

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 October-November 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 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 Community Safety Partnership funded "Lightheaded play" commenced during the month of November and was offered to all secondary schools across North Lanarkshire. This is an interactive play with key safety messages delivered in a positive way which the pupils acknowledge. The play covers a variety of topics including dangers of smoking, which links to a local multi-agency project aimed at tackling tobacco use.
- 4.2 A Hate Crime awareness session was delivered to members of North and South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) staff at a recent event in SLC Headquarters. It is hoped that this will allow staff to have a better understanding of what behaviour constitutes a hate crime and how they can use 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting centres to alert police.
- 4.3 Social Work staff were invited to attend inputs on New Psychoactive substances, No Knives Better Lives and Hate Crime (3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting) and also to attend sessions involving awareness of Counter Terrorism (WRAP 3- Workshop to raise awareness of Prevent.)

- 4.4 Inputs continue to be delivered to local schools to provide pupils with current information and safety advice relating to Child Exploitation and Online protection, No knives better lives and general safety talks. Education of our young people in keeping themselves safe is a key element in the preventative strategies.
- 4.5 Figures continue to suggest low levels of antisocial difficulties across the communities with the level of reporting averaging 24 calls per month for the period involved. All cases are being investigated and responded to within the target timescales with performance running at 100% response.
- 4.6 Work continues with Police Locality Services in the North and the Antisocial Response Team in proactively addressing a number of tenancies and agreed "hot spots". Visits continue with Police and the Out Of Hours Response Team each weekend. 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 antisocial activity reported to partners and maximise the effectiveness in stopping and preventing this behaviour. Action from NHS Lanarkshire, Police Scotland and Housing and Social Work continues in relation to a particular tenancy in the Cumbernauld area.
- 4.7 Regular Liaison and informal contacts continues to enhance this approach co-ordinated with the introduction of a new Police Liaison Officer in Cumbernauld.
- 4.8 The ongoing supervision in partnership with the Police continues in a number of areas as resources have allowed although the necessary level of intervention remains low. Support continues from Housing and Social Work Services and Police Scotland in relation to two particular tenancies which have been successful in ensuring no further antisocial behaviour to date.
- 4.9 A recent Service Users forum on 27<sup>th</sup> November was attended by over 130 older residents celebrating St Andrew's day. All partners attended providing information and assistance on a range of issues relating to home safety and security, welfare benefits and health and personal well being. Responses from those who attended were overwhelmingly positive.
- 4.10 Housing Operations continue with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) on a training programme for Fire Safety Hazard Awareness spotlighting risks within homes to reduce risk and maximising the referral programme for assistance to those who may have a range of vulnerabilities.
- 4.11 Positive partnership working resulted in zero fire-fighter attacks over the traditional bonfire period which was a 100% reduction on previous years. This is attributed to the proactive engagement programme which included Police Scotland, Trading Standards, Education, Housing and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- 4.12 Agreement through Community Justice to use community payback to cut back grassland locations historically known to be targeted by fire setters. Looking at the Kilsyth area as part of the trial in 2016.

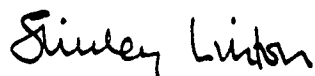
- 4.13 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Community Action Team officer is working with Cumbernauld Living Landscape to help educate school children in environmental conservation to help reduce the number of secondary grass fires.
- 4.14 Wheelie bin theft and fire reduction strategy – North Locality has funded the purchase of 100 chains and padlocks; SFRS have 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. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Police Scotland and NLC Housing & Social Work Services are working in partnership to distribute as appropriate.
- 4.15 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.
- 4.16 Learning and Leisure Services continues to work with SFRS in relation to Early Years Collaborative work; training of a fire service officer in the Solihull Approach will see the first trained Solihull Trainer within the SFRS.

## **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**

**North Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan SharePoint Summary**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION/WARD</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>PARTNERS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
17.11.15	Pivot Centre, Moodiesburn	Hot spot area again in and around 5 <sup>th</sup> November. Damage to police vehicles	Increase Police Patrols.  Temp CCTV provision.	Regeneration Services Police Scotland Town Centre Activities Scottish Fire & Rescue	Reduction in incidents  Funding of new temporary CCTV location.
12.11.15	Kelvin Drive "The Glen" Moodiesburn	Youth anti-social behaviour causing concerns for both residents and emergency services.	Increase Police Patrols.	Regeneration Services Police Scotland Scottish Fire & Rescue	