

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS
From: HEAD OF PLANNING AND REGENERATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress update for the 2012/13 Bellshill and District LAT Action Plan, outline key improvements as a result of a review of the process, and outline the key priorities for the 2013/14 Action Plan for the area.

2. Background

Throughout 2011, the 6 Local area Teams (LAT's) developed Action Plans to

- Translate strategic priorities (SOA/Community Plan) to local action that impacts on communities
- Provide a focus and reporting tool for the work of the LAT's
- Support the delivery of partnership- priority actions locally

Quarterly monitoring reports are produced and updates are reported to NLP Board and LAP's every six months.

3. 2012/13 Updates

Partners worked with community representatives to develop and deliver actions linked to key priorities for Bellshill. Some of the key achievements for the year include

- Reduction in dwelling fires and fire related injury from engagement through Home Fire Safety Visit's (HFSV) and partnership interventions. Examples include all social work service users now being offered a HFSV, development of junior fire reach in the area and more focused work with sheltered housing has reduced Unwanted Fire Alarms.
- A 5 day multi-agency engagement exercise in the Jewel Scheme has taken place to increase participation and understanding of services and opportunities to engage. Information will be used to inform the development of a targeted action plan for the area.
- Letting plans have now been introduced to identify key partnership actions to assist with increasing demand for housing in areas deemed as 'low demand'.
- Increased engagement with difficult to reach young people. The Liber8 programme is demonstrating that participants they have been engaging with appear to show significant reduction in alcohol consumption and increased engagement in more positive activity
- The Youth Forum continues to progress well with support from partners. An example of positive work in the area is the Bellshill Youth Conference. 50 Young People attended and undertook a range of activities to explore thoughts, issues and experiences of being young in Bellshill

4. Review and Lessons Learned

Towards the end of 2012/13 the Community Regeneration and Partnership Team undertook a review of the LAT Action Planning process which highlighted a need to

- Better align the admin of the LAT meetings to mirror action plans
- Be more explicit in demonstrating community engagement
- Refine and focus some of the actions to better reflect partnership priorities
- Develop actions that better align resources to areas of need/SIMD information
- Better align local activity to the NLP and NLC performance management structure
- Better reflect wider local activity (ie, CSSG, LDP)

The Local Area Team have taken these recommendations on board and in developing the Action Plan for 2013/14, the following improvements have been made

- The LAT agenda is now made up of key priorities from the LAT Action plan to ensure that partners are regularly discussing progress and their role in progressing actions
- The Plan now contains a standard Community Engagement action with the Bellshill and District having lead responsibility for delivering specific actions to assist with future development of the action plan. Additionally the Forum is involved in an annual review session with LAT members to review the plan and update actions for future years.
- The introduction of an action which focuses partner resources to a priority area of multiple deprivation.
- The development of local Community Planning indicators relating to Community Engagement, LDP and community safety ensures that partnership activity is measureable and demonstrates value.
- An action has been developed to mirror the 'Developing the Partnership' theme of the SOA/Community Plan to ensure that LAT members are equipped to deliver on key priorities and identify/develop approaches to meet changing need. This includes action relating to regular review and development of LAT Action Plan, joint training needs/opportunities and information sharing to improve practice.

5. 2013/14 Action Plan priorities

Following a review session with Local Area Team (LAT) members and Community Forum representatives, key priorities and actions for the 2013/14 LAT Action Plan have been agreed. Examples are

- A more targeted approach to developing and delivering a Casualty reduction plan for the area. Actions include developing targeted youth interventions through agencies working in hotspot areas and ensuring that key fire messages now communicated through new tenant handbooks and North Lanarkshire and partner websites/promotional materials
- Improved estate management – The LAT will now commit to twice yearly discussions to agree partnership actions from Tenant Led Inspections (TLI's) and the Community Forum will consider how to improve links with Tenants & Residents Associations.
- Development of a targeted plan to jointly focus on priority issues in the Jewel Scheme including partnership approaches to targeting Youth Unemployment Initiatives in the area, undertaking a review of current youth interventions in the area and developing actions to progress/improve youth engagement
- Locally targeted initiatives to increase uptake of Local Stop Smoking Services
- LAT workshop linked to the Town Centre Framework and Action Plan and a programme of consultation on the draft Town Centre Action Plan
- Annual engagement activities led by Community Forum to inform future LAT Action Plans linked to wider activity. These include Welfare Reform Event, Carers

Roadshow, Blue Light Discos and the development of a Heritage Trail in Viewpark Glen.

A detailed version of the LAT Action Plan can be accessed by contacting Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager.

6. Reporting

A monitoring and reporting process for the LAT Action Plans was established last year and will continue to include

- Quarterly updates from Local Area Teams
- 6 monthly reports to LAPs and NLP Board
- Regular reporting on Local community Planning Indicators through Perform NL
- Links to themed working groups
- Annual review of LAT Action Plan and update with partners and community representatives

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership members note the content of this report and agree the key priorities highlighted.



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