

Coatbridge, 11 December 2007 at 2 pm
in the Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge

AGENDA ITEM No. 2

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Peter Winnie, Coatbridge Community Forum; Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Clarke, Ferrie, Higgins, McWilliams, Maginnis, Smith, Welsh and Wilson, North Lanarkshire Council; Jim Wright, NHS Lanarkshire, and Lorna Yuill, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Hamill, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Eric Hislop, Group Manager, Property and Mary Ann Robb, Section Manager, Property, Corporate Services; Michelle Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager and Margaret McGroggan, Community Engagement Officer, Chief Executive's Office; John Marran, Traffic and Transportation Manager; Alex Ramsay, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, and Gordon Laing, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Paul Hughes, Head of Financial Services and Katrina Hassell, Business Support Manager, Finance and Customer Services; Brendan Sherry, Area Housing Manager, and Eleanor O'Brien, Senior Investigator, Housing and Social Work Services, and Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick, Strathclyde Police.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. The meeting noted there were no declarations of interest.

BUDGET PRESENTATION - SETTING OF COUNCIL TAX GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2008/2009

2. The Head of Financial Services provided a presentation on the budget process of the Council and the public expenditure allocation process and highlighted (1) the budget position incorporating long term planning; (2) the Scottish Government position; (3) the Council's Income and Expenditure position; (4) cost pressures facing the Council, and (5) the Revenue Estimates and draft Budget for the financial year 2008/2009 including proposed efficiency savings for all services of the Council.

Thereon, the Head of Financial Services responded to questions by the Community Representatives.

Decided: that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and the comments made by the Community Representatives be noted.

SCOTTISH WATER - CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

3. Martin Pettinger, Scottish Water provided a presentation on the Capital Investment Programme within the Coatbridge area and highlighted a number of projects identified for the Coatbridge Area which would be carried out in the forthcoming year subject to approval of the funding.

Thereafter, Mr. Pettinger responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the position be noted.

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership and Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 October 2007.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

5. There was submitted a report from Strathclyde Police, summarising the crime statistics for the Coatbridge area on a Ward basis for the year to date and providing details of on-going initiatives and partnership working.

Thereon, Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the crime statistics, on-going initiatives and partnership working in the Coatbridge area be noted.

FORMER BATHS SITE, MAIN STREET, COATBRIDGE

6. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 14 March 2007, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 November 2007 by the Head of Property Services advising of the progress in respect of the redevelopment proposals of the former Baths Site, Main Street, Coatbridge (1) intimating that Dawn Construction Limited have been appointed as the preferred contractor to take forward the development; (2) advising that a planning application had been submitted and was currently going through the formal process, and (3) indicating that the coming months would be critical to the development and that, following planning consent, tenders from the various Sub-Contractors would give an indication of the cost parameters before proceeding to stage 2 of the development.

Thereon, Eric Hislop provided a brief presentation on the development proposals and thereafter responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

ANTI-SOCIAL TASK FORCE UPDATE REPORT - 1 MAY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

7. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 October 2007 when it was recommended that the next progress report submitted to the Local Area Partnership should contain information on the number of scatter flats in each electoral Ward in the Coatbridge area, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 2007 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services providing an update on the work of the Anti-Social Task Force in the Coatbridge area (1) providing details of the initiatives undertaken by the Task Force in respect of the Shawhead Flats and the Highcoats Complex; (2) intimating that in response to concerns regarding an increase in anti-social behaviour in Coatbridge Town Centre, a joint initiative to tackle persistent offenders causing problems for shop staff and the general public using town centre

facilities was being undertaken with Strathclyde Police; (3) enclosing (a) in Appendix 1 to the report, a summary of actions taken by the Anti-Social Task Force from 1 May to 30 September 2007; (b) in Appendix 2 to the report, details of complaints received from 1 May to 30 September 2007; (c) in Appendix 3 to the report, information on mediation cases from 1 May to 30 September 2007; (d) in Appendix 4 to the report, Anti-Social Task Force support service statistics, and (e) in Appendix 5 to the report, information regarding the Anti-Social Task Force mediation service, and (4) indicating that of the 29 dispersed accommodation in the Coatbridge area, nine were in Ward 6, four in Ward 9 and sixteen in Ward 10.

During discussion it was requested that the next progress reported submitted to the Partnership contain information on the number of scatter flats in each town in North Lanarkshire in comparison to Coatbridge.

Decided:

- (1) that it be recommended that the next progress report submitted to the Local Area Partnership contain information on the number of scatter flats in each town in North Lanarkshire in comparison to Coatbridge, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

8. There was submitted a report from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, summarising the activity of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue within the Coatbridge area for the year to date.

Thereon, Lorna Yuill, Group Manager was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 October 2007, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 November 2007 by the Head of Planning and Development providing an update on the progress of the projects contained within the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan and intimating that investigations into the feasibility of the conversion or redevelopment of the building known as the "Shark's Mouth" was ongoing and further updates would be provided as progress was made.

