

MINUTE OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Wednesday, 14 November 2012

Present:	Councillor Jim McCabe (Chair)	North Lanarkshire Council
	Paul Jukes	North Lanarkshire Council
	Pauline Nicholas	North Lanarkshire Council
	Linda Johnstone	North Lanarkshire Council
	Hugh Logan	North Lanarkshire Colleges
	Francis Fallan	Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire
	Morag Thomson	Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire
	David Collie	Jobcentre Plus
	Ian Ross	NHS Lanarkshire
	Colin Sloey	NHS Lanarkshire
	Stephen Kerr	NHS Lanarkshire
	Neena Mahal	NHS Lanarkshire
	Sharon Simpson	NHS Lanarkshire
	Marlene Crawford	Skills Development Scotland
	John Joyce	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
	Brian Hughes	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue/NLC
	Nelson Telfer	Strathclyde Police
	Laura Mackay	Strathclyde Police/NLC
Apologies:	Gavin Whitefield	North Lanarkshire Council
	Councillor Jim Smith	North Lanarkshire Council
	June Vallance	VANL
	Andrew Scott	Scottish Government
	Alison Loveday	Scottish Enterprise
	Allan McQuade	Scottish Enterprise
	Bruce Kiloh	SPT

1. Apologies – noted above

2. Minute of previous meeting (5 September) – Agreed

- Armed Forces Covenant - the bid submitted by the Community Payback Team (North Lanarkshire Restorative Justice) to develop a sensory peace garden within Belhaven Park, Wishaw, has been unsuccessful. A further application will be submitted in January 2013.
- Celtic Foundation Charity Fund – has accepted a proposal for the development of Adult Literacy within North Lanarkshire.

3. Matters arising

- *Police Service reform (Nelson Telfer)*

Stephen House has been appointed as the first Chief Constable to lead the new Police Service of Scotland which comes into effect on 1 April 2013. Mr House will work closely with the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) to ensure a smooth transition to the Police Service of Scotland. Six Assistant Chief Constables will be appointed to support the Chief Constable. Vic Emery has been appointed as Chair of the SPA.

- *Fire and Rescue Service reform (John Joyce)*

Alasdair Hay has been appointed Chief Fire Officer of the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service effective from 1 April 2013 and will work closely with Pat Watters who has been appointed SFRS Chair, to establish the new service. Members of the SFRS Board are expected to be in place in the autumn 2013.

4. Local Community Planning update

The Group was updated on key local community planning developments which have taken place since the last Board meeting.

- *Local Development Programme* – During October 2012, the Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) approved the 2013-2014 Local Development Programme which will see 64 projects carried out across the 6 localities. The total committed for the year will be £1m. Projects include - landscaping at John Smith Pool, Airdrie; installation of CCTV at Shieldmuir Station, Motherwell; and a play park development in Stepps. Additional projects have been given approval by the LAPs and will be carried forward until funding becomes available.
- *Local Area Team (LAT) Action Plans* – The action plans form the basis of the work of the LATs and the actions aim to achieve local outcomes linked to the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). Updates on the action plans were provided at the meeting of the Board in September and also to the LAPs in October. A comprehensive Local Community Planning report based on the Local Area Team Action Plans will be produced six monthly with updates submitted at future Board meetings.
- *Community Safety Sub Groups* - these continue to make good progress and some examples of positive outcomes were highlighted to the Board. Full details are contained in the Board report (Item 4)
- *Local Health update* – NHS Lanarkshire is involved in a number of programmes across the localities including:-
 - Delivering the Participatory Budget project in Whinhall, Airdrie
 - A consultation around the proposed new health centre in Kilsyth took place in October
 - The Friday Night Project was launched in Wishaw Sports Centre in September geared towards young people participating in events such as sports, arts and health
- *Consultations* – a number of events took place during October which gave the community an opportunity to contribute to the content of the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement and also to comment on the proposed savings options. Consultations took place with the 8 Community Forums, 6 LAPs and the Voluntary Sector.

The Board noted the content of the report

5. Strengthening Third Sector involvement in Local Community Planning Structures

The Third Sector has been established as a Partner at the NLP Board since 2004, currently having two seats at the table. The Sector is also represented at the NLP Officers' Group as well as at various thematic working groups within the NLP structure.

There has, however, been limited involvement by the Third Sector within Community Planning Partnership structures, particularly at Local Area Partnership level. The development of the Voluntary Sector Partnership Group and the Community Forum Network has allowed the third sector opportunity to have its issues and interests heard within the wider NLP discussion.

The meeting heard that the Community Forum Network will meet with the CEO of VANL to consider the process which will be adopted to select appropriate representatives from the Voluntary Sector Partnership Group for attendance at the LAP meetings. An interim report will be brought back to the meeting of the Board either in January or March 2013.

