

To: BELLSHILL & DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT	
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION			
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Bellshill & District Local Area Partnership on progress with Community Safety in the locality and the joint work carried out in the area by the Community Safety Sub-Group over the last period incorporating March – June 2014.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact which the Local Area Team and Community Safety Sub-groups are making in the area.

3. Proposals/Considerations

- 3.1 As a result of a review of how community safety is reported to the Local Area Partnerships and the depth and breadth of related statistics that are readily available it was agreed that the statistical analysis normally appended here would be reported every other cycle. There is appended at appendix 1 an up to date copy of the Community Safety Subgroup Action Plan that is regularly updated by partners using the Sharepoint system.

4. Promoting Positive Outcomes

- 4.1 The Anti Social Response Team was launched on Thursday 3rd April 2014. There have been a total of 1938 complaints received to date and 193 of these for the Bellshill and Viewpark Locality. This resulted in advice and assistance being provided, warnings being issued, mediation referrals and visits made to complainers and offenders.
- 4.2 Housing and Police Scotland continue to build on their ongoing excellent working partnership. Daily communication between the two services is an integral part of dealing with matters relating to community safety. A weekly meeting is held with the Area Inspector and Service Delivery Co-ordinator (Anti Social Behaviour) with a view to a joint approach to deliver positive outcomes. Recently, the Service Delivery Co-ordinators for both Homelessness and Tenancy Support have been in attendance to provide an all round valuable knowledge in achieving our aims and sharing information.

- 4.3 A training session was held by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service for Housing Advisors and Antisocial Response Officer to promote minimising fire risks within our community. It is envisaged that this will promote an increase in free home fire safety visits as our staff visit many vulnerable residents. Housing Advisors and Antisocial Response Officers make direct referrals and have a designated point of contact.
- 4.4 The BBC visited a resident in the Bellshill area as part of the Street Patrol Programme which highlights positive examples of North Lanarkshire dealing with antisocial behaviour. A first and final warning was issued within a two hour period and a follow up Anti Social Behaviour Order interview was carried out. No further complaints have been received.
- 4.5 Housing Services carried out joint visits with Regeneration Services to look at suitable projects with a view to promoting Community Safety. This report is currently being compiled.
- 4.6 Jewel Scheme is the focus of ongoing anti social issues between a number of tenants. As a result several Warnings and Notice of Proceedings have been issued. Housing Services and Police Scotland are working closely to reduce the ongoing anti social behaviour. One tenant is being pursued for an Anti Social Behaviour Order as a result of ongoing issues arising.
- 4.7 Decree was Granted for Eviction on 10th April 2014 against a tenant within the Hattonrigg Area for Drugs offences. Arrangements made with Sheriff Officers to carry out the eviction on 20th June 2014.
- 4.8 A Tenant Led Inspection was carried out in March 2014 with the West End Residents Association. Representatives from Housing Services, Property Services, Elected Member and two residents were in attendance. Housing Services are liaising with garden contractors concerning overgrown trees. A number of road issues required to be addressed by Environmental Services within the general area.
- 4.9 Over the past 3 months, partnership working within Bellshill locality has continued with a number of events being attended. In May, a Reshaping care event took place within the Bellshill Cultural Centre which attracted a large audience made up of mainly our elderly residents. Various partner agencies were also in attendance along with Police Scotland. This event was used to promote the newly re-launched "Doorstep Crime" campaign. These events are often popular and the Police attract many curious residents keen to ask for advice or for a general discussion about what is ongoing in the area..
- 4.10 Also in May, an event was organised to take selected pupils from Fallside High School out to HMP Barlinnie to speak with prisoners both new and old regarding the dangers of choosing a life of crime. This was a real eye opener not only to the youths but also to the members of staff who were also present.
- 4.11 A number of school visits were organised through the Education Authority to promote awareness of the dangers of drug misuse, as well as the ever increasing threat of Cyber bullying. June has seen an increase in activity in particular with schools where a week long work experience week was organised for 12 "Lucky" pupils from North Lanarkshire High Schools. This again proved very successful and was enjoyed by all that attended.

