

To: BELLSHILL 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 Bellshill 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 Bellshill. Some of the key achievements for the year include

- **Fire Safety;** A Firereach programme is being progressed with Community Learning and Development and short term interventions to address willful fire rising. Impact is being monitored following successful launch. Amendments have been made to the tenant handbooks to better reflect fire safety advice and joint input to schools relating to fire safety has now been established. Other developments in this area throughout the year have included improved referral system between social work and fire for vulnerable people, joint fire safety visits to privately owned properties used by the council as temporary accommodation and a process to ensure input to new sheltered housing residents.
- **Estate Management;** The Local Regeneration Manager for the area continues to attend Tenant Led Inspections and the in order that the LAT can develop service improvement actions where issues are identified. New CCTV and fencing, funded through the Local Development Programme (LDP) have been installed at Viewpark Nursery Gardens to impact on vandalism and antisocial behavior at the site. Additional parking bays have been provided in wards 13 and 14.
- **Smoking;** Raising awareness of and impacting on the effects of smoking continues to be a priority for the Local Area Team and work is ongoing to continue to find new ways of doing this through promotion of available services and sharing of key messages with community groups, school and nurseries.

- **Town Centre Action Plan;** Consultation on the Bellshill Town Centre Framework is now complete and will be available for further information on the council's website. The framework will link to the Local area Team Action Plan and both plans will inform the priorities of the other.
- **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.
- **Flame Out Project;** the project to tackle wheelie bin thefts and fires was successfully launched earlier this year and has had a very positive effect on this important issue affecting communities. There are indications that the peer led project has resulted in a reduction in thefts, increased awareness amongst target groups and financial savings to NLC and partners. The project has been submitted as an example of good practice in the NLC Corporate Awards 2015

4. 2015/16 Action Plan priorities

Following agreement at the Local Area Partnership meeting in April key priorities include

- Development of a focussed approach to further improve partnership working for the benefit of identified priority areas of Viewpark and Orbiston.
- Implementing a casualty reduction plan aimed at reducing dwelling fires, deliberate fire raising and unwanted fire alarm signals
- Partnership initiatives to address and improve the sharing of key health messages
- Identify key priority areas for the LAT from Town Centre Framework/Action 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
- Deliver key community Safety priorities identified through the CSSG and Sharepoint

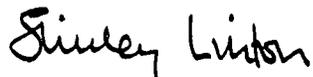
5. Reporting

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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