

WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 20 January 2016

Houldsworth Centre, Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, 20 January 2016 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

PRESENT

Councillor Love, Convener; Councillors Cefferty, Cochrane, McKay, McKendrick, Shevlin and Taggart, North Lanarkshire Council; Inspector Alistair Anderson, Police Scotland, and Brian Hughes, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

CHAIR

Councillor Love (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Lesley Dysart, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager; Lyndsay Noble, Senior Planner and Adele Muir, Employability and Development Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Environmental Services and Audrey Johnstone, Area Manager and Laura O'Neill, Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Provost Robertson; Councillors Hume and Zambonini and Francis Cain, Wishaw and District Community Forum.

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

1. There were no declarations of interest.

WISHAW, MURDOSTOUN AND FORTISSAT COMMUNITY FORUM – MINUTE AND UPDATE REPORT

2. There were submitted the Minute and update report by Wishaw, Murdostoun and Fortissat Community Forum.

Decided: that the Minute and report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MINUTES

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

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 21 October 2015, there was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the
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Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included in the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, progress with the 2014/15 Programme; (3) advising, within Appendix 2 to the report, progress with, and changes to, the 2015/16 Programme, and (4) seeking approval for (a) the 2016/17 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, and (b) the 2015/17 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 4 to the report.

Thereon, Matt Costello, North Lanarkshire Council was heard in full explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

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

- (1) that the progress with the 2014/15 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with, and the changes to, the 2015/16 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the new projects to be delivered in 2016/17, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, and the projects contained within the Holding List, within Appendix 4 to the report, be approved;
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (5) that the report be otherwise noted.

WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 21 October 2015, there was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan; (2) indicating (a) that the Council was now well into developing new Frameworks and Action Plans for all of its town centres, with the new Frameworks seeking to address issues including development opportunities; town centre activity; accessibility and movement; design, quality and character; Town Centre Management; business support, and marketing and promotion, and (b) that following consultation with partners on the draft Wishaw Framework and Action Plan, there would now be an opportunity for the wider community and partners to comment on the revised draft document during 2016; (3) detailing, within the report, an update with regard to road and parking improvements; streetscape improvement; the shopfront improvement scheme; Town Centre activities, and Wishaw Community Health Centre, Library and First Stop Shop, and (4) intimating within the report, ongoing Town Centre issues.

Thereon, Lindsay Noble, North Lanarkshire Council was heard in full explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Thereafter, there was a full discussion relating to various matters affecting Wishaw Town Centre and other areas throughout the District with regard to illegal parking, shop deliveries, cleanliness of the area, and the shopfront improvement scheme.

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

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan be noted;
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- (2) that with regard to the shopfront improvement scheme, a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership informing of the outcome of the audit of premises within Wishaw Town Centre;
- (3) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership regarding an initiative being developed by officers of Regeneration and Environmental Services to promote and educate on the impact of litter, chewing gum and dog fouling in Town Centres, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLAN UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) providing an update on key local Community Planning developments identified within the Wishaw Local Area Team Action Plan for the period from 1 April to 30 September 2015; (2) advising that the updates had arisen from a regular monitoring process whereby the Area Teams provided six monthly progress reports against the actions; (3) setting out a number of key achievements in conjunction with partner agencies, and (4) indicating that throughout January/February 2016, the Local Area Team would review the current Action Plan and identify priorities for the 2016/17 Plan.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 19 August 2015, there was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) outlining the background to the Programme which was launched to tackle youth unemployment in North Lanarkshire; (2) providing a breakdown of unemployment rates within the Wishaw and District area on a Ward basis, together with a comparison to the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (3) informing that, to date, 1,008 individuals had been supported into employment from the Wishaw and District area; (4) advising that, while the figures reflected that the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership area, as a whole, had an appropriate share of Youth Investment jobs, results in the Fortissat and Murdostoun Wards showed that there was still a higher rate of youth unemployment in those Wards than the Wishaw Ward, and (5) proposing (a) that, to ensure a good uptake, public services which had contact with young people such as Housing, Social Work, Health and Police promote the Youth Investment Programme via their front-line staff who could make referrals, and (b) that at Local Area Team meetings, an offer to provide employability training or presentations to front-line staff was available.

