

MINUTE OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**Wednesday, 30 May 2012**

Present:	Councillor Jim Smith (Chair)	North Lanarkshire Council
	Gavin Whitefield	North Lanarkshire Council
	Eric Hislop	North Lanarkshire Council
	Nelson Telfer	Strathclyde Police
	Val McGrory	Jobcentre Plus
	John Joyce	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
	Hugh McAloon	Scottish Government
	Allan Comrie	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
	Marlene Crawford	Skills Development Scotland
	June Vallance	Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire
	Francis Fallan	Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire
	Colin Sloey	NHS Lanarkshire
	Pauline Nicholas	North Lanarkshire Council
	Sharon Smith	North Lanarkshire Council
	Alison Loveday	Scottish Enterprise
	Brian Hughes	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue/NLC
	Susan Cloke	North Lanarkshire Council
	Kathleen McLoughlin	North Lanarkshire Council
	Stephen Fraser	North Lanarkshire Council
Apologies:	James McCabe	North Lanarkshire Council
	Allan McQuade	Scottish Enterprise
	Stephen Kerr	NHS Lanarkshire
	Andrew Scott	Scottish Government
	Neena Mahal	NHS Lanarkshire
	David Collie	Jobcentre Plus
	Martin McGuire	Cumbernauld College
	Laura Mackay	Strathclyde Police/NLC
	Hugh Logan	Motherwell College
	Linda Johnstone	North Lanarkshire Council

Prior to the meeting commencing, Councillor Smith advised that it was with sadness he had to announce the recent death of Ken Corsar, Chair of NHS Lanarkshire. Ken was a long-standing member of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board who had made an enormous contribution to public service over many years.

1) Apologies – noted above

2) Minute of previous meeting (20 February 2012)

- Item 8 – *Community Plan, Single Outcome Agreement and Economic Strategy*. These will cover the period 2013/2014 – 2017/2018.
- Item 10 – *Armed Forces Community Covenant*. The Board previously made a commitment to support the establishment of an Armed Forces Community Covenant. An update will be brought to the next meeting to explore grant opportunities.

3) Matters arising

- *ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Funding Application 2012-2013*. The funding application of £49,802 has been accepted.

4) Community Planning Review Statement of Ambition

The Scottish Government and CoSLA Leaders recently agreed Scotland's first Statement of Ambition which is about how to improve the way local services are delivered. The Statement is the first step in a major review designed to put Scotland's "*community planning partnerships at the centre of an outcomes approach to public services in Scotland*". The Statement covers public services provided to communities by Councils, emergency services and other public agencies.

The full Statement is attached as Appendix 1 to the Board paper and can also be accessed at www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/03/statementofambition15032012

Action: The Board noted the content of the report

5) Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) Self Evaluation – report and action plan

Kathleen McLoughlin, Service Improvement, updated the Board on the progress and outcome of the recent PSIF self evaluation exercise which was undertaken following agreement by the Board at its meeting in August 2011.

Two awareness sessions took place in October and November 2011 attended by participants from across the Partnership. A checklist was thereafter completed by the key stakeholders and was analysed and reviewed by the Improvement Service, Scottish Government.

Following a further session (in February) facilitated by the Council's Corporate Service Improvement Team, a finalised Action Plan resulting from the Checklist findings was drawn. Both documents are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the Board report.

The Board also heard that work has commenced on the new Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement and, as a result, the activities within the Outcome Focus section of the aforementioned Partnership Checklist will be developed. Progress on the Improvement Plan will be reported at six monthly intervals to the Board.

Action: The Board noted the content of the report and agreed to receive six monthly updates.

6) Local Community Planning update

Some key developments in relation to community planning and community engagement work undertaken over the last 2 months include –

- **Community Planning**

Local Area Team (LAT) Action Plans - these are now in place and are the main focus of the work of the LATs.

The actions identified in the plans link to the strategic outcomes contained in the SOA and will be measured through the Partnership's performance management framework – PerformNL. Partners were thanked for their contribution to the LAT Action Plans.

Local Development Programme 2011/2012- 67 projects have been delivered totalling £1million. The Board heard that in order to maximise the projects, funding from Housing and Social Work Services' Estate Based Initiatives budget was added.

Local Area Partnerships – the review of operation of the LAPs continues with options expected during summer 2012

Review of Community Safety Sub Groups (CSSGs) – this is almost complete. Partners (Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue and other partners) have agreed to produce a revised document for use at the CSSGs. It is intended that this will make tasking more straightforward. A process paper will be presented to all six Local Area Partnerships this week.