The Board noted the content of the report and agreed to receive an interim report outlining the process for selection of representatives at LAP meetings as from April 2013.

6. North Lanarkshire Local Economic and Regeneration Strategy Consultation Plan

The Regeneration Statement 2008-2012 is the Council's current document which addresses the ongoing economic recession and the reduction of local government finance. The Regeneration Statement is due for renewal and it was proposed that this would be replaced by a new Economic Strategy document for North Lanarkshire. This proposal was approved by the Board at its meeting on 20 February 2012. The new Strategy will be produced by the Council's Regeneration and Infrastructure Service following consultation with board members and other relevant organisations. Details of the consultation timetable are contained in Appendix 1 of the report. As well as the Partnership itself, organisations who will be consulted include – Federation of Small Businesses, Lanarkshire Chamber of Commerce, Lanarkshire Area Tourism and, the Council's elected members.

The Board noted the content of the report and the discussion that positive initiatives i.e. new build housing projects, should be included within the document.

7. Economic update (7)

Unemployment – October 2012 Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claims fell by 891 to 11,600 which can be attributed mainly to the intake of college, university and training placements at this time of the year. However, youth unemployment remains significant with 3,560 under 25 years claiming JSA, the second highest in Scotland

Youth Investment Programme - Launched in February 2012, the programme has secured employment for 639 unemployed residents. This includes 545 through the private sector wage subsidy element of the programme and 94 young people commencing Modern Apprentice/Vocational Trainee positions within the Council.

The Board noted the content of the report

8. Preparation of NLP Community Plan/SOA 2013/2014 – 2017/2018

The May 2012 meeting of the board approved the themes for the new Community Plan/SOA i.e. Health & Wellbeing, Lifelong Learning, Regeneration, Community Safety and, Developing the Partnership.

Indicators, local outcomes and strategic priorities have been compiled for each of the themes with targets and thresholds progressed for 2013-2014. Cross-cutting themes relating to Children and Young People, Public Protection and Welfare Reform are being drafted and will be included in the final document. A consultation exercise was undertaken during October and early November with relevant partners, stakeholders and the voluntary sector network to ensure that all comments are considered and analysed and included where appropriate, in the document. Discussions are underway for comments to be discussed with the Chair of each of the themed partnership groups. A final version of the document will be made available for consideration at the Board meeting in January 2013, with the finalised document being launched in April 2013.

New guidance on Single Outcome Agreements is awaited from the Scottish Government and this will be circulated to the Partnership.

The Board noted the content of the report and the proposed timescales.

9. Third Sector update

During September and October, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire carried out its annual cycle of Voluntary Sector Locality Network events for volunteers and voluntary organisations to share key information on behalf of the Voluntary Sector Partnership Group. The Board report highlighted the area, venue and number of attendees at each event. Some items on each detailed agenda included –

- Funding applications for voluntary sector organisations
- Reshaping Care for Older People Change Plan
- NHS Lanarkshire's Community Clinics
- Motherwell & Wishaw CAB

Voluntary Sector Strategy – this is being reviewed and a draft will be considered at the Voluntary Sector Conference in March 2013.

Commonwealth Games 2014 - the Partnership heard that Zone Cards will be made available for *Glasgow* based volunteers during the Games. The Chair stated he would attempt to gain further information with a view to Lanarkshire volunteers receiving reimbursement for travel expenses.

Action: *Jim McCabe to look into this matter and advise Board members at next meeting.*

The Board noted the content of the report

10. Financial Outlook

A consultation programme has been ongoing to raise awareness of the Council's savings options and future strategic priorities. Consultation events took place during October with presentations on possible savings options being delivered to Local Area Partnerships, Community Forums, Community Councils and voluntary organisations.

The Council requires to make savings estimated at £73.3m over the next 3 financial years although its package of options totals £105.7m. The consultation process expired on 9 November and feedback from this is being analysed. A report will be submitted to the Council for consideration in the coming weeks.

11. Budget Statement

Noted as at Period 7 (12 October). Unallocated resources of £16,297.

12. Commonwealth Games 2014

The meeting heard that Paul Jukes, Executive Director of Environmental Services, is leading on the arrangements for the Games within Lanarkshire. Events scheduled to take place in North and South Lanarkshire are the Road Race event which starts at Glasgow Green and finishes in North Lanarkshire via Stepps/Chryston/Auchinloch. The first event of the Games will be the male and female Triathlon. It is expected that the volunteers who were involved in the 2011 International Children's Games may be involved in the Commonwealth Games and their details have been passed to the organisers who will make contact.

13. Date of next meeting – 30 January 2013 – 9.30am, Civic Centre, Motherwell