

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILWednesday 26 June 2019Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveEAST RENFREWSHIRE SOCIAL IMPACT PLEDGE**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek approval of proposed Social Impact Pledges.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. It is recommended that Council considers and approves the three proposed Social Impact Pledges outlined in paragraph 4.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Public sector organisations across Scotland have been asked by Scottish Government to commit to increasing their social impact on people and communities by making a Social Impact Pledge. This should be made up of three new commitments which will happen in the next six months. Almost 50 organisations have made social impact pledges to date, including seven local authorities. As part of making a pledge public organisations are asked to:

- Challenge themselves to increase the positive impact they make on their local community and make better use of their assets – buildings/grounds and people.
- In the next six months do at least three things that they don't do at the moment to improve their social impact

**PROPOSED EAST RENFREWSHIRE SOCIAL IMPACT PLEDGES**

4. The Scottish Government's Social Impact Pledge initiative is voluntary however it is an opportunity for East Renfrewshire Council to demonstrate how services make a positive impact on people across East Renfrewshire. The chosen pledges seek to achieve a social impact through innovative community participation, with young people, vulnerable groups and residents of locality plan areas:

- (i) Targeted work with our young people to increase their role in planning and decision-making.  
**Lead Department: Corporate and Community Services**
- (ii) Establish an early years social inclusion fund to help children and families from our most disadvantaged areas. This will help to address inequality and allow identified children and families to take part in the full experiences offered through our family centres and nurseries.  
**Lead Department: Education**

- (iii) Work closely with local residents in Dunterlie to identify priorities for improving and investing in the local environment.

**Lead Department: Environment**

5. Once approved the social impact pledges will be published online, on behalf of the Scottish Government, by Communities Channel Scotland ([www.communityscot.org.uk/social-impact-pledge](http://www.communityscot.org.uk/social-impact-pledge)). East Renfrewshire Council may be invited to provide case study reports on the pledges and may provide renewed pledges in the following year.

#### **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY**

6. The social impact pledges will be met from existing resources.

#### **CONSULTATION**

7. Internal consultation has taken place to identify appropriate, achievable and relevant pledges that will bring benefit to our communities. Community participation is integral to the delivery of each of these pledges and they will be designed and delivered with involvement from our local residents.

#### **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

8. These pledges are for the Council to commit to and deliver, however partners will be engaged where relevant.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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#### **RELEVANT LINKS:**

<http://www.communityscot.org.uk/social-impact-pledge/>