Voluntary Sector representation at Local Area Partnerships – a protocol is currently being drafted (by Kenny Moffat, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, and the Community Planning and Partnership team) with a view to the voluntary sector being represented at future Local Area Partnerships.

- **Community Engagement**

Participatory Budgeting - The Community Engagement Team has been awarded £10,000 from Community Learning and Development to assist in the delivery of a participatory budgeting initiative in the Airdrie area over the next year. Progress reports will be submitted to the Board as the work progresses.

Community Forums – the dates for Annual General Meetings are currently being finalised by the Community Engagement Officers.

Annual Reporting – the Board will receive a full update on community engagement at its meeting in July.

Action: The Board noted the content of this report

7) Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement 2013/2014 – 2017/2018

The Board was updated on the development of NLP's Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement for the period 2013/14 – 2017/18. The new documents will identify the priorities and outcomes which the Partnership aims to achieve and the indicators to be used to track progress.

Currently, the delivery of priorities and actions within the documents are progressed via the Themed Partnership Working Groups. The themes within the plan have recently been reviewed by the NLP Officers' Group and the proposed changes are –

- The "Regeneration" and "Environment" themes will be combined to become "Regeneration"
- The "Lifelong Learning" theme remains, with an additional remit of volunteering and capacity building

- The “Community Safety” theme will include emphasis on organised crime and will be delivered by the Community Planning team and link to existing Community Safety Partnership structures.
- “Developing the Partnership” – this will become a new theme focusing on systems and processes which support the North Lanarkshire Partnership and the current NLP Officers’ Group will be reformed as “Developing the Partnership Working Group”. Included in this theme will be a focus on resource management (e.g. finances, people issues)

The Board report provided full details on the revised themes and their proposed priorities and outcomes.

Action: The Board noted the proposed revisions and agreed that the Community Safety theme will not be aligned to one of the four Partnership Working groups/Themes but will be managed by the Community Planning and Partnership team and that appropriate arrangements will be considered in relation to governance and reporting. This will also assist with the Single Police and Fire Force aims of local reporting and accountability.

8) Citizens’ Panel – Transport survey results

Stephen Fraser updated the Board on the Citizens’ Panel Transport survey which is the final consultation carried out as part of the Partnership’s 3 year programme of citizen engagement. Appendix 1 of the report provides detailed key findings from the core questions on transport and also some additional information is contained on adult and child protection as well as the impact of the current economic downturn. The following is a summary of the transport survey –

- 1,192 panel members completed the survey (52% response rate)
- Transport choices - Car users 67%, Bus users 21%; walking – 5%; train 5%
- Public transport – 41% use public transport at least once a week

Full details of the Citizens’ Panel results are contained as Appendix 1 to the Board report and can also be accessed at www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk

A discussion took place around some of the headline statistics in relation to the economic downturn and community transport issues.

*Action: The Board noted the content of the report and agreed that a report will be presented to next meeting from SPT in relation to the Community Transport scheme and subsequent progress in relation to the action plan. **Pauline Nicholas to progress.***

9) Celebrating Lanarkshire 2013

The Board heard of the proposed initiative “Celebrating Lanarkshire 2013” (CL13) which will present a year long celebration of Lanarkshire’s achievements, as represented by famous and successful individuals who originated from Lanarkshire over the last 200 years. The development and implementation of the event will be lead by North and South Lanarkshire Councils.

In 2009/2010, New Lanarkshire Ltd (NLL) commissioned a study into the possibility of a cultural celebration being staged in 2013. The study revealed that there was considerable interest in the concept of this event; that it would be positive for Lanarkshire; and that there would be support from the public. The aim of CL13 is to -

- recognise and promote the achievements of Lanarkshire
- enhance Lanarkshire's position, image and continued growth
- create economic and cultural awareness across the wider Lanarkshire area
- develop an ongoing legacy for social and cultural activity across Lanarkshire

Funding for the proposed CL13 event will be met within existing resources and opportunities to secure external funding are currently being explored. An £80,000 funding bid was recently secured from Creative Scotland through its Cultural and Tourism funding strand.

Action: The Board noted the content of the report

10) Scottish Enterprise 2012-2015 Business Plan

Alison Loveday summarised Scottish Enterprise's 2012-2015 Business Plan.

3 key areas in the Plan are

- Increasing support to growth companies
- Support growth sectors which have the biggest opportunity to create jobs
- Increase its footprint in new growth markets

5 priorities for Scottish Enterprise are -

- Renewables
- Growth companies
- International trade and investment
- Innovation
- Low carbon

The companies with whom Scottish Enterprise engage employ 330,000 people and have a combined turnover of £75 billion. Full details of the Business Plan can be accessed at www.scottish-enterprise.com

Action: The Board noted the content of the report.

