

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 15 th January 2015	Ref: MC	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on key local Community Planning developments identified within the Bellshill Local Area Team (LAT) Action Plan for the period April – September 2014. As part of the Local Area Team Action Plan monitoring process it was agreed that progress would be reported on a six monthly basis.

2. Background

The six Local Area Team Action Plans were developed to

- Translate strategic priorities (Single Outcome Agreement/Community Plan) to local action that impacts on communities
- Provide a focus and reporting tool for Local Area Teams (LATs)
- Support the delivery of priority partnership actions locally

Partner organisations play a key role in ensuring that plans

- Demonstrate added value
- Reflect joint partnership priorities and do not mirror core service plans
- Are regularly reported on through the agreed monitoring and reporting process

2.1 Key Updates for April-September 2014

Partners have worked with community representatives to develop and deliver actions linked to key priorities for Bellshill. Updates arise from a regular monitoring process whereby the Area Teams are asked for six monthly progress reports against the actions. The Action Plan provides the agenda for the Local Area Team Meetings and progress is discussed on a bi-monthly basis. A summary report of key updates for the six localities is produced for the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board on a six monthly basis. Some of the key achievements for the period include:

- A range of developments demonstrating improved partnership working in relation to fire safety issues include improved input to schools, a community safety calendar and re-design of elements of new tenants packs/handbooks to better reflect key messages.
- All privately owned properties used by the Council as temporary accommodation are now receiving Home Fire Safety Visits as are all new sheltered accommodation tenants and addresses where there has recently been a fire or where there is a pattern of fire.
- Fire awareness refresher training has been delivered with Locality Housing Management and dates are being agreed to deliver with person centred staff
- Focused work between North Lanarkshire Council and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service to progress a pilot for wheelie bin storage at Clyde Place
- Tenant led inspections are ongoing and the Local Regeneration Manager for the area regularly attends and plays a role in ensuring that identified issues are addressed. Housing Services monitor the progress of actions identified across the partnership. The Local Regeneration Manager will also link in to the Chairpersons group in relation to this and to ensure that there is sufficient input to the action plan.
- Funded through the Local Development Programme (LDP) Community Learning and Development (CLD) has been progressing a youth initiative targeted at fire safety 'hotspot' areas
- Funding has now been identified through the LDP to support additional security measures to address vandalism at the Viewpark Nursery Gardens
- To address congestion and road safety issues in affected areas, potential areas have been identified for off street parking. Following local consultation on this matter, proposals will be submitted to the LAP for approval.

Work has been underway to develop the process for ensuring community and third sector input to the development of the plans and throughout January/February 2015 the Local Area Teams will be reviewing the current action plans and identifying priorities for the 2015/16 plans

3. Corporate considerations

3.1 The Local Area Team Action Plans are widely discussed with Council and external partners at regular Local Area Team meetings.

4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership :

- (i) Note the contents of the report.

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Further information on the Action Plans and monitoring process can be obtained from the Local Regeneration Manager, Matt Costello (01698 302707)

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