

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF REGENERATION & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES		
Date: 31 ST MAY 2012	Ref:	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a revised approach to reporting on community safety in the localities, demonstrate the strength of partnership working and particularly the valuable work carried out by the local Community Safety Sub Groups.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report has been a valuable feature of the Local Area Partnerships for a number of years and has grown into a document containing a sizeable amount of information. The information is provided in the main by Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue, North Lanarkshire Council Housing & Social Work Services and local Housing Associations.
- 2.2 In view of organisational changes affecting the partnership and the need to be more outcome focused it is proposed that some revisions are made to the report to reflect changes to the operational environment, provide information in relation to the impact which the local Community Safety teams are making within the area and the challenges faced by the partnership.
- 2.3 The Community Safety Sub Group of the Local Area Team has also revised to way they present and use information through the adoption of what are termed 'Environmental Visual Audits' which provide a detailed assessment of problems in an area through the use of photographs and detailed written descriptions. Partners then contribute to an action plan to tackle the issues in an area.

3. Proposals/Considerations

- 3.1 In line with the requirements of all the main organisations involved in the preparation of the reports, it is proposed to produce information based on an agreed 'Priority Area' for each locality. The priority areas are to be determined by the Local Area Teams using a series of indicators around levels of crime, prevalence of major estate management problems, high levels of criminal fire raising and high levels of anti-social behaviour and nuisance complaints. The background information from which the Joint Community Safety reports will be drawn is the Environmental Visual Audit document referred to at paragraph 2.3 above.

- 3.2 Appendix 1 shows a list of the areas identified by Strathclyde Police as their priority wards and partners have been asked to compare data and make an assessment of which area in each locality is their main priority. The information will then be overlaid and agreement reached as to the priority area for each Local Area Partnership.
- 3.3 The table in Appendix 1 shows the twenty wards in North Lanarkshire ranked in order of the average number of incidents of disorder per month. Where a Local Area Partnership area does not feature in the top six, the report will concentrate on highest ranked ward in that particular area.
- 3.4 The report will also feature a location map(s) showing a graphical representation of the priority areas and include information relating to the partnership work going on in the area – see Appendix 2.
- 3.5 The report will continue to address the issues around the Government's 'Promoting Positive Outcomes: Working Together to Prevent Anti-social Behaviour in Scotland' agenda and include issues and events of note for the whole of the area and any other significant developments relating to Community Safety.
- 3.6 It is also proposed to change the way the report is presented to the Partnership through the use of presentation materials including photographs, maps and other media.

4. Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the partnerships commitment to tackling community safety in all our localities.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership approve the proposal to adopt a revised method of delivering the Joint Community Safety Report and otherwise note the contents of the report.



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Priority Problem Wards in North Lanarkshire

<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Ward</i>	<i>Ward Area</i>	<i>Average</i>
1	MMW 18	Motherwell South East and Ravenscraig	80.9
2	MMW 8	Airdrie Central	78.7
3	MMW 6	Coatbridge North and Glenboig	76.8
4	MMW 3	Cumbernauld South	71.9
5	MMW 7	Airdrie North	65.0
6	MMW 20	Wishaw	62.7
7	MMW 4	Abronhill, Kildrum and the Village	55.4
8	MMW 15	Mossend and Holytown	51.7
9	MMW 17	Motherwell North	48.9
10	MMW 19	Murdostoun	48.5
11	MMW 16	Motherwell West	46.5
12	MMW 9	Coatbridge West	46.2
13	MMW 10	Coatbridge South	46.0
14	MMW 1	Kilsyth	39.8
15	MMW 13	Thorniewood	38.8
16	MMW 14	Bellshill	37.8
17	MMW 11	Airdrie South	35.1
18	MMW 5	Strathkelvin	35.0
19	MMW 12	Fortissat	30.6
20	MMW 2	Cumbernauld North	21.4

