

**AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 20 January 2010**

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**Rochsolloch Primary School, Airdrie, 20 January 2010 at 7 pm.**

**A Meeting of the AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors M. Coyle, Fagan and J. Love, North Lanarkshire Council; Gerry McMillan, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Superintendent H. Campbell and Inspector J. Borland, Strathclyde Police.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Susan Mitchell, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Vincent McCulloch, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; David McDove, Assistant Business Manager (Roads Strategy and Safety) and Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Paul Hughes, Head of Financial Services, Finance and Customer Services, and Brendan Sherry, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Carol Devenney, Network Rail.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors S. Coyle, J. McGuigan and Stocks.

**The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.**

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

1. The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

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

2. The Head of Financial Services, North Lanarkshire Council, provided a detailed presentation on the budget process of the Council and the public expenditure allocation arrangements and highlighted the (1) current budget position and a number of long term planning issues; (2) Scottish Government proposals; (3) sources of income and proposed expenditure; (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.

Thereon, the Head of Financial Services responded to questions from Members of the Partnership and public.

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and the comments be noted.

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### **AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Airdrie Area Committee held on 7 October 2009.

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

### **AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE REPORT**

4. There was submitted a report by Airdrie and Villages Community Forum summarising the Forum activity.

**Decided:** that the report be 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 Airdrie Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 11 January 2010 by the Head of Central Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) 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; (2) 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 new statutory requirement to check the signature of postal voters; (3) informing that the consultation process sought the views of political parties, the media and other stakeholders including Returning Officers by 25 January 2010; (4) intimating that, in North Lanarkshire, the counting of votes would take place in three separate count locations across North Lanarkshire as detailed therein, and (5) advising that, should the counting of votes commence immediately following the close of poll, the declaration of results would not be unduly delayed, however, there would be some savings of costs were the counting of votes be delayed until the following day.

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

- (1) that the status quo for the arrangements for the counting of the votes for the forthcoming General Election prevail, and
- (2) that the report be noted.

### **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

6. There was submitted a joint report dated 20 January 2010 by Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue advising of initiatives and measures taken by them in partnership with local agencies to minimise the level of crime in the area and providing details thereon.

Thereon, Superintendent Henry Campbell announced that he was retiring from Strathclyde Police after many years of service, that this would be the last meeting of the Partnership that he would attend, and he extended his thanks to all members of the Partnership for the support that he has received.

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Thereon, Councillor Morgan on behalf of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee, thanked Chief Superintendent Campbell for his input and contribution to the work of the Local Area Teams and Partnership.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

### **AIRDRIE TO BATHGATE RAIL LINE RE-OPENING SCHEME – TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 7 October 2009, the Convener introduced to the meeting Carol Devenney from Network Rail who provided a detailed update on the progress of the Airdrie to Bathgate Rail Line Re-opening Scheme and, in particular, the traffic and transportation issues arising as a result.

Thereon, Carol Devenney responded to questions from the members of the Local Area Partnership and members of the public.

Arising from discussion thereon, it was proposed that representatives from Network Rail be invited to attend a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee to advise on the progress of the project.

Thereon, the Convener thanked Carol Devenney for providing an update on the project.

**Decided:**

- (1) that representatives from Network Rail be invited to attend a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee to advise on the progress of the project, and
- (2) that the presentation be noted.

### **AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

8. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 7 October 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 17 December 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council advising of the progress of regeneration projects within Airdrie Town Centre.

Thereon, in response to discussion regarding the proposed Health Centre within Airdrie, Vincent McCulloch, Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council orally advised the Partnership that he had written to NHS Lanarkshire seeking clarification on the current position of the project and was presently awaiting a response of which he would advise the Partnership accordingly.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Local Regeneration Manager report to a future meeting of the Committee on the progress of the Airdrie Health Centre Project, and
  - (2) that the progress of projects and initiatives contained within Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan be otherwise noted.
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### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

9. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 7 October 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 20 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of the Local Development Programme; (2) providing (a) in Appendix 1 to the report, the update and delivery of various projects identified for investment in financial year 2009/10, and (b) in Appendix 2 to the report, details of two additional projects to be included within the Programme, and (3) seeking approval to include these additional projects at Airdrie Leisure Centre and Chapelside Family Centre, Airdrie.

