

MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 31 July 2013

Motherwell, 31 July 2013 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the **MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

PRESENT

Councillor Nolan, Convener; Councillors Farooq, Harmon, Kelly, Lunny, McAuley, McKenna, O'Rorke and Annette Valentine, North Lanarkshire Council; F. Mulholland, Motherwell Community Forum; A. Coia, NHS Lanarkshire; Inspector G. Vickers, Police Scotland; B. Sim, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Ayesah Khan, Voluntary Sector.

CHAIR

Councillor Nolan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

M. Shankland, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), M. Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager and L. Ogilvy, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Ross and Alan Valentine.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. No declarations were made.

MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee held on 10 April 2013.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee held on 10 April 2013 be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – MINUTES

3. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 30 January, 13 March and 8 May 2013.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 30 January, 13 March and 8 May 2013 be noted.

MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 10 April 2013, when an update on the Motherwell Town Centre Action Plan was noted, there was submitted a report

(docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Motherwell and District Area Committee held on 31 July 2013) dated 31 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing a further update on the projects and initiatives contained within the Motherwell Town Centre Action Plan; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating that the Scottish Government had undertaken a national review of Town Centres; (4) outlining a number of ongoing Town Centre Activities, and (5) advising that, after an awareness raising exercise within the Town Centre businesses, there was a lack of private sector interest in establishing a Business Improvement District for Motherwell.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NETWORK RAIL - UPDATE

5. Michele Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager provided an update on negotiations with Network Rail with regard to the condition and lack of maintenance to the fencing and footpaths held within Network Rail's property in the Motherwell area and confirmed that a site meeting had been held with Evelyn Brown, Network Rail to highlight a number of areas of concern and to identify a programme of maintenance.

Michele advised that since the meeting with Network Rail a response was still awaited.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the Council continue to engage with Network Rail to address the Partnership's concerns.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 10 April 2013, when an update on the progress of the Local Development Programme was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Motherwell and District Area Committee held on 31 July 2013) dated 31 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, advising of the ongoing delivery of projects in the Local Development Programme (1) providing, in Appendix 1 to the report a note of projects completed during financial year 2012/13; (2) outlining, in Appendix 2 to the report, projects for investment in the financial year 2013/2014, together with a number of Estate Based Initiative Projects, and (3) advising of proposals identified for inclusion in a holding list of future projects.

Decided: that it be recommended that the Area Committee note and approve:-

- (1) the projects completed during financial year 2012/2013;
- (2) the projects for investment in the financial year 2013/2014 from the Programme, and also the Estate Based Initiatives, and
- (3) the projects identified for inclusion in a holding list of future projects.

THIRD SECTOR INTRODUCTORY REPORT

7. There was submitted a report dated 30 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council introducing the Third Sector report and the local representative to the Local Area Partnership (1) advising that the initiative to involve local representatives in the work of Local Partnerships was intended as a response to the Government review of community planning and the inclusion of a local representative mirrors the involvement of the voluntary sector at North Lanarkshire

Partnership level, and (2) enclosing the third sector introduction report, and a snapshot of the voluntary sector activity in the Motherwell area.

Thereon, Ayesah Khan was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

8. There was submitted a report dated 8 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the progress of the 2012/2013 Motherwell Local Area Team Action Plan (1) setting out a number of the key achievements in conjunction with partner agencies in 2012/2013; (2) intimating that, following a review of the Local Area Team action planning process, a number of areas had been identified for improvement; (3) detailing a number of improvements which had been made to the Action Plan for 2013/2014, and (4) setting out the key priorities for the 2013/2014 Action Plan.

Thereon, Michele Battersby was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 16 January 2013, when an update on the Youth Investment Programme was noted, there was submitted a report dated 30 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the performance of the Council's Youth Investment Programme (1) outlining the background to the programme, which was launched following receipt of an additional allocation of £1.7m to tackle youth unemployment; (2) advising that the Programme offered 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 the new start programme; (4) indicating that the unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate in Motherwell was higher than the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (5) informing that to date, 145 individuals had been supported into employment within the Motherwell area; (6) advising that, while the figures show the Motherwell area as a whole has an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, the results demonstrate a need to focus efforts on the Motherwell area to ensure that this area of high unemployment benefits from Programmes, and (7) indicating that the Local Area Team would assist in delivering the objectives of Programmes by promoting them to employers and young people in most need.

Thereon, Michele Battersby was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

10. There was submitted a report dated 31 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update on the current joint work undertaken by the Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland; (2) detailing the background relative thereto, and (3) outlining the current activity and issues in each electoral ward of the Partnership.

Thereon, Billy Sim, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Inspector Vickers, Police Scotland and Lorraine Anderson, Housing and Social Work Services orally provided the Partnership with further details on the initiatives undertaken.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – MOTHERWELL LOCALITY

11. There was submitted a paper by Unit Services Manager, Health Improvement Teams, NHS Lanarkshire (1) advising of the projects and initiatives undertaken within North Community Health Partnership, Motherwell Locality, and (2) providing details thereon.

Decided: that the report be noted.

MEETINGS OF MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE DURING OCTOBER 2013

12. There was submitted a report dated 22 July 2013 by the Head of Central Services, North Lanarkshire Council proposing that the meetings scheduled to convene on Wednesday, 16 October 2013 be rescheduled to take place on Tuesday, 22 October 2013 at 10 am.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee scheduled to convene on Wednesday, 16 October 2013 be rescheduled and take place on Tuesday, 22 October 2013 at 10 am.

Motherwell, 31 July 2013 at 12.15 pm.

A Meeting of the **MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Nolan, Convener; Councillors Farooq, Harmon, Kelly, Lunny, McAuley, McKenna, O'Rorke and Annette Valentine

CHAIR

Councillor Nolan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services, and Local Regeneration Manager and Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Ross and Alan Valentine.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

No declarations were made.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 31 JULY 2013

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 31 July 2013 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee held on 10 April 2013 be noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – MINUTES

Decided: that the Minutes of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 30 January, 13 March and 8 May 2013 be noted.

(3) MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

Decided: that the report be noted.

(4) NETWORK RAIL - UPDATE

Decided: that the Council continue to engage with Network Rail to address the Partnership's concerns.

(5) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) the projects completed during financial year 2012/2013;
- (2) the projects for investment in the financial year 2013/2014 from the Programme, and also the Estate Based Initiatives, and
- (3) the projects identified for inclusion in a holding list of future projects.

(6) THIRD SECTOR INTRODUCTORY REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(7) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

Decided: that the report be noted.

(8) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Decided: that the report be noted.

(9) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(10) NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - MOTHERWELL LOCALITY

Decided: that the report be noted.

(11) MEETINGS OF MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE DURING OCTOBER 2013

Decided: that the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee scheduled to convene on Wednesday, 16 October 2013 be rescheduled and take place on Tuesday, 22 October 2013 at 10 am.