

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on key local Community Planning developments identified within the Bellshill Local Area Team (LAT) Action Plan for the period April – September 2015. As part of the Local Area Team Action Plan monitoring process, it was agreed that progress would be reported on a six monthly basis.

2. Background

The Local Area Team Action Plans were developed to

- Translate strategic priorities (Single Outcome Agreement/Community Plan) to local action that impacts on communities
- Provide a focus and reporting tool for Local Area Teams (LATs)
- Support the delivery of priority partnership actions locally

Partner organisations play a key role in ensuring that plans

- Demonstrate added value
- Reflect joint partnership priorities and do not mirror core service plans
- Are regularly reported on through the agreed monitoring and reporting process

2.1 Key Updates for April-September 2015

Partners have worked with community representatives to develop and deliver actions linked to key priorities for Bellshill. Updates arise from a regular monitoring process whereby the Area Teams are asked for six monthly progress reports against the actions. The Action Plan provides the agenda for the Local Area Team Meetings and progress is discussed on a bi-monthly basis. A summary report of key updates for the six localities is produced for the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board six monthly. Some of the key achievements for the period include:

Viewpark: A new management group has been supported to progress the development of the Viewpark Allotment site. The group is now working with the local community and appointed contractors to agree and deliver this project by spring 2016. Work is also ongoing with local residents interested in progressing improvement works at Birkenshaw Park.

Community Engagement: A standard community engagement questionnaire has been developed for use by all partners. A set of key questions have been agreed and can be tailored in terms of focus, target group and methodology to be used in a range of ways. This enables the partnership to gain input from a broader sector of the community, but in a consistent manner that can be used to inform the LAT Action Plan and guide partnership working. The use of social media is considered key as a platform for engagement.

Smoking: A broad range of Smoking Cessation Services continue to be delivered in anticipation of the launch of the new Tobacco Control Strategy. Interventions include a focus on vulnerable people with targeted work in sheltered accommodation, temporary accommodation and with the young people resident with Blue Triangle Housing Association.

Fire Safety: Housing and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have been working closely with Blue Triangle Housing Association to arrange a fire safety presentation with young residents. Discussion is underway with local GPs to agree a referral process for home fire safety visits with vulnerable people of those at risk as well as better linking the process to reported domestic incidents through Police Scotland and Housing incidents. Joint referral and fire safety training is being delivered to the Addictions Team within Housing and Social Work Services, as well as all home support staff, some district nurses and Occupational Therapists in the area. The partnership is looking at ways to broaden the Home Fire Safety Visits to be concerned with wider home safety issues.

Blue Triangle Housing Association: Partners have been working with Blue Triangle Housing Association to target co-ordinated interventions with vulnerable young people. A range of inputs have been delivered aimed at improving safety within individual homes as well as personal safety and wider health and wellbeing. Examples include fire safety, smoking, alcohol and drugs. This work will allow for partners to ascertain need and target approaches accordingly to improve access to services.

Throughout January/February 2016, the Local Area Team will review the current action plan and identify priorities for the 2016/17 plan.

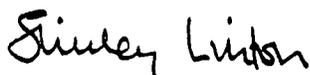
3. Corporate Considerations

- 3.1 The Local Area Team Action Plans are widely discussed with Council and external partners at regular Local Area Team meetings.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership:

(a) note the contents of the report.



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Further information on the Action Plans and monitoring process can be obtained from the Local Regeneration Manager, Matt Costello (01698 520508)