

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 8 <sup>th</sup> October 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 July - September 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 particularly in relation to joint working with Police Scotland.

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 continues to liaise with all partners to agree priorities and ensure effective use of resources. This liaison also focusses on the effectiveness of information sharing and communication.

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 Partnership working is ongoing in the Gas Flats area of Viewpark and high profile action days were scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

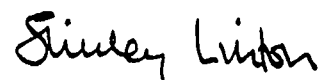
- 4.5 Successful work has been continuing in the Fallside Nature Park in Viewpark. Police, Forestry Commission and Land Management have effectively tackled antisocial behaviour in the area.
- 4.6 The Flame Out Project which was launched successfully in March is having a positive effect on the number of wheelie bin thefts which are showing a marked reduction. This is resulting in safer communities and financial savings for all partners. The project was shortlisted for a Corporate Award. This project was also successful in winning the Youth Section Award in the Community Learning Partnership Awards.
- 4.7 Partners including Police Scotland and Trading Standards have been involved in two events in Tesco, Bellshill, Scotmid, Viewpark and Tesco, Carfin regarding the dangers of "cybercrime" on 28/29<sup>th</sup> September.
- 4.8 Tenant led Inspections were carried out 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 As of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 there has been a direct link between SFRS Johnstone Control and TCA CCTV Control Room, via a pager system. This is the first link of its kind in Scotland and it is anticipated that the number of positive identifications of firesetters will increase over the coming months. Where individuals are identified interventions will be put in place as well as criminal charges being made where required.
- 4.10 Approximately 60 NLC Housing staff have received Fire Safety Hazard Awareness training; this partnership will allow Housing staff to refer high fire risk individuals to the SFRS who will carry out Home Fire Safety Visits with the aim of reducing the fire risk.
- 4.11 In the first 5 months of this and the previous reporting period the SFRS has received a total of 262 high risk referrals from the CPP partners within North Lanarkshire, the largest numbers of referrals being from Housing and Social Work. This is a testimony to the ongoing positive locality partnership work taking place.
- 4.12 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. This initiative is being supported by the Local Development Programme.
- 4.13 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 antisocial behaviour in the area.
- 4.14 All partners have access to the Sharepoint system which is proving a valuable resource for information sharing and efficient and effective deployment of resources.

## **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
23/9/15	Ward 13 – Gas Flats Area	Antisocial behaviour	Joint working including specific joint action days have had a positive impact on issues in the area.	Police Housing and Social Work Services	Positive, higher profile, joint working has led to issues being addressed and has increased confidence locally
23/9/15	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.
23/9/15	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 Work Services	Joint working had had a positive impact on behaviour in the area
23/9/15	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	New fencing to be installed to address concerns. Area has been tidied and problems reduced

23/9/15	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
23/9/15	A725 and Boggs Brae	Youths congregating in underpass, issues involving alcohol and fire raising	Underpass sealed off permanently	Regeneration Police Scotland Learning and Leisure SFR	This work had led to a vast reduction in complaints from this area
23/9/15	Sunnyside Terrace Holytown – Ward 15	Vandalism and youth disorder	Joint working to address issues of concern	Regeneration Police Scotland Housing Services	Joint working has resulted in a reduction in the level of complaints
23/9/15	Leven Terrace – Ward 15	Youth anti-social behaviour in area	Joint working to address issues of concern	Regeneration Police Scotland Housing Services CL &D	Joint working has resulted in a reduction in the level of complaints