

To: COATBRIDGE 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 Coatbridge 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 April – June 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 Housing Services and Police Scotland undertake weekly visits to party houses to pre-empt unacceptable behaviour at weekends. Known offenders have been targeted to gently remind them of their past misdemeanours and not to repeat their behaviour. This has been an extremely effective preventative tool in reducing disturbance calls in resulting in 70 % drop in re-offending by individuals visited in Coatbridge.

4.2 As part of our initiative to break the cycle of anti-social behaviour, Housing Services in conjunction with partners within the Fire Service have been taking the message of how anti-social behaviour affects the quality of life for all. A local theatre group “Kickstart” to dramatise the effects of anti-social behaviour have visited schools to talk directly to students. The most recent of these visits was to pupils at Portland School.

4.3 Funded through Regeneration Services, Baldy Bane Theatre Company undertook performances and a series of workshops after the show to reinforce the No Knives Better Lives message within Local High Schools. This was supported by Community Learning & Development and the Police.

- 4.4 A pilot to transform the Youth Offender Group is currently ongoing and officers from the Police, NHS Lanarkshire, Social Work and Education are working to improve services to break the cycle of offending behaviour.
- 4.5 Regular liaison meetings are held in Coatbridge Housing Office to share information and intelligence and plan necessary action with particular repeat offenders.
- 4.6 Noise Action Week was promoted between 19-21 May 2015 within Witchwood, Highcoats and Merryston Courts. This was a joint venture between Housing Services and Environmental Services to bring awareness to tenants regarding the generation of noise within their homes.
- 4.7 A national 'Week of Action' has taken place from 19th to 26th June 2015. The focus of the initiative is engagement with older persons due to the fact that two thirds of the fire fatalities are over 60 years of age. Four of North Lanarkshire's fire fatalities have been in this age group. Further work on this topic is included in the Coatbridge Local Area Team Action Plans.
- 4.8 SFRS has commitment 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. Staff will be identified via LAT members.
- 4.9 Partnership work to improve wellbeing of sheltered housing residents is underway between SFRS and Merryston. This work includes specialist training being provided to the Response Advisors by trainers from SFRS Control Centre in Johnstone. It is anticipated there will be a reduction in false alarm actuations and 'blue light' journeys to attend these incidents.
- 4.10 A new road safety initiative 'Biker Down' which is a free three hour course covering accident scene management, first aid for motorcyclists and the science of being seen. To date there have been three sessions delivered by fire fighters from Cumbernauld station and the programme is delivered out of Motherwell Fire Station and will be rolled out across Scotland following the programme's official launch in July 2015.

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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Coatbridge Community Safety Sub Group Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
May – June 2015	Luggieburn Walk Ward 9	Large groups of young people using the spare ground at the rear of Luggieburn Walk for drinking and taking drugs	Action Plan devised for priority patrols to be carried out in the area. Engagement with young people undertaken via Community Learning & Development. Parent Alert letters distributed to those involved. Meeting with local residents and boxing club manager to be arranged.	Police Scotland Regeneration and Environmental Services Community Learning & Development	There has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour as groups have moved from the area. However, there has been escalation in other areas as a result of this displacement.
May – June 2015	Old Monkland, Dundyvan, Hozier Street, Souterhouse Park/Croy road area.	Large group of young people have been the subject of ASB reports from elected members and residents	Action Plan devised for priority patrols to be carried out in the area. Parent Alert letters distributed to those involved.	Police Scotland Community Learning & Development	Reduction in anti-social behaviour.
May 2015	Lismore Drive	Complaints received regarding the spare/waste ground area at Lismore Drive	Area photographed Engagement with Restorative Justice. Environmental improvements agreed.	Police Scotland Restorative Justice (H&SW)	Physical tidy up of the area Improvement in appearance Access to area within closed off.
May – June 2015	Kirkwood Ward 9	Increase in youth disorder And anti-social behaviour Around Kirkwood Sports Barn	Proactive Police Patrols Contact with NL Leisure To repair damaged Lighting	Police Scotland Regeneration Services	Reduced anti- social behaviour No youths present on the allocated street

			Engagement with local Youths.		work nights.
April – June 2015	Ward 6, 9 & 10	Anti-social behaviour	Persistent offenders identified within each ward area. Proactive visits Anti-Social Night Team and Police Scotland.	Housing & Social Work Police Scotland	Reduction of antisocial behaviour by persistent offenders.
March – June 2015	Ward 9	Anti Social issues to the rear of Old Monkland Community Centre	High visibility patrols And robust policing. Physical improvements to the Community Centre. Outreach workers operating in the area	Police Scotland Regeneration Services Culture NL Fire Scotland Community Learning and Development	Physical barriers installed to prevent gathering under the walk way Additional lighting installed. Reduction in calls. The physical structure of the ramp access to Old Monkland Library will continue to be an issue due to the open nature of this layout.