

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP  
MINUTE OF THE BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, 18th November 2009**

<b>Present:</b>	Jim McCabe, Leader	NLC	
	Gavin Whitefield	NLC	
	Maureen McConachie	NLC	
	Ken Corsar	NHS Lanarkshire	
	Colin Sloey	NHS Lanarkshire	
	Bruce Kiloh	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	
	Robert Scott	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue	
	Hugh Logan	Motherwell College	
	Stephen McConnachie	Jobcentre Plus	
	June Vallance	NL Voluntary Sector	
	Francis Fallan	NL Voluntary Sector	
	<b>Attending:</b>	Sandie Mackay	NLC Regeneration Services
		Sharon Smith	NLC Regeneration Services
Stephen Kerr		NHS Lanarkshire	
John Young		NLC/Strathclyde Police	
Gerry MacMillan		NLC/Strathclyde Fire & Rescue	
Paul Jukes		NLC Environmental Services	
Mary Castles		NLC Housing & Social Work Services	
Christine Pollock		NLC Learning & Leisure Services	
Dr Duncan McTavish		Caledonian University	
Alistair Mitchell		Scottish Government	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jonathan Pryce	Scottish Government	
	Eddie Kelly	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue	
	Jim Smith, Depute Leader	NLC	
	Mick McHugh	Scottish Enterprise	
	Graham Cairns	Strathclyde Police	
	Tim Davison	NHS Lanarkshire	

**Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, particularly –

- Robert Scott, Area Commander, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue who was in attendance with 4 Fire Cadets (Item 3 of the Agenda)
- the Executive Directors as Lead Officers of the Partnership Themed Working Groups – Christine Pollock (Lifelong Learning), Paul Jukes (Environment), Mary Castles (Health & Wellbeing and Children’s Services), and Maureen McConachie (Regeneration)
- Dr Duncan McTavish, Glasgow Caledonian University, and
- Jonathan Pryce and Alistair Mitchell, Scottish Government.

## **Item 1 Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Councillor Jim Smith, NLC, Mick McHugh, Scottish Enterprise, Graham Cairns, Strathclyde Police and Tim Davison, NHS Lanarkshire.

## **Item 2 Minute of the previous meeting (9 September 2009)**

Agreed as an accurate record.

### **Matters Arising**

- *Influenza A (H1N1)* – Colin Sloey advised the meeting that currently, cases were increasing with a significant rise in those reporting symptoms in the 5-14 years age group. Currently, there are 10 hospital cases with a further 13 suspected cases. The mass vaccination programme is underway for those considered priority cases (i.e. those in direct contact with patients and Special Needs schools). The winter planning process is at an advanced stage.
- *Big Lottery update* – Sandie Mackay advised that the application to the Big Lottery for funding for the Newmains area had been successful. An announcement to this effect would be made w/c 16 November although there will be no formal “launch”. An Action Plan will be produced in early December 2009
- *Town Centre regeneration funding* – Maureen McConachie updated the Board on the first tranche bid for £3.5 million – of this, North Lanarkshire has been awarded £2.7m, however, the bids for funding towards Coatbridge, Cumbernauld and Ravenscraig areas proved unsuccessful in this round
- *Community Engagement Action Plan* - Sandie advised that the Community Engagement Strategy had recently been refreshed and a draft of future Action Plans will be brought to the next meeting of the NLP Board

## **Item 3 Strathclyde Fire & Rescue**

Robert Scott, Area Commander, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue (SFR) updated the Board on the Fire Cadet Modern Apprenticeship Programme in which North Lanarkshire Council supports and invests. A pilot Fire Cadet Scheme was launched in October 2007 supported by SFR, Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Government, Glasgow Community Planning Partnership and Scottish Enterprise. To date, 21 cadets have participated in the scheme almost all of whom have progressed to full time employment within the Fire Service. Due to the success of the pilot, SFR has offered 5 places on the current programme to North Lanarkshire school leavers. The programme commenced in October 2009.

The total cost of the programme is in excess of £810,000 and after grants and contributions from SFR, a gap of £266,000 has been identified. Glasgow City Council and North Lanarkshire Council have both agreed to bridge this gap to allow the programme to proceed. The programme will be managed by SFR and Glasgow City Council with an officer from North Lanarkshire Council's Regeneration Services monitoring the programme and the funding contributions.

Robert thanked the Chair and the NLP Board for their continued support to the Fire Cadet Modern Apprenticeship Programme.

*The Board noted the content of the report.*

**Item 4            2009-2010 Performance Reports – Partnership Working Groups  
(April 2009 – September 2009)**

The Board was given an update on each of the Partnership Working Groups which were set up to manage activity relating to the Corporate and Community Plan key themes (Health & Wellbeing, Environment, Lifelong Learning, and Regeneration). Each Working Group has developed a set of indicators which are used to measure progress and a group of actions outlining the activities/projects is the main focus for delivering the expected outcomes.

