

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 21 January 2016	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 September - November 2015.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact that the Local Area Team (LAT) and CSSG are having 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. This work has contributed to a reduction in antisocial complaints in the reporting period.
- 4.2 All partners continue to work closely to achieve positive outcomes for service users. Meetings are ongoing between the Area Police 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 focuses 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. Estate walkabouts led by the local Community are ongoing and provide an important input to inform action for all partners.

- 4.4 Partnership working is ongoing in the Jewel Scheme area and high profile action days were scheduled in December 2015. Furthermore, work is ongoing within the areal to target the risks of combustibles (motorbike) in stairwells. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) have issued 300 letters in conjunction with the Local Regeneration Manager and carried out joint reassurance visits with partners in Housing Services.
- 4.5 The Flame Out Project was launched successfully in March 2015 and continues to have 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 won the prestigious Corporate Award in the Regeneration category and was successful in winning the Youth Section Award in the Community Learning Partnership Awards.
- 4.6 Led by Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, all partners have been tasked to identify potential and known grassland/woodland risk areas to form joint strategy to address these potential dangers through the Proactive Muirburn approach – partners to feed back by early 2016 on their priorities.
- 4.7 Following a serious incident at Burnside Avenue, Bellshill, partners have worked together in partnership to provide reassurance for the local community. Meetings have taken place with local Tenants and Residents Association and a joint public information/pro-active day was arranged for December. It is hoped that these actions will improve the co-operation between the public and partner agencies.
- 4.8 Housing Advisors and Anti Social Response Officers continue to make direct referrals to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service when concerns are highlighted and there continues to be close liaison with regard to the Sheltered Housing Service.
- 4.9 The latest Local Chairpersons Meeting was held in December 2015 and all actions continue to be progressed in partnership with other services and agencies.
- 4.10 Further to concerns raised by Local Members in relation to antisocial behaviour at the Tannochside Gas Flats, partners have held pro-active days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 and all residents within Merrick Terrace were visited and provided with antisocial Information Packs. This was an opportunity for the partners to engage with residents who do not generally report concerns to Police Scotland or the Antisocial Team and provided reassurance to the local community.
- 4.11 The Community Safety Group has worked closely with the Blue Triangle Housing Association and partner agencies including the Fire Service and the Community Health team to provide presentations for the young people within the project at Old Edinburgh Road, on Fire Awareness and a Stop Smoking awareness session was held in October 2015. Further opportunities have presented including 'Stop smoking for staff', 'Oral hygiene' and 'Peer education', all of which have been facilitated by the Community Safety Sub Group. The Antisocial Behaviour Service completed a presentation on Anti-Social Behaviour and how this affects young people on 26 November, 2015 which was attended by the majority of the residents within the project.

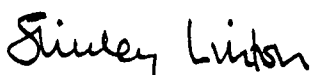
- 4.12 Partners attended a Community Safety play at Bellshill Academy on 17 November 2015 and responded to questions raised by young people in relation to antisocial behaviour and Community Safety. This presentation was an opportunity for the young people within the school to gain some understanding of the close working relationship between Anti-Social Behaviour teams and Police Scotland.
- 4.13 Positive partnership working resulted in zero firefighter attacks over the traditional bonfire period with a 100% reduction on previous years. This is attributed to the proactive engagement programme which included Police Scotland, Trading Standards, Education, Housing and Social Work Services, Regeneration Services and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- 4.14 Agreement through Community Justice to use community payback to cut back grassland locations historically known to be targeted by firesetters. Hattonrigg Road area is being considered as part of the trial in 2016.
- 4.15 Wheelie bin theft and fire reduction strategy – Bellshill & District LAP has funded the purchase of 100 chains and padlocks; Scottish Fire & Rescue Service 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. SFRS, Police Scotland, Community Regeneration and Housing are working in partnership to distribute as appropriate.
- 4.16 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 number of referrals being from Housing and Social Work. This is a testimony to the ongoing positive locality partnership work taking place.
- 4.17 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.
- 4.18 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
30/11/15	Ward 13 – Gas Flats Area	Anti-social 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
30/11/15	Ward 15 – Spruce Way Area Holytown	Anti-social behaviour and youth disorder	Joint work with partners ongoing	Police Regeneration Housing and Social Work Services	Joint partner working had had a positive impact on the issues experienced locally
30/11/15	Ward 14 - Road at Bothwellhaugh Cemetery	Speeding traffic and road safety issues	Discussions have taken place with local schools, Police and Roads Section colleagues re issues	Learning and Leisure Police Regeneration Roads Section	Consideration being given to improved pedestrian access to area. Police monitoring traffic in area.
30/11/15	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 has been installed which has resulted in a reduction in complaints
30/11/15	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

30/11/15	Ward 14 - Lockett Yett Estate	Youth disorder and ASB in area	All relevant partners advised of issues being experienced	Police Housing Regeneration Roads Section	Joint working assessing issues. Local meeting held with residents in December 2015 to discuss issues and agree appropriate actions
30/11/15	Ward 15 - Holyown Main St	Speeding traffic in area	Police and Regeneration have shared information relating to this issue	Police Roads section Regeneration	Police are monitoring the speeding issues affecting the area