- 4.12 Throughout May and June, the Kickstart theatre company have been promoting their play within North Lanarkshire schools which is designed to highlight general issues within the community. Yet again, a thoroughly entertaining and informative interactive event, which has been well received.
- 4.13 Calderhead High School in Shotts recently showcased an event based on Columbian culture and the unfortunate effects of their drug trade. This attracted many guests including Police, Health and Education and was a great success, in highlighting the issues the people of Columbia face on a daily basis due to the illicit drugs trade.
- 4.14 For the year to date the SFRS have completed a total of 112 Home Fire Safety Visits within Bellshill & District Wards (Bellshill 39, Mossend and Holytown 40, Thorniewood 33).
- 4.15 Pupils from Bellshill Academy and Cardinal Newman High Schools attended the Firereach programme during the reporting period. They all completed the course and received their Portfolio of Achievement.
- 4.16 A partnership between Bellshill YMCA and SFRS is currently being developed and will focus on tackling antisocial fire related behaviour. The pilot scheme will involve local Youth Workers and Firefighters working together to engage with young people to highlight the dangers associated with firesetting and the impact this behaviour has on the availability of front line emergency services to respond to real life threatening emergencies.
- 4.17 Over the first quarter of this year (1st April 2014 to 26th June 2014) in North Lanarkshire the SFRS achieved a 4% reduction in accidental dwelling fires recording 48 incidents (2013 – 50) and a 12% reduction in fire casualties recording 15 casualties (2013/14 – 14). Within the Bellshill & District LAP area there was an 8% increase in dwelling fires (12 in 2013/14 and 13 in 2014/15) with 50% reduction in fire casualties (2 in 2013/14 and 1 in 2014/15).
- 4.18 SFRS and VANL are almost complete in the developing a partnership working framework. The two areas of development are firstly the use of volunteers to assist in delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits and other engagement activity and secondly the building of closer working links with the third sector groups supporting older people and youths involved in antisocial behaviour.
- 4.19 SFRS continues to target all Sheltered Housing complexes within North Lanarkshire to improve awareness of home fire safety. Part of the initiative is focusing on those properties with high numbers of fire alarm actuations; these incidents highlight elderly residents who are at higher risk and appropriate partnership interventions are being sought to support these members of our community.
- 4.20 Consultation on the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for North Lanarkshire 2014 to 2017 has concluded and is now available to view through the link below. The Plan provides a direction of travel in relation to how the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will deliver its services to the communities in North Lanarkshire over the next three years. The Plan will be supported by an annual Operating Plan which will provide more specific detail and associated targets linked to SOA, Community Plan and Scottish Government expectations.
(<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/west/local-senior-officers.aspx>)

4.21 Kickstart programme for S3 has been on-going since May and is targeting a number of issues; the danger of wheelie bin fires and electrical safety in the home are the SFRS message within the production. The schools involved in this are Cardinal Newman, Bellshill Academy and Fallside schools.

5. Corporate Considerations

5.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the Partnership's commitment to tackling community safety in all our localities.

6. Recommendation

6.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note the content of this report.



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Community Safety Sub-Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
22.11.13	Ward 13 - Thorniewood (Viewpark Gardens, Baird Avenue)	Vandalism to gardens area	Area continues to be monitored and Police have identified offenders	Regeneration Services Housing Services Learning & Leisure Environmental Services Police Scotland	Awareness raised of issues in area. Increased Police patrol. Reduction in calls to police re ASB in area noted. Joint work ongoing to monitor case. New fencing approved through LAP
02.10.13	Ward 15 - Bellshill (James Dempsey Way)	Youths drinking causing disorder and vandalism	Joint visits have taken place and diversionary work is ongoing. Environmental improvement at site to be carried out Streetwork teams are attending area to engage with youths	Regeneration Services Housing Services Police Scotland Learning & Leisure	Reduction in ASB and related issues. Joint work ongoing to monitor case.
09.10.13	Ward 15 - Bellshill (Sandy Park)	Poor lighting conditions and ASB	Site visits have taken place and diversionary work is planned. Additional lighting approved by	Regeneration Services Housing Services Learning & Leisure Environmental	Improved perceptions of community safety in area due to increased police patrols. This has resulted in a reduction in complaints

			LAP . Streetwork teams are attending area to engage with youths	Services Police Scotland	relating to the area. Joint work ongoing to monitor case.
04.02.14	Ward 14 - Bellshill (Telford Street)	Traffic congestion/road safety	Additional parking approved by LAP and work ongoing re design and public consultation	Regeneration Services Housing Services Police Scotland	Joint work ongoing to monitor case. Funding agreed through LDP and Estate Based Initiatives
04.03.14	Ward 15 - Main Street Bellshill Town Centre	Youth disorder and vandalism	Joint visits carried out and action taken against identified individuals. Regular contact maintained with complainant and further joint visits undertaken. Lighting in area will also be replaced to improve community safety.	Regeneration Services Police Scotland Housing Services Town Centre Activities	Public perceptions of ASB reduced and increased Police patrols. Joint work ongoing to monitor case. Improved , safer environment through enhanced lighting.
04.02.14	Ward 15 - Clyde Drive area	Wheelie bin storage/hazard	SFR have carried out Home Fire Safety Visits and gave advice on safe storage in bin areas	Regeneration Services Housing Services SFR Police Scotland	Public awareness of issues highlighted. Joint work ongoing to monitor case.

01.05.14	Ward 14 – Hamilton Rd	Wilful fire raising at flatted areas	Joint visits carried out with Police and Fire Service. Suspects identified. Advice given to other residents	Regeneration Police SFR	Case closed as no further problems identified. Public awareness of issues highlighted. Improved perceptions of community safety in the area.
05.05.14	Ward 15 – Main St Holytown	Derelict building identified as fire risk and area for anti social behaviour	Joint visits carried out with Police and Fire Service. Owner identified and building secured	Regeneration Police SFR	Case closed as no further problems identified. Public awareness of issues highlighted. Improved perceptions of community safety in the area.
02.07.14	Ward 14 – Liberty Rd Area	Derelict building - youth disorder at site, also entering building	Discussions ongoing with users of neighbouring building and Police to carry out security survey	Regeneration Services, CL&D, Police, SFR	Public awareness of issues to be highlighted and action taken to secure building.