

# ***Agenda***

## ***Community Alliance***

**Date:** *Thursday, 29 August 2019*

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**Time:** *14:00*

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**Venue:** *'The Bridge' Meeting Room, Council Offices, 16 Church Street,  
Dumbarton*

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*Dear Member*

*Please attend a meeting of the Community Alliance as detailed above. The business is shown on the attached agenda.*

*Yours faithfully*

**JOYCE WHITE**

*Chief Executive*

***Distribution:***

*Anne MacDougall, Chair*

***Community Representatives and Voluntary Sector Members***

***Elected Members:-***

*Councillor C McAllister (Vice-Chair)*

*Councillor J Millar*

*Councillor S Page*

*All other Councillors for information*

*Date of issue: 19 August 2019*

## COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2019

### AGENDA

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	4	<b>REVISED REMIT AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP AND ROLE OF THE ALLIANCE</b>	<b>11 - 14</b>
		<i>As per the discussion at the meeting of 30 April 2019 the Chair will lead on this. In this regard, submit copy of revised/draft remit previously circulated.</i>	
	5	<b>COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>15 - 18</b>
		<i>Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Housing &amp; Employability providing information on the development of a Community Empowerment Strategy and Action Plan for West Dunbartonshire.</i>	
	6	<b>DOMESTIC ABUSE CONFERENCE</b>	
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	7	<b>COMMUNITY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>19 - 24</b>
		<i>Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Housing &amp; Employability providing a summary of the emerging work associated with developing community transport provision in West Dunbartonshire.</i>	

	<b>8</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CONFERENCE PLANNING</b>	
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	<b>9</b>	<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING MANAGEMENT GROUP PAPERS</b>	
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	<b>10</b>	<b>COMMUNITY BUDGETING</b>	<b>25 - 28</b>
		<i>Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Housing &amp; Employability providing a summary of the most recent phase of Community Budgeting and plans for future forms of participatory budgeting (PB).</i>	
	<b>11</b>	<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS</b>	
		<i>There will be a verbal update on the above.</i>	
	<b>12</b>	<b>GRASS CUTTING</b>	
		<i>There will be a verbal update on the above.</i>	
	<b>13</b>	<b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	

## **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

At a Meeting of the Community Alliance held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 24 October 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Anne MacDougall, Chair; Councillors Caroline McAllister, John Millar and Sally Page; Rhona Young and Daphne MacKay, Clydebank Seniors Forum; Brenda Pasquire, West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau; Jack Fordy and Drummond McNair, Community Councils' Forum; Barbara Barnes and George Murphy, Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Locality Engagement Network.

**Attending:** Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability; Elaine Troup, Communities Manager and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

**Also Attending:** Chief Inspector Scott Carlin, Police Scotland; Stuart McLean and Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS); and Rose Harvie, Silverton & Overtoun Community Council.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group and Donnie Nicolson, Bellsmyre Development Trust.

**Ms Anne MacDougall in the Chair**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Alliance held on 19 April 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **DEVELOPMENT SESSION: THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

With reference to the previous meeting of the Community Alliance, Anne MacDougall, Chair, led a discussion on 'Developing the Community Alliance'.

After discussion and having heard the Communities Manager and the Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Alliance agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of what measures were required to be taken in order to enable the Community Alliance to be as meaningful as possible, in terms of achieving community objectives, whilst still being representative to the communities they represent;
- (2) that, in light of feedback received from community representatives, officers be requested to consider a review of the remit, organisation and operation of the Community Alliance;
- (3) that, in view of (2) above, the review would be reported back to a future meeting of the Community Alliance, to enable consideration to take place; and
- (4) that it was considered important that the format of Community Alliance meetings changed to make them as meaningful and as constructive as possible.

## **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

Anne MacDougall, Chair, invited the Communities Manager to provide a brief update on the work being progressed around the development of a Community Empowerment Strategy and Action Plan for West Dunbartonshire and it was noted that these aimed to improve the Council's and its partners' understanding of the barriers faced by local communities in their efforts get more involved in shaping their community.

In this regard, it was noted:-

- (1) that Phase 4 of Community Budgeting would launch at the end of October 2018 and that the process had been refined following consultation with previous participants of Community Budgeting who had responded to the Survey Monkey questionnaire, some of whom had also participated in small focus group sessions; and
- (2) that the main event would take place in late February/early March 2019 and that Community Planning were working with the Improvement Service to develop an online voting system.

After discussion, the Community Alliance noted the update given, including the response from the Communities Manager that the new online system would minimise the chance of multiple voting, and looked forward to receiving more information, when available.

