

To: AIRDRIE & VILLAGES LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION	
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**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Airdrie & Villages Local Area Partnership on progress with Community Safety in the locality and the joint work carried out in the area by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group over the last six months.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact which the Local Area Team and Community Safety Sub-groups are making in the area.

**3. Proposals/Considerations**

3.1 Appendix 1 provides a statistical analysis for the period April – September 2014. There is also attached at appendix 2 an up to date summary of the Community Safety Subgroup Action Plan that is regularly updated by partners using the Sharepoint system. Appendix 3 provides a summary of anti-social complaints.

**4. Promoting Positive Outcomes**

4.1 NHS Lanarkshire are funding a football coaching programme for young people, which takes place every Wednesday in Petersburn Park, Airdrie. This programme is supported by Police Scotland and Petersburn Development Trust. This is encouraging local youths to stay active in the community, whilst providing a safe friendly environment for the young people to play and receive coaching into the bargain. Similarly, Craigneuk Tenants and Residents Association are funding a venture at Airdrie Football Clubs stadium which also provides coaching to young people who attend. This programme will be run over 10 weeks and is well received in the local community.

4.2 Airdrie Islamic Centre has recently had 2 liaison officers appointed to promote closer links with the Islamic community. A number of presentations have already been delivered with more planned in the near future.

4.3 Further to the launch of the anti-social service there has been an increase of complaints from the previous comparative year and this is indicated in the tables attached in appendix 3.

The tables show the breakdown in complaints received by ward for this period by type of complaint, a comparison for the same period last year and an overall comparison of all complaints received for each year.

- 4.4 Regular Housing and Police liaison meetings continue to prove beneficial, enhancing information sharing between these two community safety partners. This contributes greatly to effective intelligence gathering, facilitating joint action on common issues affecting local communities. It also demonstrates the commitment to provide a proactive approach in addressing anti-social behaviour in Airdrie and the outlying communities. Joint visits with Police often increase the impact of any warnings for offenders plus offer re-assurance to surrounding residents.
- 4.5 Routine and proactive disclosures from Police Scotland have brought significant reward for Housing Services as a court order was obtained for recovery of possession during the period under review with a further two cases calling at court in the coming months. This demonstrates the commitment to tackling the serious issue of drug supply throughout our area.
- 4.6 The excellent service provided by the community safety partners in North Lanarkshire was recently recorded and aired in a BBC documentary titled 'Street Patrol'. This involved film crews following Anti-Social Response Officers from the Airdrie locality and the council's 'Out of Hours' Team. The series aims to highlight the difficulties experienced by community safety partners and the resources used to tackle the serious impact of anti-social behaviours
- 4.7 The impact of accidental fires and opportunistic criminal activity continues to be of concern to Housing. During the months of June – August 2014 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Police Scotland delivered safety talks to residents within various Sheltered Housing Complexes. These initiatives continue to provide re-assurance to residents and contribute to the partnership prevention strategy.
- 4.8 Early intervention for all instances of anti-social behaviour continues to be the key to positive outcomes. This is particularly true of cases where the alleged offender is deemed to be vulnerable and in need of supports. Partners continue to participate in multi-disciplinary reviews to ensure a co-ordinated plan is formalised increasing the chance of a suitable resolution which minimises conflict in the community. Mediation, Victim Support and Safer Homes are being promoted by Housing Advisors on a daily basis as they aim to take a holistic approach to community safety. The excellent working relationships within Housing and Social Work Services continue to maximise safety for vulnerable individuals and the wider community.
- 4.9 As Autumn is almost upon us Housing staff have carried out fire prevention initiatives aimed at reducing the risk of secondary fires. The provision of skips, community clean up initiatives and securing of waste management facilities are amongst some of the strategies adopted in preparation for a period of increased activity. Fire safety literature was drawn up by SFRs which highlighted the dangers of dumping in common areas and this has been distributed to residents within blocks highlighted as high risk. Liaison with partner agencies to facilitate diversionary activities for youths continues to be a priority.

