

AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 10 October 2102

Airdrie, 10 October 2102 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, Curley, Fagan, Spowart, Stocks and Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council; Maggs Thomson, NHS Lanarkshire; Edward Mullen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector Swan and Inspector Balfour, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Susan Mitchell, Administrative Officer, Committee and Civic Governance Services, Corporate Services; Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager, Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, Andy Wyatt, Transportation Officer, and Dave Roderick, Trading Standards Manager, Environmental Services; Alistair Crichton, Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, Finance and Customer Services, and Anne Knight, Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

John Reilly and Nancy Pettigrew, Airdrie and Villages Community Forum and Councillor Logue, North Lanarkshire Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. Councillor Morgan declared a non financial interest in respect of paragraph 9 due to the nature of his wife's employment.

PRESENTATION – CONSULTATION ON SAVINGS OPTIONS AND THE CORPORATE PLAN

2. The Convener introduced Alastair Crichton, Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, North Lanarkshire Council who gave a presentation on the consultation exercise on the savings options and on the Corporate Plan.

Thereon, Mr. Crichton provided further information in respect of:-

- the challenges facing the Council in respect of demand and resource pressures;
 - the work undertaken in respect of the draft Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement which sets out what the Council expects to achieve between 2013/2014 and 2017/2018;
 - the key priorities contained within the Plan and the focussed strategic outcomes;
 - where the Council's money comes from;
 - the financial outlook for the next three financial years;
 - the savings options for each Service and the potential impact on the workforce;
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- a number of examples of some of the savings options contained within the proposals, and
- the arrangements for responding to the consultation which could be either via e-mail, telephone, in writing, or in person at the Council's First Stop Shops or Libraries.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

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3. There were submitted the Minutes of meetings of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 1 August 2012.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MINUTE

4. There was submitted the Minute of meeting of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 11 July 2012.

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report from Airdrie and Villages Community Forum providing an overview of activity undertaken by the Forum in partnership with local agencies and highlighting a number of issues for further consideration.

Decided: that the report be noted.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WHINHALL, AIRDRIE

6. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012) dated 10 October 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of local developments in relation to participatory budgeting linked to the Local Development Programme in Whinhall, Airdrie; (2) informing that participatory budgeting was a model of engagement which sought to directly involve local people in decision making on spending priorities for a defined public budget; (3) intimating that as part of a pilot project, a Programme of Works was delivered in the Forgewood area of Motherwell in 2010; (4) proposing that the Local Area Partnership consider extending the pilot to the Whinhall area of Airdrie; (5) informing (a) that the Local Area Committee previously agreed to contribute £25,000 from its Local Development Programme 2012/2013, and (b) that the Community Learning and Development Partnership had also agreed to contribute £10,000 from their budget to support the initiative, and (6) recommending (a) that the proposal to develop participatory budgeting in Whinhall, Airdrie as detailed within the report be approved, and (b) that it be noted that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership advising on the outcome of the project.

Arising from discussion thereon, it was agreed that Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager, provide all elected Members with a summarised version of the outcome of the pilot programme undertaken in Forgewood, Motherwell.

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Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that all elected Members of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee be provided with a summarised version of the outcome of the pilot programme undertaken in Forgewood, Motherwell;
- (2) that the proposal to develop participatory budgeting in Whinhall, Airdrie as detailed within the report, be approved, and
- (3) that it be noted that a further report advising on the outcome of the project would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

7. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 1 August 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012) dated 10 October 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update on the ongoing delivery of projects under the Airdrie and Villages Local Development Programme; (2) detailing (a) in Appendix 1 to the report, an update on the delivery of various projects which had been identified for investment in 2012/2013; (b) in Appendix 2 to the report, the proposed programme for 2013/2014, and (c) in Appendix 3 to the report, a number of projects which could not be accommodated within the 2013/2014 programme and would become a holding list of proposals which could be brought forward should funding become available, or alternatively would form the basis of the Local Development Programme in a future financial year, and (3) recommending (a) that progress with projects in the second year of the two year programme for 2012/2013 be noted; (b) that amendments to 2012/2013 programme highlighted in Appendix 1 to the report be noted; (c) that the Local Development Programme for 2013/2014 as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report be approved; (d) that the inclusion of a holding list of projects detailed within Appendix 3 to the report be noted, and (e) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to a future meeting of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee.

Arising from discussion thereon, it was agreed that Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager, Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council would write to the Chief Executive of North Lanarkshire Leisure on behalf of the Partnership, requesting investigation of the feasibility of improving the facade of John Smith Pool, Airdrie.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that a letter be submitted to the Chief Executive of North Lanarkshire Leisure on behalf of the Partnership, requesting that he investigate the feasibility of improving the facade of the John Smith Pool, Airdrie;
 - (2) that progress in relation to projects in the second year of the two year programme for 2012/2013 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
 - (3) that the amendments to the programme as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
 - (4) that the Local Development Programme for 2013/2014 as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
 - (5) that the inclusion of a holding list of projects as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report be noted, and
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- (6) that it be noted that further progress on the current and proposed projects would be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 1 August 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012) dated 10 October 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update on progress on local community planning priorities within the area; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) setting out, within an Appendix to the report, progress on key initiatives from the Action Plan; (4) containing his observations and considerations thereon, and (5) recommending (a) that further reports on Local Community Planning be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee, and (b) that the report be otherwise noted.

