

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 2 nd April 2015	Ref: SL/MC	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Local Area Partnership on progress with Community Safety in the locality and the joint work carried out in the area by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group (CSSG) over the last period incorporating January- March 2015.

2. Background

2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact which the Local Area Team (LAT) and CSSG are making in the area.

3. Proposals/Considerations

3.1 Paragraph 4 provides a description of some of the activity reflecting positive outcomes in the area and Appendix 1 gives an up to date summary of the CSSG Action Plan that is regularly updated by partners using the online Sharepoint system

4. Promoting Positive Outcomes

4.1 The Anti Social Response Team continues to deal with an increasing number of complaints and are working pro-actively to address these. This approach is impacting positively on residents perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour.

4.2 All partners continue to work closely to achieve positive outcomes for service users. Meetings are ongoing between the new Area Inspector and Service Delivery Co-ordinator (Anti Social Behaviour) from Housing and Social Work Services to review the existing liaison arrangements and to consider ways of improving communication and information sharing. Regular partner site visits also take place to consider appropriate responses to issues raised.

4.3 Housing Advisors and Antisocial Response Officers continue to make direct referrals to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service when concerns are highlighted and there continues to be close liaison with regard to the Sheltered Housing Service and associated issues.

- 4.4 There have been two serious incidents of Anti Social Behaviour within the Tannochside Gas Flats. Joint working with partners has allowed the offenders to be identified and warnings have been issued.
- 4.5 An area of previous concern within the Jewel Scheme, Bellshill has been relatively quiet this quarter since the successful application to the court for an Interim Anti Social Behaviour Order.
- 4.6 The CSSG has been involved in working effectively in regard to drugs related activity. These actions have had a positive impact on the areas concerned.
- 4.7 A Tenant Led Inspection was carried out on 24 February, 2015 with the Dual (Jewel) Scheme Residents Association. Representatives from Housing Services, Lanarkshire Housing Association, Property Services, Police Scotland, and two residents were in attendance. Any concerns raised will be actively addressed by all relevant partners.
- 4.8 Tenant Led Inspections were carried out at Holm Gardens, Mossend and Central Park, New Stevenston Residents Association. Representatives from Housing Services, Police Scotland, Property Services and residents were in attendance. Concerns were raised regarding youths congregating within an area adjacent to the Central Park complex. Police Scotland noted this and confirmed that they would monitor the situation.
- 4.9 There has been an increase in complaints relating to Youth Disorder within the Holytown Electric Scheme and Sunnyside Areas. This information was recorded on the Sharepoint System and actions were agreed by partners.
- 4.10 The Friday Night Projects, in Birkenshaw and Holytown continue to attract large numbers of young people. The projects take place in areas identified as having the need for diversionary activities on a Friday evening. The initiative is open to all young people 9-21 years and uses a partnership approach to working with young people. Police Scotland made presentations to the project in relation to knife and weapon carrying.
- 4.11 The project funded through Local Development Programme (LDP) to address issues of wilful fire raising continues to progress well. This has resulted in groups attending a day at the Firereach project at Coatbridge Fire Station and groups found this experience very helpful and assisted them in the project they were undertaking. The project was officially launched on 13th March 2015.
In addition, the funding provided through the Local Development Programme has assisted in the provision of CCTV; skate park facility, additional car parking spaces and the production of a series of plays in Bellshill Academy and Cardinal Newman High Schools produced by Baldy Bane Theatre Company. These plays are aimed at tackling the issue of knife crime and have had a positive effect on the target S1-S3 audience. This is a pro-active use of LDP funding, positively impacting on community safety.
- 4.12 Initiative encouraging use of chains and padlocks on wheelie bins has had a positive effect with increased number of residents using these. This has also been highlighted through social media channels.

- 4.13 Police Scotland has been working closely with local primary schools and parents to discuss available inputs from police in relation to raising awareness of relevant issues within the schools and within Learning and Leisure Services of the Council, they have been delivering programmes in schools in relation to knife crime and concerns related to drug misuse. This has proved to be a popular approach to tackling these issues.
- 4.14 The joint initiative between Scottish Fire and Rescue, Police Scotland and Housing to reduce the impact of wheelie bin theft/ fires is ongoing and a full report will be provided at the year-end on the initial outcomes.
- 4.15 Over the last quarter there has been a slight increase in accidental fires however a reduction in fire related casualties. This positive reduction has contributed by the the high risk referrals being made to SFRS by Housing and Social Work, NHS Lanarkshire and the other community planning partners.
- 4.16 Fire Setter Intervention work has developed further with the referrals process including Effective and Early Intervention, Children's Panel, Reporter, Police Scotland and Social Work This supports the overall anti-social reduction agenda within North Lanarkshire.

5. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the Partnership's commitment to tackling community safety in all our localities.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note the content of this report.

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Local Area Partnership

Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
6/3/15	Clyde Drive Area – Ward 15	Issue of Fire Hazard at Bin Areas	Joint work undertaken through CSSG	Police Housing Regeneration Fire Service	Environmental Improvements to be carried out through LDP and situation monitored. Designs being drawn up for improvement works.
6/3/15	Viewpark Gardens – Ward 13	Issue with vandalism at site	Joint working undertaken through CSSG and funding allocated	Police Housing Regeneration Land Management	Area continues to be closely monitored by Police. New security measures have been installed including fencing.
6/3/15	New Brandon Park – Ward 14	Issue with anti social behaviour and vandalism in area	Joint work undertaken through CSSG. Additional patrols carried out by police.	Police Housing Regeneration Land Management	Increase in patrols has resulted in a reduction in complaints to partners. Housing and Police continue to monitor issues at this site.
6/3/15	West End Drive Bellshill	Road Safety and signage issues affecting residents	Joint funding agreed through Housing and Regeneration to address some issues	Housing Regeneration	New signage will be provided and additional car parking considered by LAP

6/3/15	Rosevale Cres Bellshill – Ward 15	Youths congregating in area. Alcohol related issues	Partners working together to address anti-social behaviour	Police Regeneration Housing	Housing dealing with issues and Police increasing patrols. This has resulted in reduction in complaints. Monitoring in this area is ongoing.
6/3/15	Leven Terrace Area	Issues of anti-social behaviour and alcohol related issues in area	Police have acted on several complaints received	Police Regeneration Housing	Addition high visibility resources deployed resulting in decrease in complaints received. This work is continuing in the area with positive results.
6/3/15	Former lock up area. Liberty Rd Ward 14	Issues of vandalism and fly tipping in area	Police advised and joint visits being arranged	Police Regeneration Housing	Joint site visit to take place to progress appropriate actions.