

Airdrie, 16 January 2013 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, A. Coyle, S. Coyle, Curley, Logue, Spowart and Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council; Maggs Thomson, NHS Lanarkshire; Edward Mullen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector MacLeod and Sergeant G. Aitken, 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 and Andy Wyatt, Transportation Officer, Environmental Services; Iain Campbell, Projects and Partnerships Officer, Learning and Leisure Services, and Chris O'Neill, Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Walker, North Lanarkshire Leisure and Ryan McAlinden, SportsScotland.

APOLOGIES

Councillors M. Coyle, Fagan and Stocks, 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 7 due to the nature of his wife's employment.

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2. There were submitted the Minutes of meetings of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 10 October 2012.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MINUTE

3. There was submitted the Minute of meeting of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 5 September 2012.

Arising from discussion thereon, it was proposed that an invitation be extended to a representative from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to attend a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership to provide details on the provision of bus services within the Airdrie and Villages area, and in particular, the amendments to services and routes.

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

- (1) that an invitation be extended to a representative from SPT to attend a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership to provide details on the provision of bus services within the Airdrie and Villages area, and in particular the amendment to services and routes, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE STATUS REPORT ON INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

4. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 16 January 2013) dated 6 December 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) the Family Nurse Partnership Programme, and (2) Health and Improvement Programmes.

Decided: that the report be noted.

THIRD SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURE

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) advising of a proposal to strengthen the role of the voluntary sector in the Local Community Planning Structures, and (2) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report, a paper which was approved by the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board encouraging the voluntary sector to engage more effectively in their localities and to support the work of the Local Area Teams.

Thereon Martin Dickson was heard in further explanation of the report.

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

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership on this initiative, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 16 January 2013) dated 16 January 2013 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 would be brought forward should funding become available, and (3) recommending (a) that progress with projects within the 2012/13 programme including the Estate Based Initiatives programme as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report be noted; (b) that the proposals for the Local Development Programme for the period 2013/2014 as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report be approved; (c) that the inclusion of a holding list of projects as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report be noted, and (d)

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that 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 a report be submitted to a future meeting of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee providing details on the external funding contribution to projects within the Local Development Programme.

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

- (1) that progress in relation to projects in the 2012/2013 programme including Estate Based Initiatives programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the inclusion of a holding list of projects as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report be noted, and
- (4) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services prepare and submit a report (a) providing details on the external funding contribution to projects within the Local Development Programme, and (b) outlining further progress on the current and proposed projects to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

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

7. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 10 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 16 January 2013) dated 16 January 2013 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 it was anticipated that the survey work for Airdrie Town Centre would commence in February 2013, with the first phase workshop events to be held in April 2013, and (b) that it was aimed to have the updated Town Centre Framework and Action Plan completed by autumn 2013; (4) detailing a number of town centre activities, and (5) advising that the Council were presently looking into the potential of establishing business improvement districts in North Lanarkshire town centres as detailed therein.

Decided: that the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

8. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 16 January 2013) dated 16 January 2013 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services (1) outlining the background to the Joint Community Safety Report; (2) summarising, in an Appendix to the report, information and action that had been considered by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group from September to November 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

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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.

The Convener (1) welcomed Chief Inspector Kenneth MacLeod to his first meeting of Airdrie Local Area Partnership, and (2) advised that Eddie Mullen from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, was retiring and on behalf of the Local Area Partnership thanked him for his contribution and input into the Partnership and wished him well for the future.

Thereon, Chief Inspector MacLeod, Strathclyde Police, Eddie Mullen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Chris O'Neill, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council were heard in full explanation of the report.

Arising from discussion thereon it was proposed that the Local Regeneration Manager investigate the current levels of theft in relation to Wheelie Bins, and if required, investigate possible options which would assist in the prevention thereof.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the Local Regeneration Manager ascertain the current levels of Wheelie Bin theft, and if required investigate possible options to assist in the prevention thereof.