Arising from discussion thereon, the Convener agreed to write on behalf of the Partnership to the Clyde Valley Housing Association (1) advising them of recent instances of anti-social behaviour at the former Orr's Building, South Bridge Street, Airdrie; (2) expressing the Partnership's concern that the project at that building had not yet commenced, and (3) extending an invitation to a representative from Clyde Valley Housing Association to attend a future meeting of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee to discuss their plans for the building.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the Convener of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee write to Clyde Valley Housing Association (a) advising of recent instances of anti-social behaviour at the former Orr's Building, South Bridge Street, Airdrie; (b) expressing the Partnership's concern that no project has yet commenced within that building, and (c) extending an invitation to a representative of Clyde Valley Housing Association to attend a future meeting of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee to discuss their plans for the Orr's Building;
- (2) that progress in the delivery of projects in the Local Community Plan be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Morgan by reason of his wife's employment declared a non financial interest in the matter.

AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

9. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 1 August 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012) dated 10 October 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) providing an update on progress made on specific projects and initiatives under the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan, those being (a) Town Centre Streetworks, and (b) Sir John Wilson Town Hall; (2) summarising the background in relation to the preparation of a town centre framework for Airdrie; (3) advising (a) that the Airdrie Town Centre Framework Project was within the second phase to be progressed, and (b) that it was anticipated that survey and consultation work would commence in early 2013 (4) intimating that a capital bid for town centres was currently under preparation for a five year period from 2013/2014 to 2017/2018 to secure funding for the delivery of future capital projects and initiatives in each town centre through the new
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frameworks and associated action plans; (5) detailing a number of town centre activities and (6) recommending that progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

Arising from discussion thereon in relation to vandalism at the stairwell of the Hallcraig Street Car Park, it was agreed that the matter be investigated by the Head of Roads and Transportation, and a report detailing the outcome of the investigation be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the vandalism which has occurred at the stairwell of Hallcraig Street Car Park be investigated by the Head of Roads and Transportation, Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council, and
- (2) that a report detailing the outcome of the investigation be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee.

LEGISLATION REGULATING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS

10. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 12 January 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012) dated 10 October 2012 by the Head of Protective Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) informing of legislation regulating the sale of fireworks; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) summarising therein (a) the four categories of fireworks; (b) the permitted times for selling fireworks; (c) storage requirements; (d) the use of fireworks and the exceptions to this, and (e) the measures in place aimed at reducing the opportunity of illicit sales from unlicensed premises, and (4) recommending that the report be noted.

Thereon, Dave Roderick, Trading Standards Manager, Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council advised the Partnership that in relation to the granting of licences to enable the sale of fireworks outside the prescribed period there were now two Licences in operation within North Lanarkshire permitting fireworks to be sold outwith the four permitted selling periods as detailed within the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE STATUS REPORT ON INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

11. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012) dated 25 September 2012 by the Locality Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire providing an update on health services and initiatives which are either Lanarkshire wide or specific to the Airdrie locality, namely, (1) Airdrie Community Health Centre – Community Clinics, and (2) Health and Improvement Programmes.

Decided: that the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

12. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 1 August 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012) dated 10 October 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services (1) outlining the background to the Joint Community Safety Report; (2)
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summarising, in an Appendix to the report, information and action that had been considered by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group from June to August 2012 including a hot spot map highlighting crime and anti-social behaviour issues in a priority ward area; (3) detailing therein initiatives and activities which had been undertaken by Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council; (4) containing his observations and considerations thereon, and (5) recommending that the report be noted.

Thereon, Chief Inspector Swan, Strathclyde Police, Eddie Mullen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Anne Knight, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council were heard in full explanation of the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

REMIT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 14 AUGUST 2012 – MENTAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ROLE OF GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT IN DELIVERING A GREENSPACE SOCIAL PRESCRIBING PROGRAMME IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

13. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 14 August 2012 when, that Committee having considered a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 14 August 2012 by the Head of Land Services (1) noted the role of the Council in assisting in the delivery of the physical activity and leisure theme in the "Well Connected" programme and its role in tackling the mental health problems, and (2) agreed to remit the report to the Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees for information, the Sub-Committee considered the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

14. The Convener intimated that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 16 January 2013 at 2 pm in Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Stirling Street, Airdrie.

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Airdrie, 10 October 2012 at 4 pm.

A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, Curley, Spowart, Stocks and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Planning Officer, Trading Standards Manager and Transportation Officer, Environmental Services; Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, Finance and Customer Services, and Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGY

Councillor Logue.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Decided: Councillor Morgan declared a non financial interest in respect of paragraph 8 due to the nature of his wife's employment.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2012

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Airdrie Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 10 October 2012 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) PRESENTATION – CONSULTATION ON SAVINGS PROPOSALS AND THE CORPORATE PLAN

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

(2) AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(3) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MINUTE

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

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(4) AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

Decided: that the report be noted.

(5) PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WHINHALL, AIRDRIE

Decided:

- (1) that all elected Members of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee be provided with a summarised version of the outcome of the pilot programme undertaken in Forgewood, Motherwell;
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(6) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

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(7) LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT

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- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

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(10) NHS LANARKSHIRE STATUS REPORT ON INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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(11) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

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(13) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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