

**AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 20 January 2016**

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**Airdrie, 20 January 2016 at 2 pm.**

**A Meeting of the AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Stocks, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, A. Coyle, Fagan, Logue, Spowart and Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council; Janice Scouller, NHS Lanarkshire; Chief Inspector Gavin Russell, Police Scotland; Stuart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Morag Thomson, Voluntary Sector.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Stocks (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Lesley Deverick, Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Gillian Whitehead, Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services and Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager; Andy Wyatt, Transportation Officer; Lorna Ogilvie, Senior Planning Officer, and Paul Kane, Employability Services Team Leader, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors M. Coyle and Curley; Maggs Thomson, NHS Lanarkshire; Inspector Steven Miller, Police Scotland, and Owen Hanratty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. The Local Area Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE**

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 21 October 2015.

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 19 August and 21 October 2015.

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

**THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT**

4. There was submitted a report by the Third Sector Representative providing an update on the involvement of the Third Sector in community planning activities, and in events and initiatives which were either North Lanarkshire wide or specific to the Airdrie area.
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The Local Area Partnership then heard Morag Thomson, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, in supplement to the report.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

### NHS LANARKSHIRE – COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT FOR THE AIRDRIE LOCALITY

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2015 by the Locality Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, providing an update on Health Service initiatives and projects which were either North Lanarkshire wide or specific to the Airdrie area.

Janice Scouller, NHS Lanarkshire, was then heard in relation to the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Thereon, the Convener requested that a report on the Street Soccer NL project be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that a report on the Street Soccer NL project be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

### JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, providing an update on activity in relation to community safety in the Airdrie area, and on the work that had been carried out by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group for the period from October to November 2015.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Chief Inspector Gavin Russell, Police Scotland; Gillian Whitehead, Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council, and Stuart McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

### AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

7. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 21 October 2015, there was submitted a report dated 14 December 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) advising that, at its meeting on 9 December 2015, the Planning and Transportation Committee had approved the finalised draft Airdrie Town Centre Framework and Action Plan as supplementary guidance to the North Lanarkshire Local Plan; (2) providing an update on (a) the Empty Houses Town Centre Project; (b) the sale of the Council's former Housing Office at 25 Broomknoll Street, and (c) the status of the former Orr's building at South Bridge Street; (3) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited for all Local Area Partnership areas in respect of business activity and footfall levels, for the period from July to September 2015, and (4) giving information on the status of the Starting Point Project and the Swipii Loyalty Card Pilot Project.
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Thereon, Lorna Ogilvie, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points in the report and responded to Members' questions in relation to (1) the sale of the Council's former Housing Office at Broomknoll Street; (2) the intention of the Clyde Valley Housing Association Board to work with partners within the Council, Scottish Government and the Scottish Housing Regulator to seek a buyer for the former Orr's building; (3) the lack of progress by the owners of the former Henderson's building in removing white paint from the walls of the building, and (4) the status of the further funding bid to the Scottish Government for the regeneration of the property at 10 Bank Street.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that a further report providing an update on (1) the sale of the former Orr's building by the Clyde Valley Housing Association; (2) the progress in relation to the removal of white paint from the walls of the former Henderson's building at Bank Street, Airdrie, and (3) the status of the further funding bid to the Scottish Government for the regeneration of the property at 10 Bank Street, Airdrie, be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

### LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS

8. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, providing an update on key local community planning initiatives under the Airdrie Local Area Team Action Plan for the period from April to September 2015.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014/15 AND 2015/16

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) detailing, in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, the status of projects in the Local Development Programme for 2014/15 and 2015/16 respectively, and (2) setting out, in Appendix 3 to the report, details of proposed projects for the 2016/17 Local Development Programme.

Thereon, Martin Dickson, North Lanarkshire Council, was heard in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in the Local Development Programme for 2014/15 and 2015/16, as detailed respectively in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposals for the 2016/17 Local Development Programme, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved, and
- (3) that further progress in relation to the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

### YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

10. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Acting Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) providing an update on the performance of the Council's Working Employability Services and the Youth Investment Programme, which offered incentives to employers to recruit young unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire; (2) advising that, since the launch of the Programme in February 2012, 6,090 North Lanarkshire residents had benefitted from the Programme; (3) intimating that 78% of those supported through the
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Programme had remained in work up to 12 months after their initial job start date, and at least 68% had remained in work up to 18 months after their initial job start date; (4) indicating that, to date, 897 unemployed residents in the Airdrie area had been supported into employment, 568 of which had benefitted from vacancies in the private sector, and (5) stating that, while the statistics indicated that the Airdrie area as a whole had secured an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, the results showed that there was a higher rate of youth unemployment in the Airdrie Central area than the Airdrie North and Airdrie South areas.

Thereon, Paul Kane, Employability Services Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Arising out of discussion in relation to the success of the Youth Investment Programme (1) in supporting young people into employment; (2) in developing links with businesses to secure jobs, and (3) in achieving a high level of sustainable jobs, it was recommended that the staff of the Working Employability Services be congratulated.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the staff of the Council's Working Employability Services be congratulated on the success of the Youth Investment Programme in terms of (a) supporting young people into employment, (b) developing links with businesses, and (c) achieving a high level of sustainable jobs, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

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**Airdrie, 20 January 2016 at 3.25 pm.**

### **A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor Stocks, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, A. Coyle, Fagan, Logue, Spowart and Sullivan.

#### **CHAIR**

Councillor Stocks (Convener) presided.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Transportation Officer, Senior Planning Officer and Employability Services Team Leader, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors M. Coyle and Curley.

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

The Area Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

#### **2. DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2016**

The Area Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Airdrie Local Area Partnership, at its meeting held on 20 January 2016, and agreed in respect of each item, the following:

(1) **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE**

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

(2) **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

(3) **THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT**

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

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(4) **NHS LANARKSHIRE – COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT FOR THE AIRDRIE LOCALITY**

**Decided:**

- (1) that a report on the Street Soccer NL project be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

(5) **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

(6) **AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

**Decided:** that a further report providing an update on (1) the sale of the former Orr's building by the Clyde Valley Housing Association; (2) the progress in relation to the removal of white paint from the walls of the former Henderson's building at Bank Street, Airdrie, and (3) the status of the further funding bid to the Scottish Government for the regeneration of the property at 10 Bank Street, Airdrie, be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(7) **LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS**

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

(8) **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014/15 AND 2015/16**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in the Local Development Programme for 2014/15 and 2015/16, as detailed respectively in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, be noted;
  - (2) that the proposals for the 2016/17 Local Development Programme, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved, and
  - (3) that further progress in relation to the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.
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**(9) YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the staff of the Council's Working Employability Services be congratulated on the success of the Youth Investment Programme in terms of (a) supporting young people into employment, (b) developing links with businesses, and (c) achieving a high level of sustainable jobs, and
  - (2) that the report be otherwise noted.
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