

To: COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
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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 Coatbridge 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 Coatbridge. 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:

- The Parkour installation is now complete and well used by local young people. There was an initial increase in incidents attended by the police which have now been addressed and the park area is being included in a regular police patrol plan. Incidents have now reduced however, as a deterrent, deployable CCTV for the park area is being considered.
- Letters and stickers with the 20's Plenty Road safety message have been distributed for displaying on the side of wheelie bins in residential areas identified as 'hotspots' for speeding and road accidents. Elected Members and the Local Area Team identified specific streets that were perceived to be an area of speed and Restorative Justice assisted with the distribution of the stickers to these streets. The response from residents has been positive with additional stickers being requested in some areas.
- A Festive Safety Campaign was developed by Regeneration and Environmental Services, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services, NHS Lanarkshire and Town Centre Activities and will include partnership community safety packs which were distributed at the Coatbridge Christmas Light switch on. Robbery prevention kits for local businesses, a calendar including community safety messages and a Taxi Marshall pilot in the Town Centre are other projects which have been delivered through this campaign.
- A network of community tutors has been established to deliver healthy eating and cooking sessions in the community. Initial links have been made with Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre, Glenboig Neighbourhood House, The Safety Zone and Bargeddie and Shawhead Nurseries
- The annual Hawaiian Beach party was successfully organised and delivered within the Town Centre and used as an opportunity to engage with local people around issues of importance to them. Along with other community engagement activity, relevant findings from this event will be linked to the Local Area Team Action Plan.

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, Michele Battersby (01698) 302812

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