

To: COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS – YEAR END UPDATE	
From: HEAD OF PLANNING AND REGENERATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a year-end progress update for the 2014/15 Coatbridge Local Area Team Action Plan.

2. Background

The 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.

Six monthly monitoring reports are produced and updates are reported to NLP Board and LAP's every six months.

3. 2014/15 Year End 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:

- **Young People;** Following from the Commonwealth Games Summer Programme, personal outcome planning focussing on participation in sport, has continued with those involved. This has resulted in better co-ordination of access NL memberships for the target group, confidence building activity and supporting families to purchase equipment needed for sporting activity. Deployable CCTV cameras are being installed at the Parkour facility through the Local Development Programme to improve community safety and allow safe use of the facility.
- **Road safety;** Following the '20's plenty' wheelie bin sticker initiative and public meetings, further road safety work has taken place at Kirkshaws Road including a road survey and further consultation resulting in the installation of a Puffin Crossing.
- **Food Poverty;** There has been Local Area team agreement for an improved process for crisis food interventions which will go live early in 2015/16. Practical cooking and healthy eating services have been delivered in Kirkshaws Neighbourhood house, Glenboig and Shawhead Nurseries and through the 'First Steps' programme and pre 5 parents and carers groups.
- **Mental Health;** A range of mental health interventions took place with Young People in the Glenboig Neighbourhood Centre including an input from crime enforcement agencies and in relation to drugs education. The Youth Team have identified mental health as a priority in their action plan for 2015/16 and this is evident throughout the plan.

- **Baldy Bane Theatre Company;** Building on partnership involvement in the No Knives Better Lives programme and continued concern over the issue of knife crime, the Community Safety Sub Groups of the Local Area Teams commissioned the Baldy Bane Theatre Company to deliver a play and workshop sessions aimed at raising awareness of the consequences of carrying a knife and the peer pressure involved. The play was delivered to over 1000 S2 and S3 pupils in almost every high school in North Lanarkshire. Feedback was very positive and investment in delivering the project was deemed as being very worthwhile.
- **Seasonal Safety Campaign;** As part of the festive safety and the 'Play Safe home Safe' campaigns, safety packs were distributed to 16 to 24 year olds and in parallel there was an increase in the number of visitors accessing advice on the 'Play Safe, Home Safe' website. Robbery prevention packs were delivered to premises and during the festive period community safety packs were distributed through the town centre Christmas light switch on events. The Taxi Marshall Initiative contributed positively to reducing fear of crime and anti social behaviour and resulted in a reduction in serious crime across North Lanarkshire. Further information specific to each area can be accessed through the Local Regeneration Managers.

4. 2015/16 Action Plan priorities

Following agreement at the Local Area Partnership in April key priorities and actions for the 2015/16 LAT Action include:

- Actions to impact on health and social inequalities in areas of deprivation including Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance abuse and key health initiatives.
- Develop a multi-agency action plan to tackle Domestic Abuse, including identification of locality areas affected; co-ordination of an Assist/Marac/3rd Party reporting briefing session for Community Planning staff; peer education model with Young People and promotion of 16 days of action to raise the profile of Domestic Abuse.
- Promote road safety campaign for older pedestrians through delivery of the theatre production "Better late than dead on time".
- Improved LAT communication strategy focussed on key partnership messages and sharing of information.
- Improving community safety particularly in relation to casualty reduction and seasonal safety campaigns.
- Work with the CLD partnership to develop a process for evidencing links and connectivity between the LAT Action Plan and the CLD Plan.
- Continue to review the LAT Action Plan and process for ensuring that actions are representative through improved community engagement and third sector processes and joint training and information sharing opportunities.
- Environmental and physical improvements in areas of identified need, including access at Old Monkland Cemetery, Shawhead Flats and Summerlee Street.

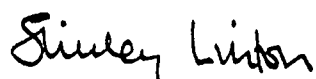
5. Reporting

A monitoring and reporting process for the LAT Action Plans was established last year and will continue to include:

- Six monthly updates from Local Area Teams.
- Six 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.

6. Recommendations

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



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