

Airdrie, 22 January 2014 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, Curley, Fagan, Logue, Stocks and Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council; John Riley, Airdrie and Villages Community Forum; Maggs Thomson, Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire; Chief Inspector Kenny MacLeod, Police Scotland; Group Commander Owen Hanratty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Morag Thomson, Voluntary Sector.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Lesley Deverick, Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Anne Knight, Area Housing Manager, Chris O'Neill, Service Delivery Manager, Stephen Llewellyn, Operations Manager, Audrey Johnstone, Assistant Operations Manager, and Sam McKay, Social Work Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, and Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager, Catriona McAuley, Economic Development Manager, Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer and Andy Wyatt, Transportation Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors A. Coyle, M. Coyle, S. Coyle and Spowart.

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

1. Declarations of interest were received from Members, details of which are set out below:
 - Councillor Fagan, in respect of paragraph 6, of an interest by virtue of being a member of Town Centre Activities Limited, and
 - Councillor Morgan, in respect of paragraph 8, of an interest by virtue of the nature of his wife's employment.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 23 October 2013.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

4. There was submitted a report dated December 2013 by the Chairperson of the Airdrie and Villages Community Forum providing an overview of activity undertaken by the Forum in partnership with local agencies.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - AIRDRIE LOCALITY

5. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 31 July 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 January 2014) dated 13 December 2013 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire (1) providing details of various initiatives which had taken place, or were to take place, within the Airdrie Area, and (2) advising (a) of proposals under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill for the creation of Health and Social Care Partnerships in each local authority area to replace the existing Community Health Partnerships, and (b) that it was the intention of NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council to establish an Integration Joint Board to facilitate the future integration of health and social care services.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Maggs Thomson, Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided: that the report be noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Fagan, by virtue of being a Member of Town Centre Activities Limited, declared a non-financial interest in the matter.

REMODEL OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE

6. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 January 2014) dated 13 December 2013 by the Head of Housing Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) intimating that a Member/Officer Working Group had been set up to review the way in which the Council and its partners dealt with anti-social behaviour; (2) advising of the main findings of the review, as outlined in the report, which had been submitted to the Member/Officer Working Group and the Housing and Social Work Services Committee, and (3) setting out, within the report, the new Service Model which had been approved.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Stephen Llewellyn, Operations Manager in supplement to the report and in response to questions from Members, when he indicated that the formal launch of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Service was scheduled to take place on 3 April 2014.

Arising out of discussion in relation to arrangements to monitor the progress of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Service, it was suggested that a report thereon be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

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

- (1) that the Head of Housing Services prepare a further report, for submission to a future meeting of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership, on the progress of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Service, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2013/14 AND 2014/15

7. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 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, the progress of the projects within the Programme for 2013/14, including Estate Based Initiatives; (3) providing details of the approved projects within the 2014/15 Local Development Programme, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report; (4) intimating that the "Holding List" of projects for the area was included within Appendix 3 to the report; (5) advising of the allocation of additional funding of £300,000 to the Local Development Programme for the Airdrie area, and (6) inviting the submission of ideas for projects to utilise the additional funds.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

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

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/14, including the Estate Based Initiatives, as set out in Appendix 1 the report, be noted;
- (2) that the projects contained in the approved Local Development Programme for 2014/15, as set out in the report, be noted;
- (3) that the "Holding List" of projects, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the allocation of additional funding of £300,000 to the Local Area Development Programme for the Airdrie area, be noted;
- (5) that ideas for projects to utilise the additional funds allocated to the Local Development Programme should be submitted to the Local Regeneration Manager by the end of February 2014, and
- (6) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Morgan, by virtue of his wife's employment, declared a non-financial interest in the matter.

AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

8. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 January 2014) dated 22 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) providing an update on progress made on projects and initiatives in the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan; (2) advising of progress in relation to the development of a new Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (3) intimating that 38 actions had been identified within the Town Centre Action Plan prepared by the Scottish Government, as part of the National Review of Town Centres, which aimed to stimulate, encourage and support action across the public, private and community sectors through partnership action at a local level and which would be developed through the Town Centre Framework and Action Plan for Airdrie, and (4) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited in relation to "Business Vacancy Rates" and "Footfall" within the Town Centre for the months of August, September and October 2013.

Thereon, Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Arising out of discussion on the Council's first phase bid submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a Townscape Heritage Project in Airdrie, Ms. Gray advised (1) that she would write to each of the Members of the Partnership to advise of the outcome of the first phase bid, and (2) that details of progress on the preparation of a further bid submission, in light of feedback from the Heritage Lottery Fund, would be included in a further report to the Local Area Partnership on the progress of projects and initiatives within the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan.