The meeting closed at 3.38 p.m.





## **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

Note of Meeting of the Community Alliance – Development Session held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

### **Attending:-**

Barbara Barnes, Community Representative  
Pauline Larking, Community Representative (Substitute member)  
Anne MacDougall, Community Representative (Chair)  
Brenda Pasquire, Community Representative  
Rhona Young, Community Representative  
Councillor Caroline McAllister (Vice Chair)  
Suzanne Greer, Acting Communities Manager / Community Empowerment Officer  
Brian McQuillan, Communities Project Worker – Communities Team  
Craig Stewart, Committee Officer

### **Apologies:-**

Jack Fordy, Community Representative  
Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability

## **WELCOME**

Anne MacDougall, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the Development Session.

## **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – REVISED / DRAFT REMIT**

Anne MacDougall, Chair, gave the meeting a short resume of where we were at with regards to a revised / draft remit of the Community Alliance. Following discussion and having heard from Councillor McAllister (Vice Chair), community representatives and having heard Suzanne Greer, and Brian McQuillan in response, the Alliance agreed to note the following:-

- (1) That a reminder of meeting be sent out one week in advance of meetings;
- (2) Dates to be set in advance of meetings – some discussion around changing times/venues of meetings or keeping same, also around acoustics at Church Street Civic space, roving meetings/3 meetings in areas pm/eve, or possibility of conference calling in;
- (3) Comments on remit – officers should only attend on specific topics raised or to provide support/administration;

- (4) Too much information from Police/ Fire brigade at meetings – possibility of summarised versions of reports to be produced (Suzanne Greer to look into this and report back);
- (5) Feeling that lack of feedback and officers not answering questions, providing clear/understandable info. Too much strategic focus;
- (6) Membership of Community Alliance – discussion on inviting other Elected Members along to the next meeting, together with need to increase number of Councillors/wider representation – 3 representatives (in addition to Vice-Chair) and Substitutes for when cannot attend. Any changes to membership requires to go to Council for approval;
- (7) Need for balanced/wider representation from community, new groups to be included/promote the Alliance more widely. Links to community budgeting/ PB mainstreaming;
- (8) Initial review of membership before next meeting then wider promotion via conference etc.
- (9) Some groups not attending – find out the reason(s) for this;
- (10) Involvement of young people & Youth Council;
- (11) To review community database and send out letters with information on Community Alliance;
- (12) Possibility of event in either September/October – sub-group to plan conference, meeting in 2 weeks – sub group consists of Anne, Caroline, Brenda and Pauline;
- (13) Work plan to be developed;
- (14) Speakers on topics, similar to previous Community Participation Committee;
- (15) Possibility of streaming meetings in future; and
- (16) Name of Alliance.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that there should be a meeting on 11 June 2019 at 2.00pm in Church Street, and it was considered that smaller room like the Brock would be ideal. There was also discussion around an optional meeting in August, as well as a possible conference date of Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019. ***(Update Note: It has since been agreed to defer the meeting from 11 June to 29 August, to allow more time for preparation of agendas, reports and inviting new members along etc.)***

The meeting then closed.

## Community Alliance – revised / draft remit

The Community Alliance ensures communities and individuals have an understanding of and an effective influence within Community Planning West Dunbartonshire (CPWD).

The Alliance brings together representatives from neighbourhood, interest and user groups across West Dunbartonshire with the intention of:

- Strengthening and widening involvement across communities (both geographical and interest);
- Advising CPWD on policy and planning priorities identified by local people; and
- working with CPWD to ensure delivery of the issues identified as local priorities.

The Community Alliance has been established to promote and support community empowerment. One way it does this by providing opportunities for communities to engage with and influence discussion at CPWD level. However the emerging role for the Alliance should be focussed on:

Our remit is to:

- act as a conduit between the CPP and local communities ensuring the transfer of information in both directions; and
- ensure that communities can inform and / or influence the services that affect them and impact upon their quality of community life.

We do this by:

- Raising awareness of key priority issues drawn from communities and feeding back to communities on how these issues are being addressed by CP partners;
- Working alongside the CPP Management group to identify solutions based on local needs;
- Effective engagement with communities;
- Effectively sharing and receiving information from communities;
- Using a diverse range of engagement methods appropriate for all within our communities;
- Providing opportunities for communities to constructively share their issues/concerns with us;
- Making efforts to understand and overcome the barriers to engagement / activity;
- Respecting the diversity and differences of opinion within communities;

- Considering, promoting, and reviewing arrangements for consultation, participation and involvement.