Each of the Lead Officers from the Working Groups gave an update on progress over the last six months (April – September 2009).

- (i) Health & Wellbeing (Mary Castles) – Mary summarised the Health & Wellbeing Corporate Working Group which has 3 Strategic Measures of Success (MSM) and 12 Local Outcomes (LO). Overall progress has shown –
  - Partnership working to maintain the proportion of older people with intensive needs receiving care at home
  - Faster access to services (i.e. over the period April-September 2009, no patient over 65 has had to wait more than 6 weeks for discharge to an appropriate setting once clinical needs met)
  - NLC awarded funding as one of 8 Pathfinder projects focusing on community wide approaches to healthy weight
  - The number of smokers quitting has exceeded the projected target
  
- (ii) Integrated Children’s Services Plan (Mary Castles) – the 2009-2012 Plan which is an internal partnership document, is the fifth to be developed by NLC and builds on the work of the Children’s Services Strategy Group. It seeks to ensure the actions are consistent with existing plans including the Community and Corporate Plans and the Single Outcome Agreement. The Plan, which will be available for distribution in the near future, is no longer required to be submitted to the Scottish Government for approval
  
- (iii) Environment (Paul Jukes) – Within the SMS (Strategic Measures of Success) 20 of the 22 actions are on target with the remaining 2 actions, which are currently behind target, expected to reach target by the year end. Some achievements to date include the 19 awards from the Beautiful Scotland campaign. A detailed discussion took place following the update, particularly relating to recycling targets; incidents of antisocial behaviour; and measures to enhance road safety. Some of the outcomes (highlighted in Appendix A of the report) are measured on an annual rather than 6 monthly basis.

In relation to Appendix A, Outcome 5 (*“Improved safety, effectiveness, sustainability and accessibility of our transport systems across NL”*), Bruce Kiloh, SPT, offered to facilitate arrangements relating to engaging bus operators within North Lanarkshire to *“develop a range of Statutory Quality Partnerships, Performance Improvement Plans or Quality Contracts”*.

(iv) Lifelong Learning (Christine Pollock) – Christine summarised the 3 Strategic Measures of Success/10 Learning Outcomes within this CWG. Overall progress has shown –

- a 25% increase in access to e-learning (in the last quarter) – 39,000 staff and pupils now have e-learning accounts
- 85% of vocational education is delivered in schools
- Improved buildings and facilities
- Average 86% pass rates

One outcome not within target is the number of 16-19 year olds claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA). The target for 2009-10 is 710 claimants – the current figuring being 1,445 claimants (August 09).

The NLP has committed to providing 300 opportunities through the Future Jobs Fund over the next six months which should result in a reduction in the numbers of young people claiming JSA.

The Board discussed the implications of youth employment and the previous experience of the area. Councillor McCabe suggested for the next meeting, that Maureen bring back to the Board the status of 16-18 years unemployed figures and the actions being taken by the Partners to address this.

(v) Regeneration (Maureen McConachie) – The Regeneration Working Group has 2 Strategic Measures of Success and 4 Local Outcomes/30 Actions – all of which are on target or are at an acceptable threshold. Overall progress has shown –

- Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility – on target to be completed by May 2010
- Housing developments – First phase development on track to commence by March 2010
- Business support – 280 new businesses have been assisted by Business Gateway in the first six months of this year
- Eurocentral/Strathclyde Business Park/Gartcosh – all on track to expand this year.
- Town Centres Initiative – on target. Led by NLC’s Planning and Development
- An Events Strategy is being developed to attract sporting and music events to the area. Regular annual events may now be Elite Triathlon (which took place in May 2009) and the Great Scottish Swim (which took place in August 2009).

Frank Fallan asked about Voluntary Sector representation on the Working Groups. It was agreed that Sandie Mackay would discuss this outwith the meeting in light of the review of Partnership Working Groups being undertaken in the New Year.

**Action: Maureen McConachie and Sandie Mackay**

*The Board noted the content of the reports.*

## **Item 5            Local Community Planning update**

The detailed report gave an overview on items which were considered at the last cycle of the six Local Area Partnerships in October 2009 (i.e. Town Centre Action Plans, Local Development Programme projects and progress relating to each of the Community Fora).

The meeting was reminded that at the joint Community Planning event held in January 2009, agreement was made that *local* community planning events would be organised – these will now take place on 23 November 2009 (Airdrie/North and Coatbridge/Bellshill localities) and, 11 December 2009 (Motherwell/Wishaw localities). An update on these events will be brought to the next meeting of the NLP Board.

