

To: COATBRIDGE 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 Coatbridge Local Area Team 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 (LATs) 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 LATs
- Support the delivery of partnership- priority actions locally

Quarterly monitoring reports are produced and updates are reported to NLP Board and LAPs every six months.

3. 2012/13 Updates

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

- A series of engagement sessions have been held on Saturdays' at Cliftonville and Shawhead flats to engage with local residents and raise awareness of and access to services.
- The Local Development Programme for the area is on track and within budget and is being delivered through consultation with local Tenants and Residents, linked to Tenant Led Inspections
- Local stakeholder and community groups have been engaged to review projects operating under phase 2 of the Monklands Canal Framework and to assist with the collation of ideas for phase 3.
- A Community Engagement event was delivered in Sikeside/Greenend area based on the Imagine concept.
- A range of interventions have been implemented to assist with reducing Anti – Social Behavior in Coatbridge, including the installation of a drugs litter bin in the Town Centre and the use of directed patrols in hotspot areas and at identified licensed premises at key times.
- The 'Wasteland' DVD has been produced with involvement of Young People from Kirkshaws and Glenboig. The DVD focuses on key issues facing Young People relating to alcohol and mental health. Supporting resources are also being developed.

- During the final quarter of 12/13 124 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out with 51 of the participants considered high risk and 45 medium risk. The visits were targeted following incidents, through improved partnership working with social work and addictions teams to identify most vulnerable clients.

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 Airdrie and Villages Community Forum 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 include

- Implementation of partnership actions to assist with casualty reduction, including distribution of an email alert to partners and input to Social Work Staff regarding Home Fire Safety visits, a publicity event to raise awareness of influencing driver behaviour and the impact of speeding and agreement that Roads Colleagues will now bring accident reports to the LAT for collective partnership actions to be agreed.
- Targeted approach in Shawhead, including the delivery of the Shawhead alcohol strategy, review and development of a sustainability plan for the work of Liber8 and work with key agencies to develop and pilot and a locally focussed approach to delivering the Youth Investment Programme and increase use of North Lanarkshire's Working Jobs Portal

- Targeted approach to reducing the effect of alcohol and substance misuse through the delivery of diversionary youth activity (ie, The Street, Friday Night Project and Move the Goalposts) and implementing partnership actions from the Best Bar None initiative (Town Centre Survey and accessing funding for training)
- Development of a Tenancy project for under 25's aimed at sustaining tenancy's beyond 12 months for this age group.
- Working with the local Community Forum to deliver engagement activity to inform future development of the LAT Action Plan. Activities will include a survey at the Hawaiian Beach Part, improving links with the Youth Forum and a communication strategy.
- Identifying opportunities to develop a partnership approach to parenting interventions for dealing with challenging teenage behaviour

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

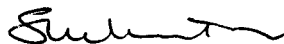
6. Reporting

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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