#### Governance

The Community Alliance will meet bi-monthly. The agenda will be set by the Chair of the CA and in response from relevant issues raised by the communities of West Dunbartonshire. The minutes of each meeting will be approved by the Chair and circulated to members and made available to the public on-line.

Our members will be drawn from:

- West Dunbartonshire Council
- Elected members
- Community Councils
- Community Groups
- Champions Board
- Community Development Trusts
- West Dunbartonshire Equality Forum
- Seniors' Forums
- West Dunbartonshire Youth Alliance / Y Sort It
- Locality Engagement Networks (Health & Social Care)
- Neighbourhood Organisations
- Tenants & Residents Associations
- Black & Minority Ethnic organisations
- Disability Groups
- LGBT Groups
- West Dunbartonshire Chamber

It is anticipated that each of the above groups/departments are represented by one member and one substitute.

The CA will communicate with local citizens by:

- Ensuring meeting venues are roving, i.e. held within different communities and at varying times of the day / evening
- Ensuring elected members attend the roving meetings
- Through the use of social media (Facebook)
- Ensuring information on the CA website is up-to-date
- Ensuring that the CA is contactable, that there are various methods for local people to contact us
- Writing a monthly up-date in a local newspaper
- Including regular up-date in WDC Housing News

The CA will set their agenda for the year ahead, with scope to deal with emerging issues. This will include:

- Attending and hosting events
- Guest speakers responding to key themes / issues
- Training sessions

Chair of the Alliance should be a community representative and be on a 24 month revolving basis. (to be agreed)

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Report by the Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability

Community Alliance

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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**Subject: Community Empowerment Strategy**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide Alliance members with information on the development of a Community Empowerment Strategy and Action plan for West Dunbartonshire.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** Community Alliance members are asked to note the content of the report and give consideration to the role of the Alliance in the development and implementation of the Strategy and Action plan.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** A partnership steering group was established to co-ordinate the development a Strategy and SCDC were appointed to lead on the consultation to develop the Strategy.
- 3.2** The Strategy and Action Plan will aim to transform the way the Council (and their partners) work with communities. It will support communities to be more resilient and take more control over the issues that matter to them, and set out the key things that need to be done in communities and by local services to make this happen. It will also support implementation of the Community Empowerment Act 2015, which is designed to make it easier for communities to influence how local services are delivered and how to make direct use of resources, like buildings, which Councils and other agencies own.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** A series of consultation events were held including eight informal discussion events and three larger Shaping the Strategy events, also focus groups with staff and elected members. A first draft was developed in March 2018 for input from partners and a summarised version of the Strategy for further

consultation with key stakeholders. A newsletter was sent out widely in July to update on progress. A further round of public consultation will be held in August/ September 2019 before the Strategy and action plan are finalised for approval by Council and Community Planning Management Group.

- 4.2 The next round of consultation will consist of three further events, in Alexandria, Dumbarton and Clydebank. There will also be an online method for residents to give their views. A focus group will be set up to review the draft before it is finalised for approval by Council and Community Planning Management Group in November 2019.
- 4.3 The Community Alliance will have a key role in leading on the implementation of the Community Empowerment Strategy and Action plan which will have a transformative effect on citizens in West Dunbartonshire in building resilience and enabling residents to take steps to make their communities a better place to live.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1 There are no implications at this time.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are not anticipated financial implications at this time, however at it is an ambitious Strategy there could potentially be implications.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1 There is an increasing drive nationally for community planning partners to work at an increased pace to deliver outcomes for communities and opportunities for resident involvement. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets a clear direction for involvement of communities in the design and delivery of services.
- 7.2 The strategy and action plan will promote empowerment and build capacity and resilience allowing local groups to contribute and become more active and involved across West Dunbartonshire.
- 7.3 There is a risk if the Strategy is not implemented of failure to comply with the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1 An EIA is currently underway as part of the development of the Strategy. EIAs on any further aspects of the action plan will be carried out as required.

## **9 Consultation**



**9.1** A comprehensive consultation process has been carried out as part of the development of the strategy and further consultation is planned before it is finalised..

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

**10.1** Progressing work as outlined in this report ensures CPWD can deliver on the outcomes set in the Local Outcome improvement Plan.

Peter Barry  
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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All





Report by the Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability

Community Alliance

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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**Subject: Community Transport**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide Alliance members with a summary of the emerging work associated with developing community transport provision in West Dunbartonshire.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** Alliance members are asked to note the content of the report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** As has previously been reported, Community Alliance had indicated that community transport was a priority with the action plan.

