

To: NORTH AREA LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 14 April 2016	Ref: SL/MD	

**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 December 2015 - March 2016.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact which the Local Area Team (LAT) and Community Safety Sub-groups are making 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 Due to a seasonal issue with wheelie bin fires in Mahon Court, Cumbernauld a partnership approach was undertaken involving, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and NLC Environmental Services and ASB teams. This involved site visits and the distribution of wheelie bin chains amongst the local residents.
- 4.2 Officers from Police Scotland attended at the Northern Corridor Forum event at Chryston High School. The event was well attended and attendees were given information on the role of police and general safety information, which was well received.
- 4.3 Lanarkshire Division officers also attended at St. Maurice's High School where they assisted in Careers night and took part in mock interview of around 60 pupils, whom would soon be looking for employment or further education.
- 4.4 Officers continue to work closely with North Lanarkshire Council Social Work department in tackling doorstep crime. Presentations/talks have taken place at several older adult groups across the North highlighting the dangers of engaging with cold callers and providing personal information over the telephone.

- 4.5 Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Programme continues to develop with the number of volunteers now up to 24 children and 6 adults. In the last few weeks, the youth volunteers have been learning lifesaving skills with representatives from British Red Cross and about challenging sectarianism with Nil by Mouth. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers promotes a practical way for young people to understand policing by supporting the Police in their local area through volunteering. As part of this, young people are given a chance for their voice to be heard and encouraged to promote good citizenship.
- 4.6 The Programme is open to all young people aged between 13 – 16; this allows those people to get an insight into policing in Scotland and inspire individuals to participate positively within their communities.
- 4.7 A project highlighting the dangers of tobacco is underway in conjunction with NHS Lanarkshire and Education dept, which will include an award ceremony in early May for a youth innovation in community safety award. As a result of the project, NHS is embarking on a 12 week pilot in Carbrain Primary now around tobacco with the pupils and parents.
- 4.8 Figures continue to suggest low levels of anti-social difficulties across the communities with the level of reporting averaging 21 calls per month for the period involved. All cases are being investigated and responded to within the target timescales with performance running at 100% response.
- 4.9 Work continues with Police and Locality Services in the North, the Anti- Social Response Team proactively addressing a number of tenancies and agreed “hot spots”. Visits continue with Police and the Out Of Hours Response Team each weekend. Recent weekend visits over the last month have reported minimal activity at these locations. There have been a number of more serious incidents and activities resulting in action, initially by police and thereafter in conjunction with Housing Staff in and around Moodiesburn and Kilsyth.
- 4.10 Where Council tenancies have been involved there has been follow up action. A number of areas remain under scrutiny and are the subject of constant vigilance.
- 4.11 Regular Liaison and informal contacts continue to enhance the joint approach co-ordinated with the introduction of a new Police Liaison officer in Cumbernauld and regular communication with housing staff.
- 4.12 Internally the Locality Team within Housing Operations has restructured to focus all anti-social activity within the one location. Both Anti-Social Response officers are now based in Fleming House and supervised by a single Service Delivery Co-ordinator. Wider management responsibilities remain with the Service Delivery Manager and Area Manager.
- 4.13 Housing Operations have recently worked with partners in Police and Scottish Fire and Rescue to address a spate of fires and wheelie bin thefts in a predominantly private area of Moodiesburn. A mail drop has advised residents of services available to them with a range of visits and inspections following.
- 4.14 In the first 11 months of the reporting period the SFRS has received a total of 711 high risk referrals from the CPP partners within North Lanarkshire. The largest numbers of referrals being from Housing and Social Work. This is a testimony to the ongoing positive locality partnership work taking place.

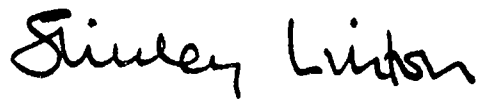
4.15 The joint agency approach (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service/ NLC Housing ASB Team and Police Scotland) to fire setter intervention continues to prove successful. 5 youths from the North locality have attended the intervention process and none of them has reoffended in the past 6 months.

## **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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30 March 2016

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**Local Area Partnership**

**North Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan SharePoint Summary**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION/WARD</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>PARTNERS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
12.01.16	Lime, Birch & Medlar, Abronhill	Theft of Transit Vans	Increase Police Patrols.	Regeneration Services Police Scotland Town Centre Activities Scottish Fire & Rescue	Reduction in incidents
12.11.15	Kelvin Drive "The Glen" Moodiesburn	Youth anti-social behaviour causing concerns for both residents and emergency services.	Increase Police Patrols.  Anti-Social Response team presence	Regeneration Services Police Scotland Scottish Fire & Rescue Housing & Social Work	Reduction in incidents
21.12.15	Mahon Court, Moodeisburn	Increase in theft of Wheelie bins	Increase Police Patrols.  Issuing of chains/padlocks to residents.  Community safety Communication issues to all residents	Regeneration Services Police Scotland Scottish Fire & Rescue Housing & Social Work	Reduction in incidents