

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 April - June 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 In terms of the Antisocial Behaviour Team figures for April and May have remained very similar with 117, and 123 complaints received respectively. Of those, 96% have been concluded within target timescales. Although this indicates a slight increase from average figures for previous months at around 80 per month, this is partly attributable to the continuing increase in the profile of the Service and increased activity outside, due to longer days and improved weather.

4.2 Work continues with Police and the Antisocial Response Team in proactively addressing a number of tenancies where there have been previous difficulties. Two areas have been the particular focus of joint visits and interviews concerning neighbour complaints and a wider community concern. In addition a range of "hot spots" has been identified for proactive and regular visits in Kilsyth and Cumbernauld. The view of the Service and Police Scotland is that this approach continues to improve both the level of antisocial activity reported to partners and maximise the effectiveness in stopping and preventing this behaviour.

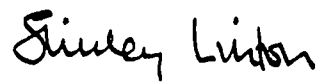
- 4.3 Police and Housing representatives have attended a number of Community Councils to discuss new housing development in the areas and consider the potential impacts, concerns and benefits with residents and the Community Councils.
- 4.4 The joint initiative between Scottish Fire and Rescue (SFRS) 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.
- 4.5 Road Safety Week event held in Cumbernauld on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015, SFRS, NLC Road Safety Officers and Police held an information day which was well supported by local residents and visitors to the town centre.
- 4.6 Sadly there was a fire related fatality in Ward 2 – Cumbernauld North in June 2015 and part of the outcome has been the commitment by SFRS to train 1,400 NLC 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.
- 4.7 In 2015 to date there have been 30 fire deaths in Scotland, of these 5 have been in North Lanarkshire. A national 'Week of Action' has taken place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 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. The Week of Action was supported by CPP agencies to ensure the high risk referrals were achieved.
- 4.8 Partnership work to improve the wellbeing of sheltered housing residents is underway between SFRS and Merrystone. This work includes specialist training being provided to the Response Advisors by trainers from SFRS Control Centre in Johnstone. It is anticipated that through this partnership there will be a reduction in false alarm actuations and the resulting 'blue light' journeys to attend these incidents.
- 4.9 A Joint initiative with NHS Lanarkshire promoting health within the Carbrain area over a 15 week period a small football pitch was brought into the area each Friday night between 7-9pm and was open to children aged 8-14years. This was to encourage young people to engage with the local services and promote health and wellbeing in the area. From 1st July another project will commence in the same area on Wednesday evenings and is open to 9-21 year olds.
- 4.10 Millcroft Community Residents Group is newly established with the assistance of Police, NHS and Sanctuary Housing Association and involves members of the local community who want to make a difference to the area.
- 4.11 Police Scotland has been in attendance at Gala days and Kilsyth Civic Week along with partner agencies. These events have been well attended and officers were able to bring along spare hats for children to try on and had the opportunity to have their fingerprints taken. Furthermore they continue to visits schools in the local area delivering safety presentations, and recently organised a drawing competition with the winners each receiving a tour of Cumbernauld Police Office amongst other prizes.

## **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

### North Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
29.6.15	Tesco Craigmarloch Ward 2	Youths continuing to gather in this area.	Police have introduced weekend patrols and temporary CCTV has been installed.	Regeneration and Environmental Services Police Scotland Town Centre Activities Scottish Fire & Rescue	Reduction in incidents  Increased engagement and contact with young people
29.6.15	Market Street & Market Square Kilsyth Ward 1	Youth disorder and vandalism	Increase Police Patrols.  Discussion with Town Centre Activities (TCA) regarding use of CCTV	Regeneration and Environmental Services Police Scotland Town Centre Activities	Reduction in incidents  Community better aware of dangers.
29.6.15	Torbrex Road, and Tarbolton Road Ward 3	Youth disorder	Increase Police Patrols.  Discussion with TCA regarding temporary CCTV provision.	Police Scotland Regeneration and Environmental Services (Trading Standards).	Increased engagement and contact with young people.
29.6.15	Burngreen, Kilsyth Ward 1.	Drug Activity	Increase Police Patrols. Local community engagement Discussion with TCA	Police Scotland Regeneration and Environmental Services	Reduction in incidents  Community better aware of dangers.