

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT
From: HEAD OF REGENERATION & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES		
Date: 2 <sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2012	Ref:	

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Partnership on progress with local community planning priorities in the locality.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Local Area Team is now working to deliver the actions and targets contained within the Area Team Action Plan. The Action Plans are made up of local actions identified as a priority by partners in the locality, reflecting local solutions and making the connections to specific strategic outcomes contained within the Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan. The Local Area Team Action Plan also identifies opportunities for community involvement in the actions which demonstrates the partnership's commitment to community engagement.

**3. Progress Update**

- 3.1 The following are examples of the type of issues being discussed and resolved by the Local Area Team (LAT) in the locality:

- Meetings have taken place with Friends of Viewpark Glen with view to progressing initiatives in the area. Work will be carried out through the Local Development Programme in conjunction with the Community Payback Team and Land Management. The intention is to make the glen more accessible and user friendly.
- Joint work on Anti-Social Behaviour at James Dempsey Way is being promoted through the Community Safety Sub-group. Discussions have taken place with Police, Town Centre Activities, Planning and Regeneration and Infrastructure to identify improvements in the area and progress these.
- The 'Friday Night Project' for young people in Bellshill is progressing well and has now been extended successfully to include provision in Viewpark. The project, which has been nominated for a Corporate Award, provides a range of diversionary activities to young people aged 9-16 years. This project was promoted by the LAT and has also been extended to other localities.
- LAT promoted public consultation events have taken place regarding the "Sandy Park" and "Bing" areas of Bellshill. Both of these locations are significant areas within the

community and these events gave locals the opportunity to contribute ideas and proposals for improving and making better use of the areas. Following further consultation with partners and elected members it is intended that an improvement plan will be prepared and actioned.

#### **4. Corporate Considerations**

- 4.1 This report confirms commitment to Local Community Planning and contribution to the delivery of strategic outcomes contained within the Community Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 it is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note:
- (i) the content of this report
  - (ii) the delivery of future reports on Local Community Planning



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