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

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan, be noted, and
- (2) that it be noted that a further report would be prepared for submission to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership on the progress of projects and initiatives contained within the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan, including details of (a) the outcome of the first phase bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a Townscape Heritage project in Airdrie, and (b) progress in relation to the formulation of a further bid submission to the Lottery Fund, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

9. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 2013, there was submitted a report dated December 2013 by Morag Thomson, the Third Sector representative providing details of various projects and initiatives undertaken by the Third Sector up to December 2013.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Morag Thomson in supplement to the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 23 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 January 2014) by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) setting out, in Appendix 1 to the report, (a) information and actions which had been considered by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group, for the period from 1 September to 30 November 2013, including a "hotspot" map which highlighted crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the priority Ward areas within the Airdrie Area; (b) a statistical analysis of incidents in the area, including details of trends and detection rates for the current period, the preceding three months and the same period in 2012, and (c) the Partner Action Plan for the area which provided a summary of agreed actions taken by partners to address some of the issues identified; (2) summarising, in Appendix 2 to the report, issues that arose over the December/Christmas period, and (3) detailing, within the report, action which had been taken to promote positive outcomes within the Airdrie area.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Group Commander Owen Hanratty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Inspector Kenny McLeod, Police Scotland, and Anne Knight, Area Housing Manager and Sam McKay, Social Work Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided: that the report be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

11. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 31 July 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 January 2014) dated 22 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, providing, in the Appendix to the report, an update on progress in relation to key areas of work within the Airdrie Local Area Team Action Plan for the period from April to September 2013.

Arising out of discussion in relation to the review of the operational arrangements for the car park at Hallcraig Street, Airdrie, it was suggested that a report on the progress of the initiative be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

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

- (1) that a report be prepared for submission to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership on the progress of the review of the operational arrangements for the car park at Hallcraig Street, Airdrie, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

12. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 31 January 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 22 January 2014) dated 10 December 2013 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update on the performance of the Council's Youth Investment Programme which offered incentives to employers to recruit young unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire; (2) indicating that, by November 2013, 1,510 unemployed residents had benefited from the Programme; (3) advising that, to date, 272 unemployed residents in the Airdrie area had been supported into employment; (4) stating that, while the statistics indicated that the Airdrie area as a whole had secured an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, there was a need to focus efforts on the Airdrie Central area to ensure that this area of high unemployment fully benefited from the Programme, and (5) indicating that the Local Area Team would assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme.

Catriona McAuley, Economic Development 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 Local Area Partnership on the progress of the Programme.

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

- (1) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action to ensure that the most disadvantaged communities maximise benefit from the scheme, and
- (2) that it be noted that a further report on the progress of the Youth Investment Programme would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

Airdrie, 22 January 2014 at 3.15 pm.

A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Curley, Fagan, Logue, Stocks and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Area Housing Manager, Service Delivery Manager, Operations Manager, Assistant Operations Manager, and Social Work Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, and Local Regeneration Manager, Economic Development Manager, Planning Officer and Transportation Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Beveridge, A. Coyle, M. Coyle, S. Coyle and Spowart.

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

Declarations of interest were received from Members, details of which are set out below:

- Councillor Fagan, in respect of item (5), of an interest by virtue of being a member of Town Centre Activities Limited, and
- Councillor Morgan, in respect of item (7), of an interest by virtue of the nature of his wife's employment.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2014

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Airdrie Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 22 January 2014 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:

(1) MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(2) MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

(3) AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

Decided: that the report be noted.

(4) NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - AIRDRIE LOCALITY

Decided: that the report be noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Fagan, by virtue of being a Member of Town Centre Activities Limited, declared a non-financial interest in the matter.

(5) REMODEL OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE

Decided:

- (1) that the Head of Housing Services prepare a further report, for submission to a future meeting of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership, on the progress of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Service, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

(6) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2013/14 AND 2014/15

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/14, including the Estate Based Initiatives, as set out in Appendix 1 the report, be noted;
- (2) that the projects contained in the approved Local Development Programme for 2014/15, as set out in the report, be noted;
- (3) that the "Holding List" of projects, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the allocation of additional funding of £300,000 to the Local Area Development Programme for the Airdrie area, be noted;
- (5) that ideas for projects to utilise the additional funds allocated to the Local Development Programme should be submitted to the Local Regeneration Manager by the end of February 2014, and
- (6) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Morgan, by virtue of his wife's employment, declared a non-financial interest in the matter.

(7) AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan, be noted, and
- (2) that it be noted that a further report would be prepared for submission to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership on the progress of projects and initiatives contained within the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan, including details of (a) the outcome of the first phase bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a Townscape Heritage project in Airdrie, and (b) progress in relation to the formulation of a further bid submission to the Lottery Fund, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

(8) THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(9) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(10) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

Decided:

- (1) that a report be prepared for submission to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership on the progress of the review of the operational arrangements for the car park at Hallcraig Street, Airdrie, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

(11) YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action to ensure that the most disadvantaged communities maximise benefit from the scheme, and
- (2) that it be noted that a further report on the progress of the Youth Investment Programme would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.