- 3.2** Each phase of the work and been incremental and is outlined below:

- Community Engagement - March 2018 to December 2018
- Community Transport Network/ Working Group - August 2018 to December 2018
- Options Appraisal - January 2019 to March 2019

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** The aim the initial community engagement phase from March 2018 to December 2018 was for community planning partners, community groups and voluntary organisations, representing communities of geography, interest and identity, to accessed information to develop their understanding of community transport including the benefits, beneficiaries, organisational structures and operating models.

Some of the objectives achieved in the community engagement phase included:

- Meet with a range of community stakeholders and partners including communities of geography, interest and identity
- Provide clear and easy to understand information to help people to develop an understanding of various aspect of community transport
- Use different formats of communication through verbal and electronic communications
- Signpost groups and organisations to funding and support
- Identify stakeholders to help develop community transport provision

- 4.2 In the next phase the aim was to provide the opportunity for a wide range of community organisations and groups to participate in the development of a Network/ Working Group.

Some of the objectives achieved in the phase to develop a Network/ Working Group included:

- Arrange meetings to discuss the purpose and direction of the network/forum
- Provide opportunities for geographical and thematic representation

- 4.3 The aim of the final phase was for the Network/ Working Group to develop a range of options for developing community transport provision with consideration of the possible impact of UK Government's Consultation on the use of section 19 and section 22 permits for road passenger transport in Great Britain.

Some of the objectives achieved in the phase to explore the different options available included:

- Consider and recommend suitable organisational structures
- Consider and recommend suitable operating models and approaches
- Consider and recommend a range of methods to identify needs/ demand
- Identify resources and support required to develop provision

- 4.4 The Network/ Steering Group was made up of 25 people representing communities of geography, interest and identity from across West Dunbartonshire including people representing charities, trusts, foundations, community councils, tenants and residents groups, forums, older people young people learning disabilities, physical disabilities, faith and people from black, minority and ethnic groups.

Members of the group represented the following community groups and voluntary organisations:

- Action Old Kilpatrick/ Old Kilpatrick Community Council

- Alexandria Over 50s Group
- Alzheimer Scotland
- Balloch and Haldane Community Council
- Beardmore Trust
- Carman Care
- Clydebank Churches Together
- Clydebank Seniors Forum
- Dumbarton Churches Together
- Dumbarton East Community Council
- Duntocher Tenants and Residents Association
- Faifley Community Council
- G15 Buses
- Isaro Social Integration Network
- Kilmaronock Community Council
- Leamy Foundation
- Linnvale and Drumry Community Bus
- Linnvale and Drumry Community Council
- Our Club/Dumbarton and District Disabled Children's Forum
- Shopmobility/ West Dunbartonshire Access Panel
- Silverton and Overtoun Community Council
- Tullichewan Tenants and Residents Association
- West Dunbartonshire Tenants and Residents Organisation

Three meetings were held across West Dunbartonshire which provided an opportunity for members to discuss and deliberate to:

- develop a collective understanding of community transport/ community transport organisation and services;
- raise awareness of funding and support available to develop a community transport organisation and services; and
- share community transport managers' experience of developing community transport organisations and services.

Guest speakers attended meetings to provide specialist knowledge, advice and information. These included representatives from Coalfield Community Transport, Community Transport Association, Community Transport Glasgow, Firstport, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and West Dunbartonshire Council.

- 4.5 As a result of the community engagement and the community transport network/ steering group an action group, West Dunbartonshire Community Transport Action Group, was established in May 2019 to take the work forward.
- 4.6 The group are at the initial stage of scoping and action planning and have drafted a constitution, met with the Community Transport Association to access specialist advice and support. Meetings are planned with the Big Lottery Scotland to discuss funding options.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** None, all activity is delivered through existing team and volunteer capacity.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1** None, all activity is delivered through existing team and partner capacity

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** As outlined previously there is an increasing drive nationally for community planning partners to work at an increased pace to deliver outcomes for communities. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act sets a clear direction for involvement of communities in the design and delivery of services.
- 7.2** Developing community transport provision offers the opportunity to work with communities to build capacity and resilience allowing local groups to continue their positive contribution across West Dunbartonshire.
- 7.3** There remains a risk that the action group will not secure the funding they bid for.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** An EIA is not required as this is the continuation of existing activities.

## **9 Consultation**

- 9.1** Using the National Standards for Community Engagement, Equality Act 2010 and West Dunbartonshire Council's Engaging Communities Framework a wide range of community planning partners, community groups and organisation, representing communities of geography, interest and identity, accessed information to develop their understanding of community transport and activities relating to the development of provision.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1** Progressing work as outlined in this report ensures CPWD can deliver on the outcomes set in the Local Outcome improvement Plan.

