

To: COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of Coatbridge 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 to March 2016.

2. Background

2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact which the Local Area Team (LAT) and CSSG 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 The joint agency approach (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service/ NLC Housing ASB Team and Police Scotland) to fire setter intervention continues to prove successful. From the Coatbridge locality 2 youths have attended the intervention process and have not reoffended in the past 6 months

4.2 In the first 11 months of the reporting period the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has received a total of 711 high risk referrals from the Community Planning Partners within North Lanarkshire. The largest numbers of referrals being from Housing and Social Work. This is a testimony to the on-going positive locality partnership work taking place.

4.3 Approximately 30 people attended an interactive performance called Better Late than Dead on Time to explore issues around road safety for residents of Glenboig. This was an opportunity to discuss local issues being raised in the village and applying residents own experiences. Additionally a small consultation exercise was also held with P7 pupils to explore their experiences of road safety - in particular on the travel to and from school. The event was supported through the Community Safety Sub Group with Community Learning and Development as lead and was positively received by participants.

- 4.4 Housing and Social Work Service supported by Legal Services and Police Scotland have been successful in evicting two tenants for misuse of drugs and anti-social behaviour within the Coatbridge locality. There has been a reduction in Anti-social activity at both sites resulting in improvements in for local residents from the areas affected.
- 4.5 Housing Services have increased patrols in Tower blocks and are proactively investigating anti-social activity and any potential drug use. All information is recorded via the Sid Log for additional action in partnership with Police Scotland.
- 4.6 Street Soccer NL continues to provide a positive destination and opportunities for young people within the Coatbridge area. Jointly supported through the Community Safety Sub Group the next area to receive the programme will be the Kirkwood area.
- 4.7 Regular walkabouts with Tenants and Residents groups are undertaken to ensure views of the communities are considered as part of the solution for addressing the issues experienced. These Estate walkabouts provide an important input to inform actions for all community planning partners.
- 4.8 Through a joint approach between Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue, Housing and the Procurator Fiscal Service a local man was arrested and remanded in February for a spate of fire incidents. Additionally the tenancy has been terminated and Ward 10 is a safer area due to this joint collaboration.
- 4.9 The Police and NLC Anti-Social Behaviour Joint Visits programme goes from strength to strength. Over the course of recent months high tariff individuals have been identified by both Police and NLC resulting in the right offenders being targeted at peak times. The number of letters issued, warnings and arrests have increased substantially and the victims of ASB are seeing the benefits of the scheme.
- 4.10 In March Police Scotland launched a day of action along with VOSA and HMRC to target roads policing and vehicle defect offences. As the community have informed us that offences on the roads cause them concern, the day of enforcement and education was given high profile status by the involved agencies, including Trading Standards, who were out in a show of force. Social media was utilised to advertise the event and the results clearly demonstrated a real need for operations of this kind. In total, 55 vehicles stopped, 6 Fixed Penalty Notice's issued, 1 reported for no insurance and vehicle seized, 1 male arrested on apprehension warrant for traffic offences, 9 Vehicle Defect Rectification Schemes issued, 7 vehicles issued with prohibition notices for driving with unsafe vehicles and 1 vehicle running on red diesel.
- 4.11 Knife crime and violence within local schools and involving youths of school age spiked recently and due to this Police Scotland and North Lanarkshire Council have collaborated to tackle the issue. Police have delivered presentations to youths of various years around knife crime, drugs and violence in several local schools. There have been increased police patrols at a number of schools at peak times and the opportunity to forge relationships with staff and pupils have been seized. Due to this on-going work, the number of instances decreased in recent weeks.

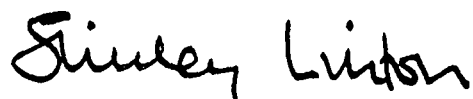
4.12 All partners have access to the SharePoint system which is proving a valuable resource for information sharing and efficient and effective deployment of resources. Further training took place involving over 40 partners from all services.

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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Coatbridge Community Safety Sub Group - SharePoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
January 2016	Coatbank Street Ward 6	Youths racing cars along the dual carriageway at Coatbank Street and Fast food outlet car park area. Youths congregating near to McDonalds are drinking, smashing bottles and being abusive.	Additional foot and mobile community police patrols in the area in the evening. McDonald's staff assisting with investigations. CCTV tasked with monitoring	Police Scotland CCTV	Reduction in speeding incidents. McDonalds have employed a security guard on Friday and Saturday evenings. Ongoing action plan for this area.
February 2016	A89 Coatbridge Road, Bargeddie Ward 9	Speeding vehicles	Police Action Plan agreed for 4 weeks of action.	Police Scotland Roads and Transportation	Significant results from the action plan include: Speeding offences/Fixed penalty notices/MOT offences captured. Police leading on enquiry for an additional camera at this location. Review of road will be undertaken following outcome of camera.
25 November 2015	Carnbroe Ward 10	Complaints about speeding traffic through Carnbroe Village.	Police implemented a Road Policing and Community Policing Action plan. Roads will carry out a traffic assessment.	Police Scotland North Lanarkshire Council	Several speeding offences were detected and numerous warnings administered. Traffic assessment has still to be carried out.