

To: NORTH AREA LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
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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 Community Safety Sub-groups 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 reports that the period to the end of January was relatively quiet with a total over the year of 1051 complaints being received. This includes the total of 59 in January, down from 73 in December 2014. Of all complaints 97% are being concluded within the agreed timescales.
- 4.2 Work continues with Police and the Anti-Social Response Team in proactively addressing a number of tenancies where there have been previous difficulties. In addition a range of "hot spots" has been identified for proactive and regular visits. The view of the Service and Police partners is that this approach has contributed to an ongoing reduction in anti-social incidents paralleling the recent crime statistics from police.
- 4.3 The ongoing supervision in partnership with the Police continues in a number of areas, and again matters are quiet although there has been some recent minor activity. Within Kilsyth a particular property, in private ownership, is being reviewed by Legal Services of the Council. Similarly a private property in Cumbernauld has been targeted in regard to ongoing youth disorder with an action plan from Social Work, Housing and Police. Action from all partners

continues in supporting a number of young individuals in their tenancies with a resultant success in reducing the level of reported problems.

- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Housing Advisors and Antisocial Response Officers continue to make direct referrals to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) when concerns are highlighted and there continues to be close liaison with regard to the Sheltered Housing Service.

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.

Over the last quarter there has been a slight increase in accidental fires however a reduction in fire related casualties. This positive reduction in part is contributed to the high risk referrals being made to SFRS by Housing and Social Work, NHS Lanarkshire and other community planning partners.

SFRS have given a commitment by to train 1,400 Home Support staff over the next eight months on Fire Hazard Awareness which will further support the Home Fire Safety referrals for those at most risk of harm from fire

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.

- 4.6 The Local Development Programme (LDP) has also funded a series of plays in St Maurice's (17 March), Chryston High (27 March) and Our Lady's (24 April) produced by Baldy Bane Theatre Company. These plays aimed at tackling the issue of knife crime have had a positive effect on the target S1-S3 audience. This is pro-active use of LDP funding, positively impacting on community safety. Police Scotland was also in attendance to provide additional practical information and advice.
- 4.7 Police Scotland have spoken with 1721 pupils from various schools in the area have been given inputs on CEOPS(Child Exploitation Online Protection Services) No Knives Better Lives, Alcohol, Drugs, Bullying and Stranger Danger. In addition They continue to support the youth planning group which will see a football (sports) programme being launched in April 2015 in Carbrain. Working with local coaches, all unemployed volunteers, in helping them obtain coaching badges from the SFA. This will lead to facilitating coaching sessions and in gaining experience hopefully employment. Plans are to make this a sustainable project which can also be adapted to meet the needs of the children who attend.

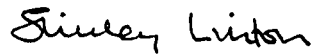
The initiative encouraging use of chains and padlocks on wheelie bins has had a positive effect with increased number of residents using these. This has also been highlighted through social media channels.

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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North Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
12.03.15	Tesco Craigmarloch Ward 2	Youths gathering and vandalism to numerous cars.	Increase Police Patrols. Discussion with TCA re Temp CCTV provision.	Regeneration Services Police Scotland Town Centre Activities Scottish Fire & Rescue	Reduction in incidents Increased engagement and contact with young people
23.02.15	Market Street & Market Square Kilsyth Ward 1	Youth disorder and vandalism	Increase Police Patrols. Discussion with TCA Re CCTV	Environmental Services Police Scotland Town Centre Activities	Reduction in incidents Community better aware of dangers.
01.03.15	Torbrex Road, and Tarbolton Road Ward 3	Youth disorder	Increase Police Patrols. Discussion with TCA re Temp CCTV provision.	Police Scotland Environmental Services (Trading Standards).	Increased engagement and contact with young people.
	Burngreen, Kilsyth Ward 1.	Drug Activity	Increase Police Patrols. Local community engagement Discussion with TCA	Police Scotland Regeneration Services	Reduction in incidents Community better aware of dangers.