

To: THE NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS
From: HEAD OF PLANNING AND REGENERATION	
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1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress update for the 2012/13 North Local Area Team Action Plan, outline key improvements as a result of a review of the process, and outline the key priorities for the 2013/14 Action Plan for the area.

2. Background

Throughout 2011, the 6 Local Area Teams (LAT's) developed Action Plans to

- Translate strategic priorities (SOA/Community Plan) to local action that impacts on communities
- Provide a focus and reporting tool for the work of the LAT's
- Support the delivery of partnership- priority actions locally

Quarterly monitoring reports are produced and updates are reported to NLP Board and LAP's every six months.

3. 2012/13 Updates

Partners worked with community representatives to develop and deliver actions linked to key priorities for the North. Some of the key achievements for the year include

- The second stage of the Town Centre consultation started in February. Workshops focused on issues and actions for Cumbernauld Town Centre. As part of a wider approach to improving the Town Centre a dedicated Town Centre Police Officer took up post in February. Negotiations are also underway with Town Centre management to introduce warning systems regarding shoplifters/retail crime. Police started joint patrols with NLC Environmental Enforcement Officers regarding litter in public areas.
- A range of partnership interventions have been developed linked to alcohol misuse including the development and delivery of an acceptance play and education sessions delivered in local High Schools until March 2013 with S3-S5 pupils. Additionally the 2013 Pathfinder has commenced with 12 young people identified by all partners to take part in a programme covering topics to improve health, safety and interpersonal skills.
- As part of a student led 'Smoke Free' campaign, A pilot of Smoking Cessation 'Drops Ins' started in January in Cumbernauld College. These are proving to be popular with positive initial uptake results
- As part of a programme of activity to improve referrals for Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) across key partner agencies, Sanctuary Housing have now developed a process to ensure that staff are aware of referring for HFSV's at sign up and during tenancy visits with clients

- Carbrain Action Team has been established with residents to work on action plans for the area around identified priorities such as health, young people, community safety and community spirit/engagement

4. Review and Lessons Learned

Towards the end of 2012/13 the Community Regeneration and Partnership Team undertook a review of the LAT Action Planning process which highlighted a need to

- Better align the admin of the LAT meetings to mirror action plans
- Be more explicit in demonstrating community engagement
- Refine and focus some of the actions to better reflect partnership priorities
- Develop actions that better align resources to areas of need/SIMD information
- Better align local activity to the NLP and NLC performance management structure
- Better reflect wider local activity (ie, CSSG, LDP)

The Local Area Team have taken these recommendations on board and in developing the Action Plan for 2013/14, the following improvements have been made

- The LAT agenda is now made up of key priorities from the LAT Action plan to ensure that partners are regularly discussing progress and their role in progressing actions
- The Plan now contains a standard Community Engagement action with the Airdrie and Villages Community Forum having lead responsibility for delivering specific actions to assist with future development of the action plan. Additionally the Forum is involved in an annual review session with LAT members to review the plan and update actions for future years.
- The introduction of an action which focuses partner resources to a priority area of multiple deprivation.
- The development of local Community Planning indicators relating to Community Engagement, LDP and community safety ensures that partnership activity is measureable and demonstrates value.
- An action has been developed to mirror the 'Developing the Partnership' theme of the SOA/Community Plan to ensure that LAT members are equipped to deliver on key priorities and identify/develop approaches to meet changing need. This includes action relating to regular review and development of LAT Action Plan, joint training needs/opportunities and information sharing to improve practice.

5. 2013/14 Action Plan priorities

Following a review session with Local Area Team (LAT) members and Community Forum representatives, key priorities and actions for the 2013/14 LAT Action Plan have been agreed. Examples include

- Continued focus on supporting the delivery of partnership actions from the Carbrain Community Action Plan. Examples of partnership actions include high profile patrols at hotspot areas and a range of diversionary youth activity
- Implementation of a mobile CCTV camera network throughout the area. Engagement with local people and intelligence from tactical assessments will determine where the cameras are deployed.
- Town Centre Action Plan and framework for Cumbernauld and Kilsyth. Key actions include the provision of advice and guidance to shop staff regarding retail crime and ongoing engagement and development of the Town Centre Action Plan.
- Focused diversionary activity at 'hotspot' areas, targeted to Young People engaging in anti-social behaviour and aimed at tackling alcohol issues. Including the targeting of Move the Goal Posts, The Street and Reeltime activity

- Development of joint approach to identifying and engaging with people who are self harming
- Identify opportunities use outdoor space for physical activity aimed at improving mental health

A detailed version of the LAT Action Plan can be accessed by contacting Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager.

6. Reporting

A monitoring and reporting process for the LAT Action Plans was established last year and will continue to include

- Quarterly updates from Local Area Teams
- 6 monthly reports to LAPs and NLP Board
- Regular reporting on Local community Planning Indicators through Perform NL
- Links to themed working groups
- Annual review of LAT Action Plan and update with partners and community representatives

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership members note the content of this report and agree the key priorities highlighted.



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