

Our Renfrewshire: Locality Plan

Introduction

All community planning partnerships in Scotland are required to develop one or more Locality Plans associated with the area-wide Local Outcome Improvement Plans, to be published by 1 October 2017.

The purpose of the Locality Plan is to demonstrate that the Community Planning Partnership understands local needs and has a plan to improve outcomes for all, but with a focus on reducing inequalities where outcomes are currently poorest.

Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is developing comprehensive proposals to work together with all of its communities in order to improve outcomes across the board, but also to reduce inequalities between communities.

The Community Planning Partnership is currently reviewing its community level governance arrangements, to be completed by the end of 2017. Having done this, we can then develop a series of Locality Plans that cover all areas of Renfrewshire that are truly influenced by our communities and are better-integrated into place based planning across the partnership.

An additional strand to the development of Locality Plans will be of the localism agenda currently underway to develop co-production between public services and communities in Renfrewshire. We are also exploring how we can listen to communities of interest to “asks” for Renfrewshire, and how we can respond to their manifestos for change.

Locality Outcome Improvement Plan: Locality Plan

In which areas do outcomes most need improved?

Within the context of our ambition to develop Locality Plans covering all communities in Renfrewshire, our first locality plan will focus on the communities that experience poorest outcomes currently.

Throughout 2017 we have looked at the available data on outcomes and also engaged with our communities about their views on different aspects of communities.

We have looked at the evidence from the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 (SIMD 2016), other information from public services and other partners in Renfrewshire and learning from our community engagement. Taken together, it is clear that the communities with the greatest need and aspiration for improved outcomes are broadly those that live within the 5% most deprived areas in Scotland.

In terms of income and employment, health, education, housing, crime and access to services, a number of small areas showing some of the poorest outcomes in Scotland are located within larger communities in Paisley, Johnstone and Linwood. A combined total of just under 9,000 people in Renfrewshire live in these areas.

When we asked people in Renfrewshire to rate the place they live on fourteen themes using the Place Standard tool, there was a clear link between those people identifying the most room for

improvement and those living in the areas identified by SIMD2016 as having poorer outcomes. People in areas ranked in the lower half of SIMD2016 all identified more themes that need improvement than themes where less improvement is needed, while in the upper half, there was a more positive response.

However, the clearest response was in the areas in Renfrewshire identified in the 5% most deprived areas in Scotland. Of the fourteen Place Standard themes, thirteen were rated as having more room for improvement, rather than less.

The key strength in these communities is that people living there were positive about having a sense of local identity and belonging and feeling that this was the aspect of place that least needs improved. On the other hand, there was a strong feeling that there was room for improvement in the extent to which people feel Influence and Sense of Control. This means that there is opportunity for Renfrewshire Community Planning to build on the sense of community spirit and commitment in our communities, where outcomes are poorest currently and work with these communities to increase both their sense of influence and positive outcomes for residents.

The greatest area of improvement identified was Work and Local Economy, followed by Natural Space, Play and Recreation, Housing and Community, Feeling Safe and Care and Maintenance.

What people told us about their communities using the Place Standard tool confirms the data and research evidence from SIMD2016 and other sources. Lack of income and employment is a key driver of deprivation and is the theme that communities have the greatest aspiration to improve.

Although not geographically connected, Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership has identified as a community of interest the 9,000 people in Renfrewshire who live within the 5% most deprived areas in Scotland. This community of interest shares common needs and aspirations and will be the focus of the initial phase of locality planning in Renfrewshire.

Focus of the Locality Plan

Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership will work together with people in our community of interest to improve levels of health, attainment and skills levels, reduced incidence of crime and access to fairly paid employment and a reasonable income.

The locality plan will focus on delivering decisive shifts that improve outcomes generally, but have an additional focus on narrowing inequalities.

Milestones for the Locality Plan are as follows:

Year One (2018)

- Agree detailed one, three and ten year actions and targets.
- Local communities and Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership develop an agreed action plan to deliver step change in areas experiencing poorest outcomes. Integration of this plan with Local Area Committee action plans.
- Implementation of review of Renfrewshire Local Area Committees including action plans covering all communities in Renfrewshire. Action Plans to incorporate components on participatory budgeting and community asset transfer and participation request activity.
- Local Development Plans (physical planning activity) to be agreed for each area and integrated with Local Area Committee Action Plans.
- Agree contributions to the action plan for communities experiencing poor outcomes, both individually and collectively, with (a) communities (b) public services (c) third sector (d) private sector.

Year Three (2020)

- Evidence that communities experiencing poorest outcomes have benefited from skills, opportunities and community confidence in preparation for the Paisley 2021 cultural programme.
- Evidence that Glasgow Region City Deal projects are benefiting individuals and areas experiencing poorest outcomes.
- Evidence or indication from SIMD2019, other data and Place Standard exercises that there has/is likely to be positive movement in areas with the poorest outcomes currently.
- Participatory budgeting embedded across action plans and evidence of improved sense of influence and control within communities.

Year Ten (2027)

- Within context of improving employment levels Renfrewshire-wide, income and employment inequalities have narrowed within the areas covered by the Locality Plan.
- Evidence of improved physical and mental health across Renfrewshire, with narrower inequalities between the SIMD2016 5% most deprived areas and other areas in Renfrewshire.
- Evidence of a reduction in crime across Renfrewshire, with narrower inequalities between deprived and other areas.
- Communities report less room for improvement in their area on the fourteen themes of the Place Standard exercise, including an increased sense of influence and control.

