

**Coatbridge Community Forum  
December 2012 Report  
To  
Local Area Partnership**

AGENDA ITEM No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background**

(Last Forum meeting, dates, times and venue, short introduction)

The full Forum has met on two occasions since the last LAP meeting. The meetings were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, and 6th December 2012 This report aims to give an outline of some of the business discussed at the meeting(s); some of the community issues raised, highlight specific issues for consideration at the Local Area Partnership, and give an update on progress to date.

**Community Forum Update**

(Overview of forum activity and actions from recent meetings, forthcoming events or activities, etc)

The Forum continues to work closely with our partners at NLC, NHS Lanarkshire and Coatbridge Youth Forum. The Forum have been involved in site visits around Coatbridge accompanied by the regeneration manager identifying the wishes of the local groups for future development work within their communities. The group has accepted an invite to be part of the Monklands Canal steering group and attended our first meeting in December, one of several areas of interest for the Forum is the proposals from representatives of Sikeside, Carnbroe and Calderbank to develop activities centred around the Canal and Calder Water

**Issues for consideration at LAP**

(Issues that have been highlighted and agreed at the wider community forum meeting.)

The Forum has produced a survey of local residents. The survey took place during the fun day held in July. Copies of the results were provided to elected members at the last LAP meeting. One of the most significant results was the obvious desire of the people for a community facility within the Town Centre area. In answer to the question "Would you like to see a community hub in the town centre". There was an overwhelming 96% response in favour. The Forum would therefore wish to explore, with elected members and council officials, the available possibilities and a long term solution to accommodate the wishes of local people with regard to a community facility within the town centre.

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**Community Forum achievements/new developments**

(An opportunity for the Forum to highlight their achievements and positive developments.)

The Forum has responded positively to a request from Coatbridge Youth Forum to assist them financially with their annual conference. We await a decision from our partners in NHS Lanarkshire. We were also represented at the conference with members taking part in the question and answer forum  
We have been in talks with Coatbridge College, the aim is to develop a more productive relationship with the students and college representatives for the good of the community