Adele Muir, North Lanarkshire Council outlined the main aspects of the report, and responded to Members' questions.

Thereafter, the Convener commended the work undertaken by Adele and her colleagues.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in delivering the Employability Services, detailed within the report, be noted, and
 - (2) that the report be otherwise noted.
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THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 21 October 2015, there was submitted a report by June Vallance, Third Sector representative (1) advising of the various initiatives which had recently taken place or were due to take place within the Wishaw and District Locality Area, and (2) providing details thereon.

Decided: that the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 21 October 2015, there was submitted a report dated 20 January 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising that the Joint Community Safety report reflected the impact which the Local Area Team and Community Safety Sub-Group were having within the area, and (2) detailing, within the report, information regarding promoting positive outcomes, and within Appendix 1 to the report, the Community Safety Sub-Group Action Sharepoint Summary for the period 1 September to 30 November 2015.

Brian Hughes, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Inspector Anderson, Police Scotland, and Laura O'Neill, North Lanarkshire Council were heard in full explanation of the report and responded to Members' questions.

After full discussion regarding various issues in the area, it was agreed that the Local Regeneration Manager would approach the Estates Management Team and request stronger and brighter street lights within certain areas, and also that a second mobile CCTV camera be used in an area in Shotts.

A discussion also took place regarding the requirement to tackle illegal parking in the area.

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

- (1) that the Local Regeneration Manager contact the Estates Management Team and request that stronger, brighter street lights be used within the Shotts area;
- (2) that the use of a second mobile CCTV camera be used within an area in Shotts;
- (3) that the Local Area Team again consider ways of tackling illegal parking within the Wishaw and District area.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

10. There was submitted a report dated December 2015 by the General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire providing details of various initiatives which had taken place, or were due to take place, within the Wishaw and District Locality area.

Thereon, Rosemary Robertson, NHS Lanarkshire updated Members of the Local Area Partnership on various activities taking place within the area.

Decided: that the report be noted.

WISHAW AND DISTRICT AREA – 20 January 2016

Houldsworth Centre, Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, 20 January 2016 at 3.10 pm.

A Meeting of the WISHAW AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Love, Convener; Councillors Cefferty, Cochrane, McKay, McKendrick, Shevlin and Taggart.

CHAIR

Councillor Love (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Senior Planner and Employability and Development Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Environmental Services; Area Manager and Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Inspector Anderson, Police Scotland, and Brian Hughes, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

APOLOGIES

Provost Robertson; Councillors Hume and Zambonini.

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

Decided: there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE WISHAW AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2016

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

(1) WISHAW, MURDOSTOUN AND FORTISSAT COMMUNITY FORUM – MINUTE AND UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the Minute and report be noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MINUTES

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(3) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the progress with the 2014/15 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with, and the changes to, the 2015/16 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the new projects to be delivered in 2016/17, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, and the projects contained within the Holding List, within Appendix 4 to the report, be approved;
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (5) that the report be otherwise noted.

(4) WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan be noted;
- (2) that with regard to the shopfront improvement scheme, a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership informing of the outcome of the audit of premises within Wishaw Town Centre;
- (3) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership regarding an initiative being developed by officers of Regeneration and Environmental Services to promote and educate on the impact of litter, chewing gum and dog fouling in Town Centres, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

(5) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Decided: that the report be noted.

(6) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in delivering the Employability Services, detailed within the report, be noted, and
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WISHAW AND DISTRICT AREA – 20 January 2016

(7) THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(8) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that the Local Regeneration Manager contact the Estates Management Team and request that stronger, brighter street lights be used within the Shotts area;
- (2) that the use of a second mobile CCTV camera be used within an area in Shotts;
- (3) that the Local Area Team again consider ways of tackling illegal parking within the Wishaw and District area.

(9) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

Decided: that the report be noted.
