

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT
From: HEAD OF REGENERATION & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES		
Date: 25 TH OCTOBER 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 and in particular progress with the Area Team Action Plan.

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 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. The key priorities identified in the Bellshill Local Area Team Action Plan are

- Delivery of a range of Local Development Programme and Estate Based Initiative monies
- Tackling anti-social behaviour and engaging young people from the Jewel scheme
- Tackling areas of low demand housing
- Home Fire Safety Checks and referrals
- Development plan for improving sheltered housing experience
- Policy and development plan for allotments in the area
- Collaborative themes - health
- Reduction in waste to landfill sites
- Engage in Beautiful North Lanarkshire and Britain in Bloom
- Youth engagement
- Town Centre Action Plan
- Reduce amount of bogus callers operating in the area

- 2.2 In Appendix 1 there is a brief summary of some of the progress of key initiatives from the Action Plan. Further information is available from Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager.

3. Corporate Considerations

- 3.1 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.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 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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Appendix 1

Key Action/Initiative	Update
Implementation of the collaborative Working themes campaign	A mapping exercise of older adult services is taking place related to Reshaping Care in Bellshill led by Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre. A Locality Link Officer is already developing programmes of activities following consultation with communities.
Production of development plan for allotments in the area	Potential for development at Orbiston Bing being explored through a site survey and the production of maps to assist with assessing feasibility.
Developing a plan for improving the experience of sheltered housing	<p>Since March 2012, work across the partnership has resulted in all 7 sheltered housing complexes across North Lanarkshire developing a more inclusive approach to improving the experience for residents through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of 6-monthly housing forum meetings. • Programme of thematic awareness raising presentations (ie, Fire safety, health). • Programmes of social activity including exercise classes, dance and arts. • Staff briefing being organised to assist with reducing false fire alarms in sheltered complexes
Home Fire Safety Checks and referrals	Focused partnership work between the Social Work Locality Planning Group and Housing has resulted in a process for identifying and referring high risk clients and follow up procedures for vulnerable people who have experienced fire and require a multi-agency follow up.
Youth engagement	<p>Information on youth provision across the locality was collated as part of a mapping exercise for the HMle inspection in the area. The information was used to develop the 'What's on in Bellshill' leaflet for young people, a summer activities programme and information for parents on opportunities for young people and families.</p> <p>In order to ensure a planned approach that is responsive to local need CLAD is currently undertaking a 'door to door' survey with young adults and parents to identify need for future programmes. Additionally, a parents' committee in the area is ensuring that parents are involved in developing appropriate needs- led programmes of activity.</p>

	<p>A youth conference has been organised for September 2012. The conference will give Young People an opportunity to raise issues and ideas with key partners and encourage participation in the Bellshill Youth Forum. The Bellshill Children Services Locality Planning Group and the Bellshill YMCA will lead in the organisation of the event.</p>
<p>Tackling areas of low demand housing</p>	<p>Ongoing programme of Tenant Led Inspections was enhanced by the introduction of Grounds Maintenance and Estates staff to the process from March 2012. This allows a more co-ordinated approach to improving areas considered as 'low demand' and assist with the planning for the LDP allocation for 2013/14.</p>