

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To: BELLSHILL & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE	Subject: GOOD NEWS
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

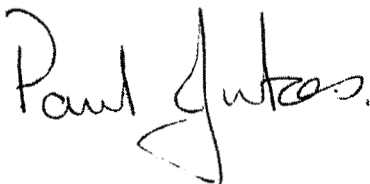
The purpose of this report is to advise committee of current 'good news' stories within the Department.

**2. GOOD NEWS ITEMS**

A list of the current 'good news' stories is attached as appendix 1.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That members note the report.



There are no background papers relevant to this report

## **1. CREATIVE SERVICES**

### **1.1 Arts Awards**

The annual North Lanarkshire Arts Awards took place in Motherwell Concert Hall on Saturday 25th October. The awards evening celebrated the success of the winners of the Writer, Dancer, Photographer, Musician, Singer, Artist and Craft Person of the Year competitions, along with the winners of the Silver Stars and Battle of the Bands competitions. Over sixty award winners attended and they were joined by a capacity crowd of friends and relatives. The evening was compered by Radio Clyde DJ, Gina McKie.

## **2. COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT**

### **2.1 Launch of Phase 1 of Dialogue Youth**

Dialogue Youth is a new nationally driven initiative, which was launched in North Lanarkshire on 27 October. It is being delivered and managed by Community Services, although many other Departments are also involved, including Education, Social Work and Planning & Environment.

The initiative was launched at Greenfaulds High School in Cumbernauld and coincided with a visit from the national Young Scot SP@CE project – a high profile e-roadshow.

The aim of Dialogue Youth is to promote cross-Departmental and joint agency approaches to the development and delivery of services for young people. It offers a focal point for engaging with them and uses new technology to provide accessible and relevant information.

## **3. SPORT & RECREATION**

### **3.1 Official Launch of Access NL**

On 10<sup>th</sup> November, Scottish Television's Sarah Heaney teamed up with members and officers to officially launch the new all-inclusive access scheme, Access NL. The launch took place at the Tryst Sports Centre in Cumbernauld.

Access NL has been introduced as a way of making it easier for residents to use local services to improve their health, well-being and quality of life. It has already proved to be extremely popular, with over 1,300 people signing up since the scheme was introduced at the start of October.

Lifelong learning will also be a key priority for the scheme. Although it has been launched in sports centres initially, there are plans to roll it out to encompass other areas including theatres, libraries and outdoor activities.

## **4. LIBRARIES & INFORMATION**

### **4.1 Lift Off Collections**

The Libraries & Information section has been awarded £24,500 from the North Lanarkshire Adult Literacy & Numeracy Partnership Development Fund. The money will

be used to provide lending collections of book and book/tape packs to compliment the work being carried out in literacy groups. Collections will be housed in seven libraries – Airdrie; Bellshill; Coatbridge; Cumbernauld; Kilsyth; Motherwell and Wishaw. The Libraries & Information section and the Community Learning & Development sections are working closely to get the collections up and running with initial consultations underway with the groups about contents of the collections.

## **5 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & ESTATES**

### **5.1 Bulb Planting**

A total of 72,500 bulbs have been planted at fourteen locations throughout North Lanarkshire. These are as follows:

- 15,000 bulbs at Seafar Ring Road, Cumbernauld
- 2,500 bulbs at Buchanan Tower, Stepps (agreed by the Community Council)
- 5,000 bulbs at the Leisure Centre, Shotts
- 2,000 bulbs around the outskirts of Newmains
- 2,000 bulbs at Newmains Cross
- 3,000 bulbs at Omoa Road, Cleland
- 8,000 bulbs at Stewarton Street, Wishaw
- 5,000 bulbs at Castlehill Road, Gowkthrapple
- 5,000 bulbs at Annan Glade, Motherwell
- 5,000 bulbs at North Road, Bellshill
- 5,000 bulbs at Aitkenhead Road, Bellshill
- 10,000 bulbs in Strathclyde Park, Motherwell
- 2,500 bulbs at Mitchell Street, Coatbridge
- 2,500 bulbs at the entrance to Drumpellier Country Park, Coatbridge