

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 6 th August 2015	Ref: SL/MC	

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 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 The Anti Social Response Team continues to deal with an increasing number of complaints and are working pro-actively to address these. This approach is having a positive impact on local perceptions of antisocial behaviour.

4.2 All partners continue to work closely to achieve positive outcomes for service users. Meetings are ongoing between the 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. The Local Regeneration Manager has also met with the Area Inspector to agree priorities and ensure effective use of resources. Regular partner site visits also take place to consider appropriate responses to issues raised. These meeting are also used to review the existing liaison arrangements and to consider ways of improving communication and information sharing.

- 4.3 Regular liaison is ongoing with Tenants and Residents groups to ensure that the important views of the communities are part of the solution for addressing the issues experienced.
- 4.4 The antisocial and fly tipping problems at the former garage area at Liberty Rd have been addressed through partnership working. The site has been cleared and the Local Regeneration Manager is in discussion with Housing in relation to longer term solutions for the site in conjunction with the local community.
- 4.5 The CSSG has been involved in working effectively in regard to drugs related activity. These actions have had a positive impact on the areas concerned. Furthermore, they have contributed positively to a number of antisocial behaviour cases across all three wards. This joint working is leading to cases being dealt with more effectively and increasing local confidence.
- 4.6 An initiative encouraging the 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 which have helped with the increased uptake locally of this equipment. In addition the Flame Out Project which was launched successfully in March is having a positive effect on the number of wheelie bin thefts which are showing a marked reduction. This is resulting in safer communities and financial savings for all partners. The project has been put forward for a corporate award.
- 4.7 Work to secure the entrances at the underpass under the A725 has been completed near the Old Mine Nature Park, Viewpark. This issue identified by the CSSG, consisted of antisocial issues and wilful fire raising problems. These problems should no longer be a cause for concern as a result of these works being carried out. Furthermore a successful Day of Action was held in this area the in Old Mine Nature Park, Viewpark. This was the result of joint working between Police Scotland, Forestry Commission and the local community. This led to the area being tidied up and enhanced levels of community involvement in the area.
- 4.8 Tenant Led Inspections were carried out at with community groups across the area during the reporting period which involved representatives from many of the partners. Various actions were noted and acted upon accordingly.
- 4.9 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 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. The Week of Action was supported by Community Planning partners to ensure the high risk referrals were achieved. Strategic and Operational Groups have also been set up between partners and Scottish Fire and Rescue Services to improve service delivery to those most vulnerable members of our communities.
- 4.10 Partnership work to improve the wellbeing of our 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.


- 4.11 There is 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. There have been three sessions delivered by fire fighters from Cumbernauld Fire Station. The sessions are currently being delivered out of Motherwell Fire Station and will be rolled out across Scotland following the programme's official launch in July 2015. Future plans are to involve Scottish Ambulance Service and Traffic Police in delivering aspects of the course.
- 4.12 Street Soccer NL and the Friday Night projects continue to provide positive opportunities for young people and these projects are contributing to a reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour in the area

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

Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
23/6/15	Ward 13 – Gas Flats Area	Antisocial behaviour	Joint working has allowed the offenders to be identified and warnings have been issued.	Police Housing and Social Work Services	Positive joint working has led to issues being addressed and has increased confidence locally
23/6/15	Viewpark Gardens – Ward 13	Issue with vandalism at site	Joint working undertaken through CSSG and funding allocated	Police Housing and Social Work Services Regeneration and Environmental Services Land Management	New security measures have been installed including fencing. These have had a positive effect on the issues in the area
23/6/15	New Brandon Park – Ward 14	Issue with anti social behaviour and vandalism in area	Joint work undertaken through CSSG. Additional patrols carried out by police.	Police Housing and Social Work Services Regeneration and Environmental Services Land Management	Ongoing monitoring of problems in the area. Partners report a continuing reduction in calls for the area.
23/6/15	Rosevale Cres Bellshill – Ward 15	Youths congregating in area. Alcohol related issues	Partners working together to address antisocial behaviour	Police Regeneration and Environmental Services Housing and Social	Housing dealing with issues and Police increasing patrols. This has resulted in reduction in complaints. Monitoring in

				Work Services	this area is ongoing.
23/6/15	Ward 14 - Former lock up area. Liberty Rd	Issues of vandalism and fly tipping in area	Police advised and joint visits being arranged	Police Regeneration and Environmental Services Housing and Social Work Services	Joint site visit to take place to progress appropriate actions.
23/6/15	Ward 14 Jewel Scheme	Ongoing issues with local feuds in area	All partners working together to identify and address issues as necessary	All partners	Joint working taking place in local area to address issues and raise public awareness of procedures to report concerns