

**WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 20 January 2010**

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**Wishaw, 20 January 2010 at 2 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Martin, Convener; Councillors Adamson, Cefferty, S. Love, F. McKay, McKendrick, Pentland, Shevlin and Taggart, North Lanarkshire Council; Gerry MacMillan, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Inspector Mark Nichol, Strathclyde Police and Owen McAvooy and David Summers, Fortissat, Murdostoun and Wishaw Community Forum.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Martin (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Lesley Dysart, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Regeneration Services, Chief Executive's Office; Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, Finance and Customer Services; Stephen Baxter, Neighbourhood Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; John French, Quality Improvement Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Richard Burgon, Carol Chamberlain and Karen McVittie, NHS Lanarkshire, and Pauline Nicholas, Senior Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office and Stephen Llewellyn, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council.

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

1. There were no declarations.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION – 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's position; (3) the 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 2010-2011 Budget Process.

The Convener thanked the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services for his presentation.

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, be noted.

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### **FORTISSAT, MURDOSTOUN AND WISHAW COMMUNITY FORUM – MINUTE**

3. There was submitted the Minute of the Fortissat, Murdostoun and Wishaw Community Forum held on 17 September 2009.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minute, be noted.

### **FORTISSAT, MURDOSTOUN AND WISHAW COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE REPORT**

4. There was submitted a report by the Fortissat, Murdostoun and Wishaw Community Forum advising on recent Forum issues and activities.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report, be noted.

### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

5. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 7 October 2009, when, inter alia, (1) the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in 2008/09 and 2009/2010 through the Local Development Programme had been noted, and (2) it was noted that additional or amended projects and the list of projects for delivery in 2010/2011 had been approved, there was submitted a report dated 14 January 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) (a) intimating the criteria for eligibility for inclusion on the Local Development Programme; (b) providing, within Appendix 1 to the report, a status update on the delivery of the various projects identified for investment in financial years 2009/2010; (c) advising that discussions had commenced with the Council Services in terms of Lead Service, project briefs and total costs for the projects for 2010/2011, with the work commencing in April 2010; (d) informing that a progress report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and (e) proposing that, due to the success of the event "Be in Belhaven", £10,000 be allocated from the Local Development Programme to assist with the event in 2010/2011.

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

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery through the Local Development Programme of the projects in 2009/2010, listed within Appendix 1 to the report, by the Head of Regeneration Services, North Lanarkshire Council, be noted;
- (2) that the progress in terms of projects for delivery in 2010/2011, be noted;
- (3) that the project "Be in Belhaven" event, be allocated £10,000 funding from 2010/2011 Local Development Programme Budget;
- (4) that further progress be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (5) that otherwise the terms of the report, be noted.

### **WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

6. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 7 October 2009, when current progress in relation to projects contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 21 December
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2009 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council, in respect of progress made on projects and initiatives contained within the Action Plan.

Thereon, Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, was heard in full explanation of the projects and responded to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report, be noted.

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

7. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 14 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council seeking comments on the second batch of draft Supplementary 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 would run until Monday, 15 February 2010, after which the Council would move to adopt the guidance as amended; (2) detailing, within the report, the Supplementary Guidance Documents available for consultation, and (3) advising that the Council (a) was carrying out a review of the Conservation Areas within North Lanarkshire, and (b) had a duty to investigate whether there were other existing areas which may be worthy of further consideration as possible future Conservation Areas with all comments being sought by 28 February 2010.

Thereon Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, was heard in full explanation of the report and informed that the programme of community engagement and consultation had been extended until 1 March 2010 instead of 15 February 2010, and thereafter responded to Members' questions.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the consultation on the second batch of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance and review of Conservation Areas, be noted, and
- (2) that the extension of the programme of community engagement and consultation until 1 March 2010, be noted.

#### **NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT CONSULTATION UPDATE**

8. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 14 January 2010 by the Head of Roads and Transportation providing an update of the development of the new Local Transport Strategy Document (1) outlining the background to the updated Local Transport Strategy Document which would be linked to the Council's Corporate and Community Plans and covered 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, with the finalised Local Transport Strategy being submitted to a future meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration.

Thereon, David McDove, Assistant Business Manager (Roads Strategy and Safety), Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council, was heard in full explanation of the Local Transport Strategy Document and responded to Members' questions.

