIMNEY STACKS FROM FRONT, SIDES AND REAR OF BUILDING (IN RETROSPECT): MAIN BUILDING AND GROUNDS, DYKEBAR HOSPITAL, GRAHAMSTON ROAD, PAISLEY, PA2 7DE – NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE

DECIDED: That the application be disposed to grant subject to the condition and reason contained in the report.

(f) 15/0755/LB – WARD 5: LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR DEMOLITION: DEMOLITION OF HOSPITAL WARD: MAIN BUILDING AND GROUNDS, DYKEBAR HOSPITAL, GRAHAMSTON ROAD, PAISLEY, PA2 7DE – NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE

DECIDED: That the application be disposed to grant subject to the condition and reason contained in the report.