

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: MOTHERWELL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 18 th April 2016	Ref: SL/MB	

1. Purpose of the 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 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 Efforts continue in the Motherwell area to deal with issues of neighbour nuisance and noise disorder. Officers from Housing and Social Work Services, Police Scotland continue to promote community safety through partnership working to ensure a positive outcome for residents. Examples of this include analysing trends/spikes in anti-social behaviour within the locality area, making an assessment and taking swift, appropriate and effective actions. We continue to develop good working relationship with Community Safety partners for example, daily liaison with Police Scotland, reviewing disclosures to determine day time and out of hours visits , review of CCTV fortnightly reports, paying close attention to Tower Report which give us overall view of active incidents in the Motherwell towers as well as the locality.
- 4.2 In relation to the EEI (early and effective intervention) programme where young persons are identified at an early stage where there is a risk of offending or demonstrating problem behaviour and joint working solutions provided to address and alleviate the issues raised.

CCTV also continues to be a valuable resource and has led to improved safety and security of all our residents and is used to good effect in the detection of crime and disorder. Additionally CCTV cameras have been purchased through the Community Safety Sub Group for use within the Motherwell area.

- 4.2 In ward 16, a Notice of Proceedings has been issued to a household due to anti-social behaviour. Action is on-going among Community Safety partners have addressed anti-social issues at the household in an effort to send a robust message that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.
- 4.3 Following a serious incident in Ward 17, a household was relocated to prevent any further repercussions; to date this action has proved effective as there have been no further altercations. Also in ward 17, two tenancies have been returned to the Council following incidents of on-going anti-social behaviour, which reiterates that participating in this type of behaviour has serious consequences.
- 4.4 In ward 18, a property was also returned to the Council, an ASBO was granted and Short Scottish Secure Tenancy issued to a household due to the unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour.

Other recent complaints were received and on investigation it was discovered that a vulnerable individual was being targeted and action was taken to remove the individual concerned and the perpetrators warned.

Another householder required medical attention following complaints of anti-social behaviour and due to the intervention and partnership working the householder has returned to their home and is now sustaining their tenancy.

The above demonstrates the variety of complaints received and shows the joint working to achieve positive outcomes where feasible.

- 4.5 Joint visits with Community Police and Housing Services continue to be carried out to households which may be prevalent to anti-social behaviour or areas giving cause for concern have been carried out for a number of years in the Motherwell area to great effect.
- 4.6 Officers from Motherwell Housing and Social Work also continue to attend Tenant & Resident Association meetings in Muirhouse, Flemington and North Motherwell, schedules permitting. Following recent consultation with residents from the multi storey towers in Ward 17, canopies are due to be installed. It is hoped that this will improve access and egress to the towers which was previously a safety concern for residents, thus demonstrating good partnership working with our tenants and residents.
- 4.7 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 were provided from Housing and Social Work service. This is a testimony to the on-going positive locality partnership work taking place.

5. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the Partnership's commitment to tackling community safety in all of our localities.

6. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note the content of this report



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Motherwell Community Safety Sub Group - Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
January 2016	Fife Drive, Forgewood. Ward 16	Nuisance of quad and mini motor bikes	Information distributed to local households to contact Police Scotland to report these incidents. Extra Police Action within the area	Forgewood Housing Co-op Police Scotland	Police following a positive line of enquiry re owners of the quad bikes. Reduction in incidents.
Jan – March 2016	Quarry Street, New Stevenston Ward 17	Large groups of teenagers causing annoyance.	One public meeting held in March with additional meeting organised for April 2016. Member/Officer meeting agreed to confirm actions by relevant services.	Police Scotland Housing & Social Work NHS Lanarkshire CLD Chief Executive's	Deployable camera application complete. Community meeting has taken place and further planned in order to task partners with actions
Feb – March 2016	Dalriada Crescent Ward 16	Complaints from residents about dumping and Anti-social behaviour	Site visit undertaken Meeting with residents Contact private property owners	Chief Executives Environmental Services Land Management	Clearance of debris and visual improvement. Derelict Property owners undertaking improvements. Section 80 abatement notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 served to private owners
Jan – March 2016	Ward 17	Safe disposals of aerosols	Action Plan in place to address issues of Anti- Social and reckless behaviour.	Housing & Social Work Scottish Fire & Rescue Police Scotland Chief Executive's Trading Standards	Individual in monitored accommodation. Landlord notified of fire risk and clear out of property. On-going monitoring of this situation.
March 2016	Parkneuk Street Ward 17	Issues of anti-social behaviour and vandalism	Community Police Patrols in place. Meeting with local residents	Police Scotland Chief Executives Housing & Social Work	Area being monitored and updates provided to the next LAP
March 2016	Aultmore Drive Ward 17	Dumping to rear of vacant land. Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour	Site visit. Increased patrols.	Environmental Services Police Scotland Chief Executive's	Area cleared. Landlord contacted to remove white goods. Area being locked off to prevent further access.