- 4.10 Advice was sought from community safety partners on proposed changes to the design and layout of specified areas by Housing Services. Solutions to issues of dumping / anti-social behaviour and youth disorder were discussed with an emphasis on Central Airdrie, Plains, Caldercruix, Calderbank, Whinhall, Greengairs and Craigneuk.
- 4.11 In addition to SFRS on-going Sheltered Housing Initiative, 8 Cook Safe sessions in partnership with SPARCS are in the process of being delivered to targeted sheltered housing complexes throughout North Lanarkshire. These events focus on safety relative to fire whilst cooking and preparation of cost effective nutritional meals.
- 4.12 North Lanarkshire's successful FireReach programme is once again fully booked for the year ahead with 23 High Schools and 2 Specialist Provision schools partaking throughout the year.
- 4.13 Road Safety engagement initiative 'Cut-it-Out' continues to be delivered to Secondary Schools throughout North Lanarkshire.
- 4.14 SFRS in partnership with Community Learning and Development delivered a series of successful 'Summer Outreach Events' across all localities. The initiative was designed to engage with the youth of North Lanarkshire and deliver a programme that would reduce secondary fire activity and anti-social behavioural activity during the schools summer break. Larger events were held in Motherwell, Wishaw, Coatbridge and Airdrie localities with over 200 young people being engaged with. Due to the success of the trial and positive feedback received from the youths this will be developed further.
- 4.15 CAT (Community Action Team) attended 2 events at Dementia and Alzheimer Cafes within the Airdrie locality the team provided advice and guidance on home safety.
- 4.16 During the reporting period July to September 2014 a total of 774 Home Fire Safety Checks were conducted across North Lanarkshire. 94 such visits were conducted within the Airdrie LAP area.

## **5. Corporate Considerations**

- 5.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the Partnership's commitment to tackling community safety in all our localities.

## **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note the content of this report.

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**NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP**

**AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA TEAM  
COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB GROUP**



**AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY PROBLEM SOLVING  
PROFILE AND ACTION PLAN FOR PRIORITY WARD:-**

**Ward 7 – Airdrie North  
Ward 8 – Airdrie Central  
01<sup>ST</sup> April 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

## Monthly Performance Update Ward 7

### *Incidents April –September 2014*

There were **3002** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **2793 (+7%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **3130** incidents which represents a **4%** reduction

#### **Incident types include:**

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	71	63	+13%	65	+9%
Assist Member of the Public	400	373	+7%	520	-23%
Domestic	129	150	-14%	101	+28%
Drugs	21	25	-16%	46	-54%
Fire	47	65	-28%	91	-48%
Racial	5	9	-44%	7	-29%
Road Traffic	308	319	-3%	195	+58%
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	44	40	+10%	71	-38%
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	165	181	-9%	209	-21%
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	28	20	+29%	42	-33%

**\*\*\* ASB incidents highlighted in the table above**

**365 (12%)** were youth related compared to **340 (12%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **7%** increase.

**733 (24%)** related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **653 (23%)** last period. A **12%** increase since last period.

### *Crime Reports April – September 2014*

There were **796** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **800 (-1%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **931** crimes which represents a **15%** reduction.

**490 (62%)** crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **481 (60%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.

## Monthly Performance Update – Ward 8

### *Incidents April –September 2014*

There were **4060** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **3762 (+8%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **4462** incidents which represents a **10%** reduction

#### **Incident types include:**

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	73	67	+9%	79	-8%
Assist Member of the Public	606	635	-5%	878	-31%
Domestic	152	145	+5%	163	-7%
Drugs	53	64	-17%	75	-29%
Fire	54	49	+10%	83	-35%
Racial	9	9	0%	16	-44%
Road Traffic	248	370	-33%	320	-23%
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	57	55	+4%	93	-39%
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	227	288	-21%	444	-49%
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	3	6	-100%	12	-75%

**\*\*\* ASB incidents highlighted in the table above**

**395 (10%)** were youth related compared to **318 (8%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **24%** increase.

**1051 (26%)** related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **899 (24%)** last period. A **17%** increase since last period.

### *Crime Reports April – September 2014*

There were **1346** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **1287 (+5%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **1463** crimes which represents an **8%** decrease.

**971 (72%)** crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **921 (72%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.

