

**MINUTE OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Wednesday, 11 July 2012**

Present:	Councillor Jim Smith (Chair)	North Lanarkshire Council
	Gavin Whitefield	North Lanarkshire Council
	Susan Cloke	North Lanarkshire Council
	Hugh McAloon	Scottish Government
	Brian Hughes	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
	Edward Mullen	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
	John McTear	Strathclyde Police
	Colin Sloey	NHS Lanarkshire
	Allan Comrie	SPT
	Sharon McNulty	Jobcentre Plus
	Jane Liddell	North Lanarkshire Council
	Catriona McAulay	North Lanarkshire Council
	Stephen Kerr	NHS Lanarkshire
	Graeme Cowan	North Lanarkshire Council
	Valerie Tallon	Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership
	Robert Gemmell	Skills Development Scotland
	Francis Fallan	Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire
	Hugh Logan	North Lanarkshire Colleges
	Neena Mahal	NHS Lanarkshire
	Paul Jukes	North Lanarkshire Council
	Val Tallon	Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Apologies	June Vallance	VANL
	Eric Hislop	North Lanarkshire Council
	Pauline Nicholas	North Lanarkshire Council
	Christine Pollock	North Lanarkshire Council
	Mary Castles	North Lanarkshire Council
	Linda Johnstone	North Lanarkshire Council
	Nelson Telfer	Strathclyde Police
	John Joyce	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
	Andrew Scott	Scottish Government
	Alison Loveday	Scottish Enterprise
	Allan McQuade	Scottish Enterprise
	David Collie	Jobcentre Plus

Prior to the meeting commencing, Councillor Smith congratulated Christine Pollock on being awarded a CBE and Francis Fallon an MBE.

**1. Apologies** – noted above

**2. Minute of previous meeting (30 May 2012) - Agreed.**

**3. Matters arising**

- *Armed Forces Community Covenant* – Gavin Whitefield outlined the position to date, advising a Presentation had been delivered at the last full Council meeting by Lieutenant Colonel A. J. Fitzpatrick MBE, 6th Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Scotland on the Covenant. A fuller report is to be brought back to the next meeting of the partnership.

#### **4. Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Annual Report (Strategy and Delivery Plan (2012-2015))**

Colin Sloey gave a brief introduction prior to the presentation being delivered by Val Tallon.

Val provided a summary of the key issues and advised on the three strands of the Lanarkshire Strategy which are:-

- Supporting individuals with alcohol and/or drug problems
- Safeguarding and promoting the interests of children, young people and families affected by substance misuse
- Reducing the level of alcohol and drug related harm at a community level.

The content of the Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy and Delivery Plan for 2012-2015 and the ADP Annual Report 2011/12 which was previously submitted to the Scottish Government was noted.

#### **5. Community Engagement and Citizens' Engagement Update**

Susan Cloke spoke to the report. The report provided Board members with an update on progress over the last 12 months in relation to community engagement work, including progress on the Citizens' Panel. Board members were thereafter asked to:-

- (i) Consider the Citizens' Panel timetable and topics as outlined in section 4 and appendix 3 of the report
- (ii) Agree the recommendation to include engagement and involvement actions in the "Developing the Partnership" Action Plans
- (iii) Note the content of the report

*The Board agreed the content of the report*

#### **6. Community Transport Progress Report**

Alan Comrie referred to the report previously circulated and asked if there were any comments on this. Colin Sloey made the point that people have to remain connected to main stream service provision and that the focus should not solely be on older people and that transport arrangements should also be made available for all vulnerable groups.

Hugh Logan made an enquiry regarding the volunteer car scheme and the 2 pilot areas. Alan Comrie will report back on this.

*The Board noted the content of the report*

## **7. Themed Partnership Working Groups – Achievements 2011-2012**

### *Health and Wellbeing*

Graeme Cowan spoke to the report on behalf of Mary Castles. He provided some examples of achievements in relation to:-

SMS 1	Community Care
SMS 2	Health Improvement; and
SMS 3	Housing

Indicators and actions not performing within the acceptable thresholds were also listed.

