

To: COATBRIDGE 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 Coatbridge 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 September – November 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 Positive partnership working resulted in zero firefighter attacks over the traditional bonfire period which is a 100% reduction on previous years. This is attributed to the proactive engagement programme which included Police Scotland, Trading Standards, Education, Housing, Community Regeneration and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

4.2 Wheelie bin theft and fire reduction strategy - Coatbridge Locality has funded the purchase of 100 chains and padlocks; Scottish Fire & Rescue Service has funded the wheelie bin fire reduction safety leaflets, bin stickers and bags. These sets are being issued to residents in areas where there are concerns in relation to the theft or fire setting of wheelie bins. The initiative has had positive impacts since November 2014 when it was introduced. SFRS, Community Regeneration, Police Scotland and NLC Housing are working in partnership to distribute as appropriate.

4.3 In the first 8 months of the reporting period, the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service has received a total of 477 high risk referrals from the Community Planning 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.

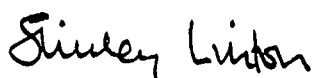
- 4.4 Police Scotland and NLC Anti-Social Team have continued to carry out weekend joint visits to NLC tenants. Persistent offenders are visited at peak times in the early evening and issues are prevented before getting out of hand. The collaboration has seen a decrease in repeat calls to the properties and tenants visited.
- 4.5 Street Soccer NL has had another successful season with police drop-ins breaking down barriers and showing a united front with NHS Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire Council, North Lanarkshire Leisure and Scottish Fire and Rescue. The programme is contributing to a reduction in antisocial behaviour in the Kirkwood area.
- 4.6 Housing Services, as part of the new antisocial response service, are striving to break the cycle of antisocial behaviour in the locality. The Housing Service has dealt with 52 referrals for mediation so far this year. The difficulty is getting both parties either to agree to meet or to mutually agree a solution at the meeting. However, where parties have met, nearly 30% have reported improved situations.
- 4.7 Housing Services continues to work with partners such as Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, local schools and Police Scotland to advice individuals and groups while setting out to prevent future problems. The joint initiative with Police Scotland continues which involves out of hours visits to individual residents previously involved in anti-social behaviour. This demonstrates that 57% of those visited are not re-offending.
- 4.8 The Children's Panel has approached the Housing and Social Work Service to speak to new panel members.
- 4.9 Work continues with Kickstart Theatre who stage community safety plays for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year pupils.
- 4.10 Best Bar None - 20 local licensed premises have taken part in this year's BBN within Coatbridge and Airdrie. Premises were advised of the standard achieved through this process at the presentation night which took place on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in The Georgian Hotel, Coatbridge.

## **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

### Coatbridge Community Safety Sub Group - Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
October 2015	Old Monkland Library Ward 9	Youths congregating and causing low level acts of disorder. One family is being victimised by the youths. Area is difficult to patrol due to the design of the building and the many escape routes. Wilful fire raising at the site.	Police patrols in the area. Door to door investigation carried out. Interviews with Library staff and staff from Tesco. Family affected have had several reassurance visits.	Police Scotland Community Regeneration Housing & Social Work CCTV	Police have charged two youths responsible for throwing veg and eggs at the private property opposite the library. There is ongoing enquiry regards two further youths. Tesco have supplied CCTV of the youths buying cut price tomatoes. They have been informed that the youths are responsible for ASB and have agreed to monitor the situation and refuse such sales to youths.
November 2015	All Wards	The Play Safe Home Safe festive safety campaign will run from 27th November until 10th January. The police festive action plan for Coatbridge has been approved and is in place.	Online adverts promoting the campaign are live. The campaign targets young adults; however it has lots of useful tips for all age groups. There will be increased patrols over the festive period to raise community safety. Officers will be present in the town centre and residential areas on high visibility patrols.	NHS Lanarkshire Police Scotland North Lanarkshire Council Scottish Fire and Rescue	Outcome will be reported at the next LAP meeting
November 2015	Bank Street Ward 6	Disused building belonging to NLC, adjacent to Flossie's, has been set alight. The building sits adjacent to railway line	Building Standards have erected heras fencing on site to prevent entry to the building. Area has been visited by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland to highlight any further measures	North Lanarkshire Council Scottish Fire and Rescue Police Scotland	No further incidents on this site.

25 November 2015	Carnbroe Ward 10	Complaints about speeding traffic through Carnbroe Village.	Police implemented a Road Policing and Community Policing Action plan. Roads will carry out a traffic assessment.	Police Scotland North Lanarkshire Council	Several speeding offences were detected and numerous warnings administered.
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