VANDALISM REPAIRS – CAR PARK, HALLCRAIG STREET, AIRDRIE

9. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 16 January 2013) dated 16 January 2013 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) advising of a number of repairs which had been carried out at the car park located at Hallcraig Street, Airdrie since its opening; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) summarising therein the vandalism which has occurred and the action taken to repair the damage; (4) containing his observations and considerations, and (5) recommending that the report be noted.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PLAYING PITCHES STRATEGY – ENGAGEMENT/NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

10. There was submitted a report dated 4 January 2013 by the Head of Community Information and Learning regarding the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy 2013/18 (1) setting out details of the approach for ongoing engagement; (2) intimating that a Strategy Implementation and Review Group had been established to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy, and (3) indicating that the recommendations contained within the Strategy encompass consideration of new build, upgrades, changes to usage, additional maintenance work and alternative use or disposal.

Thereon, the Convener (1) introduced Iain Campbell, Projects and Partnership Officer, North Lanarkshire Council who gave a presentation on the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy 2013/18, and (2) encouraged Members to forward any comments in relation to the Strategy to the Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services.

Iain Campbell provided further information in respect of:-

- the background to the Strategy which had taken into account the views of local clubs, organisations, sport in schools development staff, Facility Managers as well as Scottish governing bodies' representatives

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- the context for the Strategy which included economic climate and financial conditions, legacies of major sporting events and developments in specific sports;
- the key messages contained within the Strategy;
- the key questions in relation to the delivery of projects;
- a summary of the main recommendations, and
- the key recommendations in respect of the Airdrie Area;

Thereafter, he responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership and intimated that he would take forward all the issues and points raised at the meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that the main recommendations, as set out within the presentation, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the establishment of the Strategy Implementation and Review Group to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy be noted;
- (3) that the specific recommendations relating to the Airdrie Area, as set out within the presentation, which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted, and
- (4) that the presentation be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services providing an update on the Youth Investment Programme; (1) outlining the background to the Programme which was launched following receipt of an additional allocation by the Scottish Government of £1.825m to tackle youth unemployment ; (2) advising that the Programme offers employers an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and was designed to financially support businesses to create additional job opportunities; (3) indicating that the target for the Programme was to support 5,000 unemployed residents back to work over three years via apprenticeships, the Xtra Hands Project and New Start Programme; (4) indicating that the unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate in Airdrie was higher than the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (5) informing that, to date, 104 individuals had been supported into employment within the Airdrie area; (6) advising that while the figures show that the Airdrie area as a whole has an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, initial results demonstrated a need to focus efforts on Airdrie Central to ensure that this area of high unemployment fully benefits from the Programme, and (7) indicating that the Local Area Team would assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme by promoting the Programme to employers and young people in most need, assisting with registration of applications and getting young people motivated and "job ready".

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the Airdrie Local Area Team would promote the Youth Investment Programme;
 - (2) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services submit a further report on progress to a future meeting of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership, and
 - (3) that the report be otherwise noted.
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DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

12. The Convener intimated that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 10 April 2013 at 2 pm in Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie.

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CHAIR

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IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Planning Officer and Transportation Officer, Environmental Services; Projects and Partnerships Officer, Learning and Leisure Services, and Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors M. Coyle, Fagan and Stocks.

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 item (6) below due to the nature of his wife's employment.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2013

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Airdrie Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 16 January 2013 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MINUTE

Decided:

(1) that an invitation be extended to a representative from SPT to attend a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership to provide details on the provision of bus services within the Airdrie and Villages area, and in particular the amendment to services and routes, and

(2) that the report be otherwise noted.

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(3) NHS LANARKSHIRE STATUS REPORT ON INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Decided: that the report be noted.

(4) THIRD SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURE

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(5) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

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(7) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

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(10) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

(11) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that the next meeting be held in the Sir John Wilson Town Hall on Wednesday, 10 April 2013 at 2 pm.