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

- (1) that a further update report on discussions with South Lanarkshire Council in regard to the junction at Brownlee Road at Garrion Bridge be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Partnership, and
- (2) that, otherwise, the terms of the report be noted.

#### **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

9. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 January 2010 by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Strathclyde Police and the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services in respect of progress made, and the outcomes from, the current joint working taking place between the partners in the Wishaw and District area (1) detailing, within Appendix 1 to the report, the Hot Spot Map for the Wishaw area; (2) intimating, within the report, a summary of key activity by partners, statistical evaluation, mediation services and community safety initiatives, and (3) highlighting all local actions and outcomes.

Thereon, Stephen Baxter, Neighbourhood Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council, Gerry McMillan, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Inspector Nichol, Strathclyde Police, were heard in full explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the terms of the report, be noted.

#### **NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - WISHAW LOCALITY**

10. There was submitted a report dated 31 December 2009 by Richard Burgon, NHS Lanarkshire on recent health improvement activity within the Wishaw Locality regarding Health Issues in the Community, Healthy Living Initiative, Steps for Stress Campaign and intimating that the Locality was currently working towards identifying specific areas for information to future Local Area Partnership meetings in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement and Community Plan.

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

- (1) that specific areas for information be identified to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement and Community Plan, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report, be noted.

#### **ELECTION MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND CONSULTATION - TIMING OF GENERAL ELECTION COUNT**

11. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Wishaw and District Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 11 January 2010 by the Head of Central Services in respect of a consultation paper issued by the Interim Election Management Board for Scotland which canvassed 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 available later than had 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 signatures of postal voters; (2) advising that the consultation process sought the view of political parties, the media and other stakeholders including Returning Officers by 25 January 2010; (3)
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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, and (4) informing that there may be some savings in terms of costs if the counting of votes was delayed until the morning of the day following polling day.

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

- (1) that the consultation by the Election Management Board for Scotland on the possibility of moving the counting of votes in the forthcoming General Election to the following day instead of overnight, be noted, and
- (2) that the status quo for the arrangements for the counting of the votes for the forthcoming General Election prevail.

**Wishaw, 20 January 2010 at 3.41 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Martin, Convener; Councillors Adamson, Cefferty, S. Love, F. McKay, McKendrick, Pentland, Shevlin and Taggart.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Martin (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Regeneration Services, Chief Executive's Office; Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, Finance and Customer Services; Neighbourhood Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Quality Improvement Officer, Learning and Leisure Services, and Fortissat, Murdostoun and Wishaw Community Forum.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

O. McAvoy and D. Summers, Fortissat, Murdostoun and Wishaw Community Forum; G. MacMillan, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Inspector Nichol, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES**

Richard Burgon, Carol Chamberlain and Karen McVittie, NHS Lanarkshire, and Senior Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council.

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

**Decided:** there were no declarations.

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

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

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

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, be noted.

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**(2) FORTISSAT, MURDOSTOUN AND WISHAW COMMUNITY FORUM – MINUTE**

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minute, be noted.

**(3) FORTISSAT, MURDOSTOUN AND WISHAW COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE REPORT**

**Decided:** that the terms of the report, be noted.

**(4) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

(1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in 2009/2010, listed within Appendix 1 to the report, by the Head of Regeneration Services, North Lanarkshire Council through the Local Development Programme, be noted;

(2) that the progress in terms of projects for delivery in 2010/2011, be noted;

(3) that the project "Be in Belhaven" event, be allocated £10,000 funding from 2010/2011 Local Development Programme Budget;

(4) that further progress be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and

(5) that otherwise the terms of the report, be noted.

**(5) WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the terms of the report, be noted.

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the consultation on the second batch of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance and review of Conservation Areas, be noted, and

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that a further update report regarding discussions with South Lanarkshire Council in regard to the junction at Brownlee Road at Garrion Bridge, be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Partnership, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

**(8) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

**Decided:** that the terms of the report, be noted.

**(9) NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - WISHAW LOCALITY**

**Decided:**

- (1) that specific areas for information be identified to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement and Community Plan, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report, be noted.

**(10) ELECTION MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND CONSULTATION - TIMING OF GENERAL ELECTION COUNT**

**Decided:**

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  - (2) that the status quo for the arrangements for the counting of the votes for the forthcoming General Election prevail.
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