



**Northern Corridor
COMMUNITY FORUM**
The Voice of Local Communities

Northern Corridor Community Forum Report to North Local Area Partnership 14th April 2016

1.0 Background

1.1 This Report provides the LAP with an update on recent activities undertaken by the Northern Corridor Community Forum and highlights issues of interest and concern to the Forum and the local communities it serves.

2.0 Community Forum Update

2.1 The Forum was represented at the meetings of NHS Lanarkshire North PPF Reference Group, the Community Forum Network, Moodiesburn Development Trust, Muirhead and Chryston Gala Day Committee, North Area Crime Prevention Panel, the North Area Consortium of Health and Social Care Integration, the North Area Voluntary Sector Network and North Locality Development and Open Days for Health and Social Care Integration.

2.2 The Forum awaits with interest the publication of the next stage of the Local Development Plan following the end of the consultation period on the Main Issues Report.

2.3 The Forum ran another very successful Family Health Event in Chryston High School on Saturday 20th February when around 300 people from across the area attended to experience the range of health promoting activities which were on display and available for sampling. The Forum was greatly assisted by the pupils from the Challenge Groups of Chryston and St Maurice's High Schools, as well as all the partner agencies who contributed with activities or stalls. This is now a well-established event which the Forum intends to make an Annual Event utilising funding from NHS Lanarkshire's Health Improvement Budget.

3.0 Issues for consideration at LAP

3.1 The Forum again asks the LAP to give consideration for inclusion in the next round of funding from the North Locality Regeneration Fund to its submissions for environmental improvement works in Stepps/Millerston/Cardowan and Auchinloch. These were not included in the approved projects for 2015/2016 due to lack of available funds but the Forum remains committed to these projects and requests that these bids be given a priority in the next round of funding for 2016/17.

3.2 It is some time now since the meeting with FirstBus and representatives of the LAP; the Forum is still keen that arrangements be made for representatives of the LAP to meet with SPT to discuss the need for a review of and consideration of additional subsidised bus services in the north locality. The LAP may want to consider requesting a further meeting with FirstBus and invite other public transport providers to discuss a local review of public transport services in the North Locality.

3.3 The Forum is disappointed that NHS Lanarkshire has been unable to make a commitment to the provision of an infrastructure facility for the

provision of a full range of community health services in the Northern Corridor. This has been due to a lack of capital funding available to the NHS Board. In the meantime, many such services will continue to be provided by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde under a Service Level Agreement which is unsatisfactory, contrary to the intended outcomes of the Health Board Boundary Changes statutory instrument and leaves local residents with a confusing and fragmented community health service provision. The Forum hopes that NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council will use the opportunities presented by the establishment of the North Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership to bring forward capital funding to build a centre in the Northern Corridor for the provision of both community health and social care services, and possibly other Council services. Given the ever growing population of the area, now estimated to be 24,000+ a small township, it is an area which is seriously under-resourced in terms of a public services' infrastructure. The Forum recommends that the Local Area Partnership asks for a feasibility study to be undertaken by the Health and Social Care Partnership and bring a Report to a future meeting of the LAP.

4.0 Outstanding LAP Issues

4.1 Other than the items mentioned in Section 3 of this Report, there are no other outstanding issues for the LAP at this time.

5.0 Community Forum Meetings

5.1 The next Meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum is on Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm in The Pivot Community Centre, Glenmanor Road, Moodiesburn

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