## Monthly Performance Update Ward 11

### *Incidents April –September 2014*

There were **1977** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **1766 (+12%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September there were **1917** incidents which represents a **3%** increase

#### **Incident types include:**

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	26	22	+18%	24	+8%
Assist Member of the Public	222	226	-2%	282	-21%
Domestic	90	104	-13%	90	0%
Drugs	34	27	+26%	36	-6%
Fire	43	29	+48%	34	+26%
Racial	2	3	-33%	3	-33%
Road Traffic	253	260	-3%	227	+11%
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	33	32	+3%	44	-25%
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	102	131	-22%	131	-22%
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	22	4	+82%	11	+100%

**\*\*\* ASB incidents highlighted in the table above**

**233 (12%)** were youth related compared to **187 (11%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **25%** increase.

**420 (21%)** related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **334 (19%)** last period. A **26%** increase since last period.

### *Crime Reports April – September 2014*

There were **531** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **507 (+5%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **509** crimes which represents a **4%** increase.

**357 (67%)** crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **314 (62%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.

## Airdrie Local Area Partnership

## Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

## Airdrie Local Area Partnership

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
04/06/14	Ward 8 Cairnhill Flats	Community fears of willfull fire raising	Information leaflet produced and issued to tenants and landlords  Directed police patrols Area continues to be monitored and Police have identified offenders	Environmental Services  Housing & Social Work services  Police Scotland	Reduction in calls to fire/police re Anti social behaviour in area noted.
01/07/14	All wards	Summer Play Safe Home Safe Campaign	Summer campaign targeting young people to raise awareness of safety issues around alcohol, sexual health and sun awareness. Website, poster and face book campaign.	Environmental Services  NHS Lanarkshire  Police Scotland	Raising awareness of all issues.
15/06/2014	Ward 11 Craigneuk /Petersburn	Ongoing issues with youths in area, priority area for youth engagement	In conjunction with NHS and Street SoccerNL to run street soccer from 6 <sup>th</sup> August until 8 <sup>th</sup> October. Police and NHS will also regularly attend.	Street Soccer NL  NHS Lanarkshire  Police Scotland	Increased engagement and contact with young people Reduction in youth disorder calla and incidents.



**Anti-Social Complaints Received Jun-Aug 2014**

**Appendix 3**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Managing Office</b>	<b>Domestic Noise</b>	<b>Criminal Activity</b>	<b>Harassment</b>	<b>Alcohol Related Issues</b>	<b>Estate Issues</b>	<b>Gangs/ Youths</b>	<b>Non Domestic Noise</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>7</b>	AIRDRIE	71	11	6	3	9	2		<b>102</b>
<b>8</b>	AIRDRIE	122	17	20	1	11	6	1	<b>178</b>
<b>11</b>	AIRDRIE	36	7	9		5		1	<b>58</b>
<b>12</b>	AIRDRIE	5	3						<b>8</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>234</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>346</b>

**Anti-Social Complaints received Jun-Aug 2013**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Managing Office</b>	<b>Domestic Noise</b>	<b>Criminal Activity</b>	<b>Harassment</b>	<b>Alcohol Related Issues</b>	<b>Estate Issues</b>	<b>Gangs/ Youths</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>7</b>	AIRDRIE	88	21		1	1		<b>111</b>
<b>8</b>	AIRDRIE	113	8	1	6	2		<b>130</b>
<b>11</b>	AIRDRIE	26	6			1		<b>33</b>
<b>12</b>	AIRDRIE	2						<b>2</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>229</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>276</b>

**Anti-Social Complaints by Month with comparative period last year**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Managing Office</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>July 2014</b>	<b>Aug 14</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Jun-13</b>	<b>Jul-13</b>	<b>Aug-13</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>7</b>	AIRDRIE	35	26	41	<b>102</b>	14	50	47	<b>111</b>
<b>8</b>	AIRDRIE	48	61	69	<b>178</b>	44	48	38	<b>130</b>
<b>11</b>	AIRDRIE	20	15	23	<b>58</b>	7	13	13	<b>33</b>
<b>12</b>	AIRDRIE		6	2	<b>8</b>		1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>1451</b>