*The Board thereafter noted the content of the report.*

### *Environment*

Paul Jukes gave a brief overview of the report and the overall progress. He spoke on the two strategic measures of success which are:

SMS 1 People live and work in a natural and built environment which is protected, cared for and enhanced; and

SMS 2 Negative impact on the environment is reduced through development of sustainable services and actions.

Paul Jukes also outlined the local outcomes attached to these and achievements to date. He then went onto explain the new arrangements for the Environment Partnership Group advising that the remit and operation of the group will change to bring it in line with the revised strategic priorities proposed for the new community plan. Further information will be provided to the Board as this is progressed.

*The Board thereafter noted the content of the report.*

### *Lifelong Learning*

Jane Liddell spoke to the report advising on the 3 strategic measures of success which are -

SMS 1	Improved access to quality learning opportunities
SMS 2	Raising Achievement for all
SMS 3	Creating opportunities for all

Jane Liddell then provided examples of achievement to date. She made reference to positive destinations and to the fact that if a young person decides to stay on at school, this should also be considered a positive destination. Work with colleges to draw up programmes was also ongoing. The Chief Executive then made reference to the report from SDS on this matter.

*The Board noted the content of the report.*

### *Community Safety*

Paul Jukes provided a synopsis of the report, advising that 2 other Scottish Councils were now looking at the Community Safety Partnership within North Lanarkshire as an example of good practice.

A review of the Community Safety Partnership Working group arrangements had been undertaken. Findings of the review centred on 3 areas for improvement, these being impact, partnership management and improvement and communication and engagement. Paul then went onto explain some of the actions taken to address the areas of improvement.

Appendix 1 of the report which highlighted some of the key achievement of the Community Safety Partnership against the two local outcomes was also referred to.

*The Board noted the content of the report.*

### *Regeneration*

Catriona McAuley provided an overview of the report and on the 2 strategic measures of success, these being:-

SMS 1 Increased sustainable economic growth by supporting new and existing business, social enterprises and providing appropriate investment opportunities

SMS 2 Enhanced physical and community infrastructure and further strengthened social networks to support the regeneration of local communities.

Catriona then provided examples of achievements to date relating to these.

Appendix A was then referred to which detailed indicators and actions not performing within acceptable thresholds.

*The Board noted the content of the report.*

## **8. Local Community Planning Update**

Paul Jukes referred to the report previously circulated and to the action plans which support the delivery of community planning at a local level. He then went on to outline the common themes and actions which have emerged through the Local Area Teams, and the reporting measures adopted for the action plans which is to be through the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board and the Local Area Partnerships. An update was then given on the local planning planning.

The Board was asked to -

- (i) Note the content of the report
- (ii) Agree the proposed format for reporting on Local Community Planning

## **9. Partnership Funding**

Paul Jukes indicated the report contained information on the impact and outcomes of work undertaken by the three partners from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Strathclyde Police and NHS Lanarkshire in relation to the funding which is awarded from North Lanarkshire Council for 2011/12. He went over the various projects which had been developed from the funding and the costs associated with these projects.

The Board was asked to -

- (i) receive future update reports
- (ii) support local briefing sessions for NLC and partners
- (iii) contribute to NLC sustainability review process

*The Board agreed to the recommendations*

## **10. Third Sector Update**

Francis Fallan spoke to the report, providing a summary of volunteering development activity 2011-2012, details of the volunteer friendly quality standard and the refreshed mandated representation at the voluntary sector partnership group.

*The Board noted the content of the report.*

## **11. Economic Update**

Catriona McAuley gave a brief overview of the update, advising that the focus of the report was to look at business growth and supporting small businesses through Business Gateway and youth development. It was noted there are currently 560 opportunities for young people from North Lanarkshire across 200 businesses in the private sector, and Catriona would bring forward a further report to the Board on progress.

*The Board noted the content of the report.*

## **12. Budget Statement**

Paul Jukes referred to the document detailing the budget statement for the partnership as at the end of Period 2. It was noted there existed £16,297 of unallocated resources and all were asked to forward any proposals for use of this funding.

*The Board noted the content of the statement*

## **13. AOCB - none**

## **14. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 5 September, 9.30am, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Training Centre, Westburn Drive, Glasgow, G72 7NA