*The Board noted the content of the report.*

## **Item 6            Third Sector update**

June Valance updated the meeting on progress in relation to three main/key areas of Third Sector activity –

- (i) *Development of North Lanarkshire Third Sector Interface* – Significant work has been underway in the last 9 months to develop a Third Sector Interface for North Lanarkshire which will improve services for the sector. To investigate options which would best suit North Lanarkshire, a Steering Group was set up with membership from the Council of Voluntary Service NL (CVS NL), the Volunteer Centre, Lanarkshire Social Economy Partnership (LSEP) and North Lanarkshire Council. Consultants were appointed to undertake an options appraisal and their report was finalised in August 2009. Following lengthy and detailed discussions, the Steering Group agreed on forming a new organisation to be known as “Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire” – the business and operational plans for which will be developed in due course.
- (ii) *Community Law Centre for North Lanarkshire* – Funding has been secured by Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau (from the Scottish Legal Aid Board) to set up a community law centre to service the residents of North Lanarkshire. A solicitor will be based in the law centre which will occupy premises, initially, within the current CVS NL headquarters in Stirling Street, Airdrie. It is intended that the law centre will move permanently to premises within the Social Enterprise Centre which is currently being built on the site of the former Old Wellwynd Church.
- (iii) *North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Action Plan 2008-2009* – The meeting was reminded that as part of the SOA (Single Outcome Agreement), CVS North Lanarkshire and the Volunteer Centre produced a joint Action Plan detailing supports and activities which would contribute towards North Lanarkshire’s wider aspirations. Both CVS NL and the Volunteer Centre have delivered on a range of activities to support NLP in engaging and developing the voluntary and community sector.

June and the voluntary sector were thanked for their hard work and input into organising and setting up of the new organisation.

*The Board noted the content of the report and agreed to accept future reports from Third Sector representatives*

**Item 7 Ravenscraig update - Verbal update by Gavin Whitefield**

**Ravenscraig Sports Centre** - £32million has been invested and will open in August 2010

**Housing development** – the first phase to commence development of the housing element will be in this financial year. There will be 300 units, 50 of which will be for rental.

**Town Centre Regeneration Funding** – North Lanarkshire's bid for £800,000 of funding for Ravenscraig has been unsuccessful, however, Scottish Enterprise has confirmed that they will contribute this sum from their budget to support the development of the Area Planning briefs. These will be jointly commissioned by North Lanarkshire Council, Scottish Enterprise and Capella

**Tax Incremental Funding (TIF)** – North Lanarkshire Council will submit to the Scottish Government a business case to support a Tax Incremental Funding model of funding for Ravenscraig. Officers will work with Ernst & Young and the Scottish Government Futures Trust to progress this.

**Item 8 Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership**

Colin Sloey gave an update on the role and function of the ADP following recommendations within the Scottish Government's report – *"Final Report of the Alcohol and Drugs Delivery Reform Group"*.

It was noted that -

- there is a need for greater clarity on the role, accountability and responsibility of ADATs now known as Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs)
- Lanarkshire's ADP will continue to have representation from the NHS, North and South Lanarkshire Councils, Police, Fire & Rescue, Procurator Fiscal's Office, the Scottish Prison Service and the third sector
- Each local authority should ensure that the ADP can effectively support the identification of local priorities with their Single Outcome Agreement

*Improving links to NLP Board and the Health & Care Partnership -*

While the Lanarkshire ADP retains responsibility for the strategic direction and performance of alcohol and drug services in North Lanarkshire, the day to day performance management of services will feature within the North Lanarkshire Addictions Partnership Board. This will ensure regular reviews take place of the local improvement targets contained within the Single Outcome Agreement. It is intended that these reports are presented to the North Lanarkshire Health and Care Partnership annually.

*The Board noted the content of the report and agreed to the recommendations therein.*

## **Item 9 Youth Strategy**

Christine Pollock, Executive Director, Learning & Leisure Services, updated the Board on progress in relation to the development of a Youth Work Strategy and its associated Action Plan.

The NLP Board had previously approved (11 November 2008) the recommendation to develop a Youth Work Strategy and the Council's Learning and Leisure Services were requested to undertake this with specific emphasis being on youth participation and engagement. A group of twenty young people have been active in highlighting the needs, issues and views of young people across North Lanarkshire, with particular aims including -

- ensuring young people are involved in the development of the Strategy
- broadening representation of young people in relation to the Strategy; and
- considering roles which young people could undertake relating to engagement and participation

A workshop is being arranged (27 November) where partners will "scope out" their roles and responsibilities in achieving the actions detailed within the Strategy and the outcome of the exercise will form the basis of the implementation plan. It is expected the scoping out exercise will take place by the end of the year.

*The Board noted the content of the report and endorsed the draft Youth Work Strategy.*

## **Item 10 Budget Statement**

Period 7 statement (9 October 2009) – no change.

## **Item 11 AOCB**

- NLP Board 2010 meetings issued for noting.

**Date of next meeting - Wednesday, 10 February 2010  
Civic Centre, Motherwell**