11) Electric Vehicles

The Board was updated on progress with the electric vehicle scheme which was introduced in 2010 with a view to providing efficiency savings and reducing car usage and emissions. The Board was reminded of the funding received from the Government towards this scheme. Grant funds claimed for 2011-2012 total £236,354.

To date, 12 electric cars and associated infrastructure have been purchased together with 2 electric street cleaners and additional charging points located at sites across North Lanarkshire.

Discussions are ongoing to explore the possibility of Strathclyde Police accessing the cars on a bookable basis. Further discussions on this will take place at a later date with Strathclyde Fire & Rescue and NHS Lanarkshire. It was also agreed that options to increase the planned use of these cars be extended to the Voluntary Sector

*Action: The Board noted the content of the report. **Pauline Nicholas to progress***

12) North Lanarkshire Economic update (including Economic Strategy update)

Job Seekers Allowance Unemployment – this increased to a new high of 12,714 in March 2012, before reducing to 12,050 in April.

North Lanarkshire's Working (NLW) performance – NLW continues to support unemployed residents into employment with 5,000 people supported in training and advice during April 2011 – March 2012

Youth Investment Programme – January-March 2012 saw a constant rise with 3,795 young people now claiming JSA (10% of the 18-24 years population).

North Lanarkshire's Local Economic and Regeneration Strategy – The council is in the process of producing a new Strategy for North Lanarkshire. During the summer months, a period of consultation will take place with businesses, residents and partners to ascertain what they consider to be the main priorities for the area and how these priorities can be addressed. An on-line consultation will also be available on the Council's website www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk as well as www.VisitLanarkshire.com

The Strategy will be produced in time to link with the launch of the Corporate and Community Plans.

The Board noted the content of the report and agreed that future economic updates include information relating to Welfare Reform and its impact. In addition, it was agreed that the consultation framework around the Economic Regeneration Strategy be aligned to the timescales for consultation on the new Community Plan and SOA.

*Action: The Board noted the content of the report and **Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure to progress***

13) Third Sector update

Voluntary Sector Conference 2012 - this took place on 10 March at Cumbernauld New Town Hall and was attended by over 100 delegates. This year's theme was "Challenging Times, Positive Solutions". A number of speakers, including Alex Neil MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment), delivered informative and interesting keynote speeches each of whom recognising the value of the voluntary sector.

Voluntary Sector representative to the NLP Board – Francis Fallan, has been re-elected as the Third Sector representative to the NLP board (2012- 2014) with a majority vote of 52%.

Action: The Board noted the content of the report.

14) Strathclyde Police Caravelle vehicles – reinvestment

The Board was reminded that in 2005, NLP providing funding of £100,000 to Strathclyde Police to purchase and brand four Volkswagen Caravelle vehicles for use by the community policing teams in their respective areas. The vehicles were the main form of transport for 15 police officers who were deployed on a weekly basis to the areas which had the highest level of antisocial behaviour.

Due to the age of the vehicles, they are becoming more costly to repair and maintain and will no longer be usable by Strathclyde Police. Currently, they each retain a retail value of around £4,000. Strathclyde Police suggest that the vehicles are sold and the resulting monies (around £16,000) be reinvested into future transportation, i.e. for the purchase of 2 Ford Focus, or similar, unmarked vehicles for use of proactive policing purposes. Strathclyde Police will fund the difference should these two vehicles prove to total more than £16,000.

Action: The Board approved the request to reinvest monies from the sale of the aforementioned Caravelle vehicles.

15) Budget Statement

The budget statement showed as at Period 13, (31 March 2012), unallocated resources of £15,656.

Action: The Board noted the content of the report.

16) AOCB

Health and Care Integration. Colin Sloey advised that the NHS Board has set up a seminar on 25th June to discuss the consultation and the proposed response. Whilst there may be opportunity for separate NHS and local authority responses, it would be helpful to consider the partnership perspective on each of the consultation questions. It would be helpful for Colin Sloey to be able to reflect partnership as well as NHS considerations at the event.

A consultation paper has been produced and responses are requested by end July/August.

*Action: The Board noted the content of the report and agreed that the next meeting will receive a report from NHS Lanarkshire outlining a formal response to the consultation document on behalf of the Partnership. **Colin Sloey to progress.***

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING -
Wednesday, 11 July (9.30am), Civic Suite, Civic Centre, Motherwell**