Peter Barry  
Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All







Report by the Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability

Community Alliance

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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**Subject: Community Budgeting**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide Alliance members with a summary of the most recent phase of Community Budgeting and plans for future forms of participatory budgeting (PB).

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** Community Alliance members are asked to note the content of the report and give consideration to the role of the Alliance in developing future PB models.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** Following three previous rounds of Community budgeting held between November 2016 and February 2018, a fourth phase was held from October 2018 to February 2019.
- 3.2.1** Learning from previous rounds has informed how this round was developed. This included opening the application process to groups with a constitution for amounts up to £5000 and for groups without a constitution for amounts up to £500 and also extending the timescales to apply. Similar to Phase 3, there was one main event in Clydebank Town Hall organised in a marketplace style to allow opportunities for networking and finding out about projects. For this round online voting was supported by COSLA piloting new software which was less open to abuse, which had been noted from previous phases.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** In addition to the changes noted above, there was increased involvement in the design of phase four, including a survey held in September 2018 followed by focus groups. The survey was circulated to participants in previous phases

to allow input into the design of phase 4. Three focus groups were also held in early October 2018 and were attended by 12 residents. Attendees at the focus groups had input into the application form and guidance notes

- 4.2 Applications were opened to constituted groups for capital and revenue funding up to £5000. Groups without a constitution were also allowed to apply for capital and revenue funding up to £500 providing another organisation with a bank account and constitution sponsored them. Drop in sessions were held in Clydebank, Dumbarton and Alexandria to support the development of bids and staff from the Communities Team were also available for appointments for those who were unable to attend drop- ins.
- 4.3 The voting event was held on 23 February at Clydebank Town Hall in a marketplace style where each group was allowed networking. Transport was available for those who needed it on the day. Voting on the day was by ballot paper, projects were rated 1 to 10. Online voting was supported by COSLA, as part of a pilot for a new software package called CONSUL. Online voting was opened at the beginning of February ahead of the event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- 4.4 In previous phases and at focus groups for phase four, previous online voting methods were highlighted as possibly open to abuse. These concerns were addressed in phase four with the online voting system requiring pre-registration. Also, there was a weighting in place giving greater weight to votes cast at the event rather than online. This was to encourage as many people to come along on the day as possible. There were some teething problems with the online system which were fed back to the Improvement Service/ COSLA. There were also some concerns over the ease of the registration process and accessibility. Over 6000 people accessed the voting website.
- 4.5 Lessons learned from Phase 4 were:
  - online voting needs to be further refined
  - It would be beneficial to have more community involvement in designing the process for any future phases.
  - The location of Phase 3 & 4 events in Clydebank was an issue and also due to turnout levels for phase 4 it would worth considering having more than one event/ location in future.
- 4.6 West Dunbartonshire Council has committed to 1% of the overall budget to be decided by residents as part of the move towards mainstreaming. This would mean identifying sums within existing budgets and consulting communities on the potential spend on these. Further discussions will take place regarding developing this type of model.
- 4.7 Staff are currently contacting groups for evidence of what has been achieved from the funding distributed in Phase 3 and will do the same for Phase 4. From late 2019 onwards we will be developing a revised approach for any

future rounds of community budgeting once again taking account of feedback received . However this time involving local people in the design and planning based on a more co-productive approach. This builds on work with SCDC on the Community Empowerment Strategy and also links with the Improvement Service and national participatory budgeting networks.

## **5. People Implications**

**5.1** There are no implications at this time.

## **6. Financial Implications**

**6.1** None, all activity is delivered through existing team and partner capacity

## **7. Risk Analysis**

**7.1** There is an increasing drive nationally for community planning partners to work at an increased pace to deliver outcomes for communities and opportunities for resident involvement. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets a clear direction for involvement of communities in the design and delivery of services.

**7.2** Developing participatory budgeting methods provides opportunities to work with communities to build capacity and resilience allowing local groups to continue their positive contribution across West Dunbartonshire.

**7.3** There is a risk of not delivering on the Community Empowerment Act and commitment to 1% mainstreaming.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**8.1** An EIA is not required as this is a continuation of existing activities. An EIA will be carried out of any further rounds of community budgeting or PB mainstreaming.

## **9 Consultation**

**9.1** A survey and focus group were carried out in 2018 to inform the development of Community budgeting phase 4. A more co-productive approach will be developed for any future phases.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

**10.1** Progressing work as outlined in this report ensures CPWD can deliver on the outcomes set in the Local Outcome improvement Plan.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All