

Northern Corridor Community Forum

Report to Local Area Partnership – 24th October 2013

Background

This report provides LAP members with an update on the Northern Corridor Community Forum activities since the last meeting of the LAP and highlights issues of interest and concern to the Forum and the local communities in the Northern Corridor.

Community Forum Update

The Forum was represented at the meetings of NHS Lanarkshire PPF Reference Group, Moodiesburn Community Development Trust, Voice of Experience, Reshaping Care for Older People Consortium, 'SeeMe' Campaign, the Community Forums Network and the North Area Crime Prevention Panel.

Planning and preparation for environmental improvements to the public space adjacent to Cumbernauld Road in Muirhead funded by the Regeneration Fund are ongoing and once finalised work will commence before the end of the year. This work has involved engagement with local businesses and shopkeepers in Muirhead all of whom would like to see additional and controlled street parking outside their shops as passing trade has been severely curtailed since the opening of the M80 By-pass and the shortage of parking spaces in front of their businesses which can be filled all day by drivers using them for park and ride purposes.

On Wednesday 9th October, the Forum along with the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and Villages Forums participated in a further 'Seeme' Pledge Signing Ceremony at Cumbernauld Town Hall for a number of local companies and organisations including 1st Chryston Company of The Boys' Brigade. This was also a local event during National Mental Health Week and the Forums participation continued its fulfilment of its pledge to promote awareness of the issues for those suffering mental ill-health and to reduce the stigma around being mentally ill. Local organisations and schools provided the entertainment.

As a member of North Locality Consortium of Voluntary Organisations for Reshaping Care for Older People, the Forum has assisted in promoting the availability of funding to increase and extend the range of activities for older people in the area. A series of Open Days for older people's organisations is being held across the North Locality during October and the one for the Northern Corridor was held in Chryston Cultural Centre on Wednesday, 23rd October. The Open Days will feature input from Groups which have already been able to benefit from this funding and inform other groups how to apply and assist them with their applications. £15k is available to the Consortium for allocation to local groups to develop such activities over the next two years.

On Saturday 9th November from 10.00am to 2.00pm the Forum is staging a Family Health and Well-being Event in Chryston High School. Using funding from NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement Fund, this free event will feature a wide range of healthy living activities to introduce families promoting greater participation in sports, physical and leisure activities as well as encouraging healthy life-styles in eating, drinking and leisure pursuits. Local sport clubs and groups have been invited to come and give demonstrations and offer taster sessions. Teachers and pupils from the XL Group in the school have been involved in planning, promoting and helping to organise the event which will be publicised in all local primary and secondary schools and is open to all local residents who are invited to come and make it a family day out.

Issues for consideration of the LAP

As representative from the North Lanarkshire NHS Public Partnership Forum, the Chair is attending meetings of the Health Board Boundary Changes Working Group and although the details have still to be worked out, the guiding principle for the NHS is that there should be a seamless transfer on 1st April 2014. This would mean patients will not see any significant change in service provision at that time and they will still be able to access their current GP and hospital services as they did before 1st April. There appear to be more challenges in the Northern Corridor than in Cambuslang/Rutherglen due to the absence of an adequate infrastructure for health service provision within the Northern Corridor as many health services operate from bases in Glasgow. There is an opportunity here for the NHS and the Council to undertake a joint review of health and social care provision in the Northern Corridor with options for working together to develop a service base around the redevelopment/ refurbishment of Chilterns Care Home for which the Council has already made provision for a major investment.

Outstanding LAP Issues

The Forum remains concerned regarding the safety of pedestrians and road users in Glenmanor Road, Moodiesburn and Chryston Road, Muirhead due to bus stops located opposite junctions, not set back in laybys and one in Chryston Road being used as a terminus opposite a junction.

Community Forum Meetings

The next Meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum is on Tuesday 19th November 2013 at 7.30pm in The Pivot Community Centre, Moodiesburn.

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