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

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects in 2009/10 be noted;
- (2) that the progress in terms of projects for delivery in 2010/11 be noted;
- (3) that the additional projects detailed within Appendix 2 to the report be approved, and
- (4) that it be noted that progress in delivery of projects would be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

### **UPDATE ON SCOTTISH WATER SEWER UPGRADE WORKS, BROOMKNOLL STREET, AIRDRIE**

10. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 12 August 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 20 January 2010 by the Head of Roads and Transportation, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update in relation to the proposed sewer capacity upgrade works at Broomknoll Street, Airdrie; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) advising that Scottish Water proposed to upgrade the existing combined sewers in Broomknoll Street, Cairnhill Road and Hogg Street, Airdrie and at the A89 Weaver Road, Airdrie; (4) intimating that approval was required by Network Rail before the works could commence due to the requirement for Scottish Water to excavate the ground adjacent to the rail bridge abutment; (5) advising of a series of localised temporary traffic-signal controlled road operation works which would be required in order to undertake the work; (6) detailing therein the effect on the traffic flow within Airdrie and the planned road works to be undertaken; (7) informing that, due to works to be undertaken at the A73 Carlisle Road which would result in the A73 being closed for an extended period, Scottish Water had agreed to defer commencement of their work until September 2010, and (8) advising that Scottish Water had indicated that they wished to attend a future meeting of the Airdrie Area Partnership and Area Committee in order to advise Members of the extent and nature of the proposed works in Broomknoll Street, Cairnhill Road, Hogg Street and the A89 Weaver Road, Airdrie.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

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

11. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 20 January 2010 by the Head of Roads and Transportation, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) providing an update in respect of development of the new Local Transport Strategy Document (2) 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; (3) setting out details of the key aims and objectives contained within the document, and (4) seeking views on the consultative draft after which the Local Transport Strategy would be re-examined and revised as necessary.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

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

12. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 20 January 2010) dated 20 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council (1) seeking comments/representations 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 (2) 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; (3) setting out in the report details of the draft supplementary documents which would be available for consultation, and (4) 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 Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council intimated that the consultation period had been extended until 1 March 2010.

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

**AIRDRIE POST OFFICE**

13. Vincent McCulloch, Local Regeneration Manager advised the Partnership that members of the Partnership and public had expressed their concern that the service provided from Airdrie Post Office during the period prior to Christmas was deemed unsatisfactory and advised that he had written to Post Office Limited expressing the concerns of the Partnership and public and was presently awaiting further information which he would advise the Partnership in due course.

**Decided:** that the position be noted.

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**Airdrie, 20 January 2010 at 8.55 pm.**

### **A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors M. Coyle, Fagan and J. Love.

#### **CHAIR**

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Traffic and Transportation Team Leader and Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Head of Financial Services, Finance and Customer Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors S. Coyle, J. McGuigan and Stocks.

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

**Decided:** the meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

#### **2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2010**

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

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

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and the comments be noted.

##### **(2) AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

##### **(3) AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE REPORT**

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the status quo for the arrangements for the counting of the votes for the forthcoming General Election prevail, and
- (2) that the report be noted.

**(5) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**(6) AIRDRIE TO BATHGATE RAIL LINE RE-OPENING SCHEME – TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

**Decided:**

- (1) that representatives from Network Rail be invited to attend a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee to advise on the progress of the project, and
- (2) that the presentation be noted.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Local Regeneration Manager report to a future meeting of the Committee on the progress of the Airdrie Health Centre Project, and
- (2) that the progress of projects and initiatives contained within Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan be otherwise noted.

**(8) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects in 2009/10 be noted;
  - (2) that the progress in terms of projects for delivery in 2010/11 be noted;
  - (3) that the additional projects detailed within Appendix 2 to the report be approved, and
  - (4) that it be noted that progress in delivery of projects would be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.
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- (9) **UPDATE ON SCOTTISH WATER SEWER UPGRADE WORKS, BROOMKNOLL STREET, AIRDRIE**

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

- (10) **NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT CONSULTATION UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

- (11) **NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION AND 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.

- (12) **AIRDRIE POST OFFICE**

**Decided:** that the position be noted.

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