

WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 31 July 2013

Wishaw, 31 July 2013 at 2 pm.**A Meeting of the WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP****PRESENT**

Councillor Love, Convener; Provost Robertson; Councillors Clinch, Cochrane, Fellows, Hume, McKay and Taggart, North Lanarkshire Council; Area Inspector Alastair Anderson, Police Scotland; Brian McGuire, Group Commander and Brian Hughes, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; June Vallance, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, and David Summers and Francis Cain, Wishaw and District Community Forum.

CHAIR

Councillor Love (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Lesley Dysart, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services) and Justine Pollock, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager and Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planner, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Audrey Johnstone, Service Delivery Manager and Laura O'Neill, Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty, McKendrick and Shevlin, North Lanarkshire Council and Rosemary Robertson, NHS Lanarkshire and Chief Inspector Glen Bland, Police Scotland.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

The Convener welcomed June Vallance, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire and Area Inspector Alastair Anderson to their first meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership.

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

1. There were no declarations of interest.

WISHAW, MURDOSTOUN AND FORTISSAT COMMUNITY FORUM – MINUTE AND UPDATE REPORT

2. There was submitted the Minute and update report by the Wishaw, Murdostoun and Fortissat Community Forum.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute and update report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

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

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 17 April 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held 31 July 2013) dated 31 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included in the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, information on the completion of projects for the 2012/2013 Programme and, within Appendix 2 to the report, information on progress with regard to individual projects including Estate Based Initiatives for 2013/14, and (3) intimating that the "Holding List" of projects for the area was included within Appendix 3 to the report.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the completion of the projects for the 2012/2013 Local Development Programme within Appendix 1 to the report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the 2013/2014 Local Development Programme including Estate Based Initiatives as highlighted within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the "Holding List" of projects, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, be approved;
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership, and
- (5) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOL PUPILS FROM FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN THE AREA REGARDING THEIR VIEWS AND IDEAS ON POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY

5. Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, intimated that consultation had started with secondary school pupils within the area regarding their proposals for projects for their community, that the consultation would resume in the new school term and that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership on the outcome.

Decided: that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership on the outcome of the consultation.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

6. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 16 January 2013, there was submitted a report dated 31 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, providing an update on the Youth Investment Programme (1) outlining the background to the Programme; (2) indicating that (a) the Programme offered employers an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and was designed to financially support businesses to create additional job opportunities, and (b) the target for the Programme was to support 5,000 unemployed residents back to work over three years by means of apprenticeships, Xtra Hands Project and New Start Programme; (3) intimating, within the report, the unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate for the Wishaw and District area in comparison with

the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (4) informing that, to date, 154 individuals had been supported into employment within the Wishaw and District Area, and (5) advising that (a) while the figures reflect that the Wishaw and District area as a whole had an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, initial results demonstrate the need to focus efforts on the Fortissat and Wishaw area, to ensure that these areas fully benefit from the Programme, and (b) the Local Area Team would assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report, responded to Members questions and advised that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership on the progress of the Youth Investment Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the Local Area Team would assist in maximising benefits from the scheme for the most disadvantaged communities in the Wishaw and District area;
- (2) that a further report on the progress of the Youth Investment Programme be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership, and
- (3) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 30 May 2012, when it had been noted that reports on the delivery of local community planning would be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership, there was submitted a report dated 8 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council providing a progress update for the 2012/13 Wishaw and District Local Area Team Action Plan, outlining key improvements as a result of a review of the process and outlining the key priorities for the 2013/2014 Action Plan for the area (1) intimating that the Partners worked with community representatives to develop and deliver actions linked to key priorities for the Wishaw and District Area with key achievements for the year detailed within the report; (2) advising that (a) towards the end of 2012/13 the Community Regeneration and Partnership Team had undertaken a review of the Local Area Team action planning process, which had highlighted a number of areas for improvement, and (b) the Local Area Team had taken the recommendations on board and developed an Action Plan for 2013/14, and (3) detailing within the report, the 2013/2014 Action Plan priorities, and the monitoring and reporting process for the Local Area Team Action Plans.

