

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

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 July – September 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.

4. Promoting Positive Outcomes

4.1 The SFRS are working closely with the Early Years Collaborative team to improve the wellbeing and safety of young people and their families in the North Corridor. Fire officers based at Cumbernauld Community Fire Station have received Solihull training which will assist them greatly in their ability to engage and support more vulnerable families in partnership with the other agencies involved.

4.2 SFRS is now working in partnership with 5 of the 7 GP practices within the North locality. This involves the GPs and Practice Nurses referring at risk patients to the SFRS for free Home Fire Safety Visits.

4.3 As of 2nd 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 fire setters 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.

- 4.4 Approximately 60 NLC Housing staff has 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.
- 4.5 In the first 5 months of the 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.
- 4.6 Figures for the last 3 months are consistent with the level of complaints received this year.
- 4.7 Work continues with Police Locality Services in the North and the Anti-Social Response Team in proactively addressing a number of tenancies where there have been previous difficulties. The 2 areas previously highlighted show a reduction in activity but remain under scrutiny. Action from NHS Lanarkshire, Police Scotland and Housing and Social Work continues in relation to a particular tenancy in the Cumbernauld area. In addition, a range of "hot spots" has been identified for proactive and regular visits in Kilsyth and Cumbernauld. Recent weekend visits over the last month have reported minimal activity at these locations. The view of the Service and Police partners is that this approach continues to improve both the level of anti-social activity reported to partners and maximise the effectiveness in stopping and preventing this behaviour.
- 4.8 The on-going supervision in partnership with the Police continues in a number of areas, and again matters are quiet although there has been some recent minor activity in several locations. Within Kilsyth a further breach of an interim ASBO occurred with court action following but activity from Housing, Social Work and Police Scotland has reduced concerns here with a number of individuals no longer attending the locus. There has been a degree of community concern in the area over wider social issues evidenced in petitions from residents which have been addressed by a number of meetings and general discussions.
- 4.9 A future joint forum is being organised by Housing which will outline a range of services across all agencies, from Police Scotland, Social Work and Health available to housing applicants to ensure they are able to enjoy their tenancy and integrate with the wider local community. This is scheduled for November this year.
- 4.10 Over the last 3 months there have been a number of partnership projects ongoing which include engagement with local schools. In this light, over 900 pupils from Our Lady's High School attended a presentation on 'No Knives Better Lives'. This presentation aims to discourage young people from carrying knives and informs them of the consequences of being caught by police.
- 4.11 The school theme continues with a number of inputs across the area in CEOPS (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) to highlight the dangers when online and how to keep themselves safe online.
- 4.12 Partnership engagement continues with the private sector with Hate Crime events being held in B&Q and Tesco with both staff and customers alike. It is hoped that these events will raise the awareness of Hate Crime and encourage people to report any such incident to the police or a Third Party reporting.

4.13 In order to assist social workers in broadening their knowledge on issues youths face, plans are in place, over the next few months, to carry out a series of events to better inform staff of issues such as CEOPS, No Knives Better Lives, WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) and updates on NPS (Legal highs).

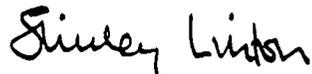
4.14 School inputs on CEOPS and NKBL have been carried out over the last few months since they returned. Up and coming work is on tobacco which will be carried out to all first years in the area along with our partners and this will be continue until the awareness event in March 2016.

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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22nd October 2015

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