

Wishaw, 15 January 2014 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Love, Convener; Councillors Cefferty, Clinch, Cochrane, Fellows, Hume, McKay, McKendrick and Taggart, North Lanarkshire Council; Rosemary Robertson, NHS Lanarkshire; Chief Inspector Gavin Russell and Inspector Alistair Anderson, Police Scotland; Paul Devlin, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; June Vallance, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, and David Summers, Wishaw and District Community Forum.

CHAIR

Councillor Love (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Lesley Dysart, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager and Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planner, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Gillian Whitehead, Area Manager, Stephen Llewellyn, Operations Manager, Audrey Johnstone, Assistant Service Operations Manager, Laura O'Neill, Service Delivery Manager and Lorraine Meek, Service Delivery Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Provost Robertson and Councillor Shevlin, North Lanarkshire Council. Lorna Yuill, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Francis Cain, Wishaw and District Community Forum.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year.

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 – UPDATE REPORT

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

Decided: that the terms of the updated report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 11 September 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 15 January 2014) dated 15 January 2014 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, progress and amendments within the 2013/2014 Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiatives and, within Appendix 2 to the report, proposed projects for the 2014/15 Local Development Programme; (3) intimating that the "Holding List" of projects for the area was included within Appendix 3 to the report, and (4) advising that, in December 2013, the Council had approved an additional £300,000 to be added to the Local Development Programme for the Wishaw and District area.

Thereon, the Convener asked to meet with Members of the Local Area Partnership and the Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council to discuss further the allocation of the additional monies made available for the Wishaw and District Area, which had been added to the Local Development Programme.

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

- (1) that the progress and amendments within the 2013/2014 Local Development Programme highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;
- (2) that the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme highlighted within Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the "Holding List" of projects, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the additional resources of £300,000 as highlighted within the report, be noted;
- (5) that Members of the Local Area Partnership meet with the Convener and the Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council to discuss further the allocation of the additional £300,000 made available for the Wishaw and District Area which had been added to the Local Development Programme;
- (6) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership be noted, and
- (7) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 31 July 2013, there was submitted a report dated 10 December 2013 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) outlining the background to the Youth Investment 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 the 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, 261 individuals had been supported into employment within the Wishaw and District area; (5) advising that (a) while the figures reflect that the Wishaw and District area as a whole had an appropriate share of the Youth Investment jobs, initial
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results demonstrate the need to focus efforts on the Wishaw area, to ensure that it fully benefits from the Programme, and (b) the Local Area Team would assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report and informed that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership regarding further investment and new initiatives taking place within the North Lanarkshire 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 including information regarding further investment and new initiatives taking place, and
- (3) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 31 July 2013, there was submitted a report dated 15 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, providing a progress update within Appendix 1 to the report on key local community planning developments identified within the Wishaw Local Area Team Action Plan for the period 1 April to 30 September 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 2013, there was submitted a report dated December 2013 by June Vallance, the Third Sector representative (1) advising 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.

WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

8. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 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 3 December 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) consultation would take place on the draft Wishaw Framework and Action Plan in 2014, and (b) there would be an opportunity to feed into the first draft document and also to comment on the full draft document; (3) intimating that the Council had agreed its Capital Programme for the period 2013/14-2017/18, with Wishaw Town Centre securing £3.5m for Phase 2 of Streetscape Improvement works and for additional public realm works; (4) detailing, within the report, an update with regard to Road and Parking Improvements, Streetscape Improvements, National Review of Town Centres, Town Centre Activities and Wishaw Community Health Centre, Library and First Stop Shop.

Thereon, Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planner, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

After discussion regarding vacant shop units within the Town Centre, Lyndsay Noble, North Lanarkshire Council advised that Town Centre Activities offered small grants to persons interested in starting up a business in the Town Centre, however prospective tenants had expressed concern regarding the length of the proposed lease agreements and the amount of rent they were expected to pay. She informed that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership in this regard.

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;
- (2) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership with information regarding grants offered by the Town Centre Activities and on rents and lease agreements, and
- (3) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

REMODEL OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE

9. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing and Social Work Services Committee held on 15 August 2013 when, *inter alia* approval had been given that the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be amended on a cost neutral basis, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 15 January 2014) dated 13 December 2013 by the Head of Housing Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of progress with the implementation arrangements for the introduction of the remodelled Anti-Social Behaviour Service; (2) intimating that prior to the establishment of the Member/Officer Working Group to review the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, an internal Business Process Review (BPR) Team had been set up; (3) indicating within the report the main findings of the BPR Team's Review, which was to set six core principles to be adopted to tackle these findings, and (4) highlighting within the report the six core principles.

Thereon Stephen Llewellyn, Operations Manager and Audrey Johnstone, Assistant Operations Manager outlined the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 15 January 2014) dated 15 January 2014 by Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) highlighting, within Appendix 1 to the report, information and actions which had been considered by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group for the period 1 September to 30 November 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, a performance update with regards to Wards 12 and 19.

Thereon, Gillian Whitehead, Area Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, Paul Devlin, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chief Inspector Russell and Inspector Anderson, Police Scotland were heard in full explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Inspector Anderson intimated that the Wishaw Press had printed a headline "New Year Nightmare" in its first publication of the new year which stated that "Cops were stretched to the limit by drunken revellers who brought mayhem to Wishaw while bringing in the New Year". He advised that this was not the case although it was a busy period.

After further discussion with regard to fire security at the Council's dispersed units, the Convener asked for a costing exercise to be carried out on fitting block-a-box in all of the Council's dispersed units.

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;
- (2) that the Operations Manager, North Lanarkshire Council would carry out a costing exercise on fitting block-a-box to all of the Council's dispersed units, and
- (3) that the terms of the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

11. There was submitted a report dated December 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.

Thereon, Rosemary Robertson, NHS Lanarkshire updated Members of the Partnership on various activities taking place within the area and answered Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

Wishaw, 15 January 2014 at 3.20 pm.

A Meeting of the WISHAW AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Love, Convener; Councillors Cefferty, Clinch, Cochrane, Fellows, Hume, McKay, McKendrick and Taggart.

CHAIR

Councillor Love (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager and Senior Planner, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Area Manager, Operations Manager, Assistant Service Operations Manager, Service Delivery Manager and Service Delivery Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Provost Robertson and Councillor Shevlin

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

There were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2014

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 15 January 2014 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

Decided: that the terms of the updated report be noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

(3) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the progress and amendments within the 2013/2014 Local Development Programme highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;
- (2) that the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme highlighted within Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the "Holding List" of projects, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the additional resources of £300,000 as highlighted within the report, be noted;
- (5) that Members of the Local Area Partnership meet with the Convener and the Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council to discuss further the allocation of the additional £300,000 made available for the Wishaw and District Area which had been added to the Local Development Programme;
- (6) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership be noted, and
- (7) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

(4) NORTH LANARKSHIRE 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 including information regarding further investment and new initiatives taking place, and
- (3) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

(5) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(7) 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;
- (2) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership with information regarding grants offered by the Town Centre Activities and on rents and lease agreements, and
- (3) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

(8) REMODEL OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE

Decided: that 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;
- (2) that the Operations Manager, North Lanarkshire Council would carry out a costing exercise on fitting block-a-box to all of the Council's dispersed units, and
- (3) 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.