

To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 13 November 2019

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**THE VILLAGES LOCAL PARTNERSHIP
FUTURE MEETING DATES**

1. Summary

- 1.1 When Local Partnerships were formed, it was agreed that Local Partnership meetings should occur three times a year.
- 1.2 In 2019, Local Partnerships will have met four times, in recognition that there was additional business required to get the Partnerships up and running, such as agreeing membership and local priorities.
- 1.3 It is proposed that the meetings in 2020 are held around the months of April, August and November.
- 1.4 In addition to the ordinary meetings, it was agreed by Local Partnerships last year that a wider engagement event would be carried out in the Autumn 2019. It is now proposed that these events are held in early 2020, and members are invited to contribute to the content and design of these sessions.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of The Villages Local Partnership:
 - a) Agree the timetable of future meetings for the Local Partnership
 - b) Provide feedback on the proposed approach for the engagement event in early 2020, and where appropriate, express an interest in the development of these events.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Local Partnership holds its meetings in 2020, around the months of April, August and November. If agreed, Council officers will seek to confirm convenient dates for the meetings to take place.
- 3.2 It is proposed that grant funding allocations for the 2020/21 financial year are made in the April meeting. Following feedback from community groups, it is considered that allocating funding closer to the beginning of the financial year will make it easier for groups to do their financial planning and will enable funding to support events throughout the calendar year. As a result, the application process for grant funding would begin in early 2020.
- 3.3 It was agreed by Local Partnerships that a wider engagement event would be carried out in the Autumn 2019, but these were not completed due to focus on delivering the youth Participatory Budgeting approach. It is now proposed that these events are held in early 2020.
- 3.4 It is anticipated these events will provide an opportunity for wider local engagement with the work of the Local Partnerships, help build networks and connections, and provide an opportunity to engage around the identified Local Priorities.
- 3.5 It is suggested that an event is carried out in each Local Partnership area, and this would be an event for the wider community to attend. The aim of the events would be to:
 - a) Raise awareness of the Local Partnerships locally
 - b) Build networks between the Local Partnership and the wider community
 - c) Discuss and develop the Local Priorities with the wider community
- 3.6 Recognising the distinct geography of the Villages Local Partnership, it is suggested that a 'roadshow' style event is carried out which visits different villages and engages a range of village communities.
- 3.6 In order for the events to be successful, it will be important for members of the Local Partnership to be engaged and in attendance at the event. Members involvement in the development of the event would also be welcomed, as the event offers a significant opportunity to progress the Local Partnership's workplan moving forward.

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