Thereon Gordon Laing, Senior Planning Officer was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the progress of the projects contained within the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

10. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of Coatbridge Area Committee held on 9 October 2007 when the progress of the projects contained within the Local Development Programme for Coatbridge area was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 November 2007 by the Head of Planning and Development advising of the progress of the projects contained within the Local Development Programme for the Coatbridge area (1) intimating that all projects were assessed against the criteria and suitability for inclusion in the Programme, and (2)

listing in the Appendix to the report the progress of the projects which had been identified and assessed for 2006-2008 and those projects currently under consideration.

Thereon Gordon Laing, Senior Planning Officer was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the position be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NATIONAL KEEP WELL PROJECT

11. There was submitted a report from the General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, providing an update on the National Keep Well Pilot (1) intimating that the three year pilot was an attempt to assess and treat/influence lifestyle in 45-65 year olds in the Coatbridge area; (2) advising all eight GP practices in Coatbridge were participating, and (3) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report the screening data and activity sheet as at 12 November 2007.

Decided: that the position be noted.

ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES 2007/2008

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 23 November 2007 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services regarding Estate Based Initiative Projects which had been identified by the Coatbridge Area Housing Office (1) indicating that a budget of £27,226 had been allocated for Estate Based Initiative Projects in the Coatbridge area, and (2) advising that the projects identified represented locally determined priorities which would benefit the local environment.

Decided: that the projects for the Coatbridge area as detailed in the Appendix be approved.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 November 2007 by the Chief Executive providing an update on the progress of the Community Engagement Officers within the Chief Executive's Office and the future objectives of the Community Engagement Team (1) advising that the main aim of community engagement was to improve the planning and delivery of services by making them more responsive to the needs and aspirations of communities; (2) intimating that, following a review of Community Engagement structures in North Lanarkshire in May 2005, North Lanarkshire Partnership endorsed the Community Engagement Strategy and its associated Action Plan; (3) indicating that the Strategy was recently refreshed to take account of the opportunities and challenges that face the Council and its partners in the local communities; (4) setting out details of the key priorities for the Community Engagement Officers in the coming months, and (5) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report the Action Plan for the Coatbridge area.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Local Action Plan for the Coatbridge area be noted, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE PLAN 2008-2012

14. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 November 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive providing an update on the development of the draft Corporate and Community Plan for 2008-2012; (1) outlining the background to the draft Plan which provided the strategic direction for the Council and its partners; (2) setting out in Appendix 2 to the report details of the timescales for the engagement process; (3) proposing that the Local Area Partnership provide feedback on the draft Plans and offer support to disseminate the Plans within their Services/Organisation to ensure that staff and relevant decision making groups get the opportunity to comment, and (4) enclosing a draft copy of the Corporate and Community Plan for 2008-2012 in Appendix 3 to the report.

Thereon, Michelle Battersby, Local Regeneration Manager was heard in further explanation of the report and advised that the questionnaire which had been tabled at the meeting was for completion by Members of the Local Area Partnership, Council staff and community representatives.

Decided:

- (1) that Members of the Local Area Partnership complete and return the questionnaire on the draft Corporate and Community Plan 2008-2012 no later than 7 January 2008;
- (2) that Members of the Local Area Partnership disseminate the draft Plan within local Council Services and partner organisations and encourage staff in key decision making forums to provide comments within the set out timescale, and
- (3) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

Coatbridge, 11 December 2007 at 4.20 pm.

A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Clarke, Ferrie, Higgins, McWilliams, Maginnis, Smith, Welsh and Wilson.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Group Manager, Property and Section Manager, Property, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager and Community Engagement Officer, Chief Executive's Office; Traffic and Transportation Manager, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader and Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Head of Finance Services and Business Support Manager, Finance and Customer Services; Area Housing Manager and Senior Investigator, Housing and Social Work Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Winnie, Coatbridge Community Forum; Jim Wright, NHS Lanarkshire; Lorna Yuill, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick, Strathclyde Police.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Decided: The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2007

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 11 December 2007 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) BUDGET PRESENTATION – SETTING OF COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2008/2009

Decided: that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and the comments made by the Community Representatives be noted.

(2) SCOTTISH WATER – CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Decided: that the position be noted.

(3) COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(4) STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Decided: that the crime statistics, on-going initiatives and partnership working in the Coatbridge area be noted.

(5) FORMER BATHS SITE, MAIN STREET, COATBRIDGE

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) ANTI-SOCIAL TASK FORCE UPDATE REPORT - 1 MAY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

Decided:

(1) that it be recommended that the next progress report submitted to the Local Area Partnership contain information on the number of scatter flats in each town in North Lanarkshire in comparison to Coatbridge, and

(2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

(7) STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE REPORT

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(8) COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

Decided: that the progress of the projects contained within the Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

(9) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided: that the position be noted.

(10) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NATIONAL KEEP WELL PROJECT

Decided: that the position be noted.

(11) ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES 2007/2008

Decided: that the projects for the Coatbridge area as detailed in the Appendix be approved.

(12) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

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