

MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 20 January 2010

Motherwell, 20 January 2010 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Ross, Convener; Councillors Harmon, Kelly, Lunny, McAuley, McKenna, Nolan, Alan Valentine and Annette Valentine, North Lanarkshire Council; M. Joyce, Motherwell Community Forum; G. McMillan, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Inspector Crawford, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Ross (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Shankland, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services and Jonathan Smith, Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Alastair Crichton, Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services; David McDove, Assistant Business Manager and Lorna Ogilvie, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Lorraine Anderson, Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services and John McKenna, Station Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

APOLOGY

Councillor L. McKay, North Lanarkshire Council.

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

1. No declarations were made.

SETTING OF COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011

2. The Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, North Lanarkshire Council, provided a presentation on the budget process of the Council and the public expenditure allocation process and highlighted the (1) budget position incorporating long term planning; (2) Scottish Government position; (3) Council's income and expenditure position; (4) additional cost pressures facing the Council beyond 2010/2011; (5) key aims of the Financial Plan, and (6) key dates in the 2010/11 budget process.

Decided: that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and comments made by the community representatives be noted.

CALA PROPERTIES - UPDATE ON MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE

3. The Convener welcomed Alistair McConnell, Chief Executive, Cala Properties, owners of Motherwell Town Centre.
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Alistair McConnell then provided the Partnership with a detailed update on Cala Properties intention to market the Town Centre for sale, including proposals for the former Asda Units together with the recently introduced parking charges in the Town Centre.

Decided: that the position be noted.

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4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 6 October 2009.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 6 October 2009 be approved and noted.

ELECTION MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND CONSULTATION – TIMING OF GENERAL ELECTION COUNT

5. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Motherwell and District Local Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) by the Head of Central Services advising of a consultation paper issued by the Interim Election Management Board for Scotland canvassing the possibility of moving the counting of votes in the forthcoming General Election from overnight commencing immediately following the close of poll until the following day; (1) intimating that the Board had identified that the results of overnight counts for the forthcoming General Election were likely to be later than has been the case in previous elections due principally to the increase in the number of electors using postal votes and the statutory requirement to check signature of postal voters; (2) advising that the consultation process seeks the view of political parties, the media and other stakeholders including Returning Officers by 25 January 2010; (3) indicating that, in North Lanarkshire the counting of votes would take place in three separate count locations across North Lanarkshire and, should the counting of votes commence immediately following the close of poll, the declaration of results would not be unduly delayed, however, it was accepted there would be some savings in terms of costs were the counting of votes to be delayed until the morning of the day following polling day.

Decided: that the Election Management Board for Scotland consultation on the possibility of moving the counting of votes in the forthcoming General Election to the following day instead of overnight be noted.

COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

6. There was submitted a joint report by North Lanarkshire Council's Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Strathclyde Police (1) providing an update on the current joint work undertaken by the Anti-Social Task Force, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Strathclyde Police; (2) detailing the background relative thereto, and (3) outlining the current activity and issues in each electoral ward within the Partnership area.

Decided: that the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 6 October 2009, when an update on the progress of the Local Development Programme was noted,
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there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Motherwell and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 20 January 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of projects of the Local Development Programme; (2) providing, in Appendix 1 to the report, an update on the delivery of various projects identified for investment in the financial year 2008/09; (3) detailing, in Appendix 2 of the report, the status on the delivery of various projects identified for investment in the financial year 2009/10, and (4) indicating, in Appendix 3 to the report, details of amended projects proposed for delivery during the financial year 2009/2010.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects in 2008/09 and 2009/10, as contained within Appendices 1 and 2 of the report by the Head of Regeneration Services, be noted;
- (2) that the projects for delivery in 2010/2011 be approved;
- (3) that the amended projects as contained within Appendix 3 of the report, be approved, and
- (4) that further progress reports be submitted to future meetings of this Partnership.

MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 6 October 2009, 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 the Motherwell and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 19 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council providing a further update on the progress of the projects and initiatives contained within the Motherwell Town Centre Action Plan.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT CONSULTATION UPDATE

9. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Motherwell and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 19 January 2010 by the Head of Roads and Transportation providing an update in respect of development of the new Local Transport Strategy Consultation (1) outlining the background to the updated Local Transport Strategy Document which would be linked to the Council's Corporate and Community Plans and cover the period up to 2012; (2) setting out details of the key aims and objectives contained within the document, and (3) seeking views on the consultative draft, after which the Local Transport Strategy would be re-examined and revised as necessary.

Decided: that the Local Transport Strategy consultation be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE AND REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AREAS

10. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Motherwell and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 19 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and Development seeking comments/representations on the second batch of draft supplementary
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planning guidance and the review of conservation areas both of which were linked to the emerging North Lanarkshire Local Plan (1) intimating that a Programme of Community Engagement and Consultation was planned to run until Monday, 15 February 2010, after which the Council would move to adopt the guidance; (2) setting out, in the report, details of the draft supplementary documents which would be available for consultation, and (3) advising that the Council was carrying out a review of the conservation areas within North Lanarkshire and had a duty to investigate whether there were other existing areas which may be worthy of further consideration as possible future conservation areas.

Thereon, David McDove advised that the consultation period had been extended to 1 March 2010.

Decided: that the consultation on the second batch of draft supplementary planning guidance and review of conservation areas be noted.

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Motherwell, 20 January 2010 at 12.45 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Ross, Convener; Councillors Harmon, Kelly, Lunny, McAuley, McKenna, Nolan, Alan Valentine and Annette Valentine.

CHAIR

Councillor Ross (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services and Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services; Assistant Business Manager and Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services and John McKenna, Station Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

APOLOGIES

Councillor L. McKay.

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

Decided: no declarations were made.

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MOTHERWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2010

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 20 January 2010 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) SETTING OF COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011

Decided: that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and comments made by the community representatives be noted.

(2) CALA PROPERTIES - UPDATE ON MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE

Decided: that the position be noted.

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

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of Motherwell and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 6 October 2009 be approved and noted.

(4) **ELECTION MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND CONSULTATION – TIMING OF GENERAL ELECTION COUNT**

Decided: that the Election Management Board for Scotland consultation on the possibility of moving the counting of votes in the forthcoming General Election to the following day instead of overnight be noted.

(5) **COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

Decided: that the report be noted.

(6) **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Decided:

(1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects in 2008/09 and 2009/10, as contained within Appendices 1 and 2 of the report by the Head of Regeneration Services, be noted;

(2) that the projects for delivery in 2010/2011 be approved;

(3) that the amended projects as contained within Appendix 3 of the report, be approved, and

(4) that further progress reports be submitted to future meetings of this Partnership.

(7) **MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

Decided: that the report be noted.

(8) **NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT CONSULTATION UPDATE**

Decided: that the Local Transport Strategy consultation be noted.

(9) **NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE AND REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AREAS**

Decided: that the consultation on the second batch of draft supplementary planning guidance and review of conservation areas be noted.