Decided:

- (1) that the key priorities highlighted within the report be approved, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

THIRD SECTOR INTRODUCTORY REPORT

8. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 16 January 2013 when the proposals to strengthen the representation of the Third Sector within local community planning structures were noted, there was submitted a report dated 31 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 Area Partnerships was intended as a response to the Government review of community planning and the inclusion of a local representative mirrors involvement of the voluntary sector at North Lanarkshire Partnership level, and (2) attaching, as the

Appendix to the report, the third sector introduction report, and a snapshot of the voluntary sector activity in the Wishaw and District area.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 17 April 2013, when the progress in relation to projects contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 31 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of progress made on projects and initiatives contained within the Action Plan; (2) indicating that (a) the Council was now developing new Frameworks and Action Plans for all of its Town Centres, and (b) the consultation process to develop the new Wishaw Town Centre Framework had now commenced and surveys had been delivered to all the businesses in the Town Centre and the two secondary schools; (3) detailing, within the report, an update with regard to Road and Parking Improvements, Streetscape Improvements, National Review of Town Centres, Town Centre Activities and Business Improvement Districts, and (4) intimating that (a) work was continuing to progress between NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council on the new Wishaw Community Health Centre, Library and First Stop Shop, and (b) it was anticipated that the Wishaw Library facility would be relocated to the site of the former Wishaw Academy on East Academy Street by Autumn 2013 with the expected completion of the project being December 2015.

Thereon, Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planner, Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council outlined the main points of the report, intimated that illegal parking in the Town Centre continued to be a problem, advised that the parking bays and areas were well advertised within the area and thereon responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan be noted, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 17 April 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 31 July 2013) dated 31 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) highlighting, within Appendix 1 to the report, the information and action which had been considered by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group for the period March to May 2013 including a statistical analysis of incidents within Ward 20, which had been identified as a priority Ward; (2) providing details of a number of positive initiatives within the Wishaw and District Locality, and (3) intimating, within the report, the performance update with regard to Wards 12 and 19.

Thereon, Laura O'Neill, Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council; Area Inspector Alastair Anderson, Police Scotland and Brian McGuire, Group Commander and Brian Hughes, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were heard in full explanation of the report and Brian McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service advised that (1) Fire Crews would continue with their talks within secondary schools within the area educating the pupils on the danger of setting fires, and (2) there was an open invitation to all Elected Members and partners to attend a "Fire Reach" Course with any Member interested being asked to contact Mr. Hughes direct.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership regarding the outcomes for priority Ward 20, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

11. There was submitted a report dated June 2013 by the General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire (1) providing details of various initiatives which had taken place, or were to take place, within the Wishaw and District Locality area, and (2) providing details thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12. The Convener intimated that the next meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee would take place on Wednesday, 23 October 2013 at 2 pm.

Wishaw, 31 July 2013 at 3 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Love, Convener; Provost Robertson; Councillors Clinch, Cochrane, Fellows, Hume, McKay and Taggart.

CHAIR

Councillor Love (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services) and Clerical Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager and Senior Planner, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Service Delivery Managers, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty, McKendrick and Shevlin

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

The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

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

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

(1) WISHAW, MURDOSTOUN AND FORTISSAT COMMUNITY FORUM – MINUTE AND UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the terms of the Minute and update report be noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(3) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2013

Decided:

- (1) that the completion of the projects for the 2012/2013 Local Development Programme within Appendix 1 to the report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the 2013/2014 Local Development Programme including Estate Based Initiatives as highlighted within Appendix 2 to the report ,be noted;
- (3) that the "Holding List" of projects, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, be approved;
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership, and
- (5) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

(4) CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOL PUPILS FROM FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN THE AREA REGARDING THEIR VIEWS AND IDEAS ON POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY

Decided: that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership on the outcome of the consultation.

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

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the Local Area Team would assist in maximising benefits from the scheme for the most disadvantaged communities in the Wishaw and District area;
- (2) that a further report on the progress of the Youth Investment Programme be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership, and
- (3) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

(6) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

Decided:

- (1) that the key priorities highlighted within the report be approved, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

(7) THIRD SECTOR INTRODUCTORY REPORT

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(8) WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan be noted, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

(9) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership regarding the outcomes for priority Ward 20, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be noted.

(10) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that the next meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee would take place on Wednesday, 23 October 2013 at 2 pm.