

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 21 April 2016	Ref: SL/MC	

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 that the Local Area Team (LAT) and CSSG are having 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 Anti Social Response Team continues to deal with an increasing number of complaints and are working pro-actively to address these. This approach is having a positive impact on local perceptions of antisocial behaviour particularly in relation to joint working with Police Scotland. This work has contributed to a reduction in anti social complaints in the reporting period.

4.2 All partners continue to work closely to achieve positive outcomes for service users. Meetings are ongoing between the Area Police Inspector and Service Delivery Co-ordinator (Anti-Social Behaviour) from Housing and Social Work Services to review the existing liaison arrangements and to consider ways of improving communication and information sharing. The Local Regeneration Manager continues to liaise with all partners to agree priorities and ensure effective use of resources. This liaison also focusses on the effectiveness of information sharing and communication.

4.3 Regular liaison is ongoing with Tenants and Residents groups to ensure that the important views of the communities are part of the solution for addressing the issues experienced. Estate walkabouts led by the local Community are ongoing and provide an important input to inform action for all partners.


- 4.4 Proactive "muirburn" activity to take place to reduce number of deliberate and accidental grass fires – 8 risk areas have been identified in Bellshill area
- 4.5 15 staff from Housing and social work services have participated in CPR training, with more anticipated over next few weeks and months;
- 4.6 On-going joint initiative to generate more Home Fire Safety Visits referrals in Sheltered Housing premises – SFRS liaising with housing services and wardens;
- 4.7 GP Home Fire Safety Visits referral initiative – agreements now in place at 5 GP practices in Bellshill area;
- 4.8 A joint meeting took place in February to address several issues affecting the Lockett Yett Estate. This meeting was attended to by over 70 members of the public and has led to more effective community engagement and actions by all partners.
- 4.9 Partners attended a community meeting to address ASB concerns raised by the Holm Gardens/Burnside residents in February at the Frank Ferguson Centre, Bellshill to provide reassurance to concerned residents following a fatality in Burnside Ave, Bellshill.
- 4.10 Housing Services Staff delivered an ASB presentation at the Blue Triangle, Viewpark for residents in conjunction with Blue Triangle staff to discuss the effect of anti-social behaviour on neighbours and how young people can effect positive change.
- 4.11 Several partners attended a Community Meeting in March to address reports of Anti-Social Behaviour/ Youth Disorder in the areas of Quarry Street and Union Street, New Stevenston. Further meeting to take place in April.
- 4.12 The joint agency approach (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service/CSSG including NLC Housing ASB Team and Police Scotland) to firesetter intervention continues to prove successful. From the Bellshill & District locality 1 youth has attended the intervention process and has not reoffended in the past 6 months.
- 4.13 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.
- 4.14 Street Soccer NL and the Friday Night projects continue to provide positive opportunities for young people and these projects are contributing to a reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour in the area
- 4.15 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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Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
22/3/16	Ward 13 – Gas Flats Area	Anti-social behaviour	Joint working including specific joint action days have had a positive impact on issues in the area.	Police Housing and Social Work Services	Positive, higher profile, joint working has led to issues being addressed and has increased confidence locally
22/3/16	Ward 14 - Jewel Scheme	Ongoing issues with local feuds in area	All partners working together to identify and address issues as necessary	All partners	Joint working continues to take place to address issues and raise public awareness of procedures to report concerns. This has resulted in positive action.
22/3/16	Ward 14 - Lockett Yett Estate	Youth disorder and ASB in area	All relevant partners advised of issues being experienced	Police Housing Regeneration Roads Section Education	Well attended public meeting held in February resulting in all partners being tasked with relevant actions
22/3/16	Ward 15 – Quarry St New Stevenston	Youth disorder and ASB in area	All relevant partners involved in addressing issues raised	All Partners	Community meeting has taken place and further planned in order to task partners with actions
22/3/16	Ward 13 – Old mine nature park	Issues with public drinking and ASB	Police increasing patrols in area and other partners involved as necessary	Police Housing and Social Work Services CLD	Increased attention in area has resulted in a reduction in problems