

Airdrie, 30 July 2014 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Beveridge, Curley, Spowart, Stocks and Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council; Maggs Thomson, NHS Lanarkshire; Station Manager Gordon McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Inspector Gavin Russell and Sergeant Gerry Bryceland, Police Scotland, and Morag Thomson, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Lesley Deverick, Committee Officer, and Eric Hislop, Joint Acting Head of Design and Property Services, Corporate Services; Chris O'Neill, Service Delivery Manager, and Sam McKay, Social Work Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, and Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager, Lorna Ogilvie, Senior Planning Officer, Paul Kane, Development and Funding Officer, and Andy Wyatt, Transportation Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Fagan and Logue.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. Councillor Morgan declared a non financial interest, in respect of paragraph 9, due to the nature of his wife's employment.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE**

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 9 April 2014.

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 12 February and 9 April 2014.

**Decided:** that the Minutes be noted.

**NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - AIRDRIE LOCALITY**

4. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 30 July 2014) dated 27 June 2014 by the Locality Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, providing an update on Health Service initiatives which were either NHS Lanarkshire wide or specific to the Airdrie locality, including (1) the provision of a new drop-in style clinic for sexual and reproductive health across four Health Centres in North Lanarkshire, including Airdrie Community Health Centre, and (2) the proposed development of the Lanarkshire Beatson, a radiotherapy centre for the West of Scotland, at Monklands District General Hospital, Airdrie.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Maggs Thomson, NHS Lanarkshire, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT**

5. There was submitted a report dated June 2014 from the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership Group detailing their activity in North Lanarkshire, including (1) the staging of the 2014 North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Conference at the New College Lanarkshire Coatbridge Campus on 4 June 2014; (2) the progress made in relation to the objectives of the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Strategy 2013 to 2018; (3) the preparation of volunteers to support the delivery of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games events within North Lanarkshire; (4) the special North Lanarkshire Saltire Awards Celebration and Presentation event which was hosted by Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire in Wishaw on 20 June 2014, and (5) the achievement of the Investors in People Silver Award by Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Morag Thomson, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions in relation to the services provided throughout the Airdrie area by third sector organisations.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that a brief presentation on the services provided throughout the Airdrie area by third sector organisations be given to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS**

6. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of this Local Area Partnership held on 22 January 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 30 July 2014) dated 30 July 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, (1) providing an update on the progress made by the Local Area Team for the Airdrie area in relation to the 2013/14 Airdrie Local Area Team Action Plan, and (2) outlining details of the key priorities of the 2014/15 Action Plan.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**COATS HOUSE, AIRDRIE – RELOCATION OF AIRDRIE FIRST STOP SHOP AND REFURBISHMENT WORKS**

7. There was submitted a report dated 8 July 2014 by the Joint Acting Head of Design and Property Services, North Lanarkshire Council, advising that, given that the existing First Stop Shop premises at 10 Bank Street, Airdrie, were no longer suitable to meet the increase in demand for service provision, it was the intention of the Council (1) to create a modern “fit for purpose” First Stop Shop within Coats House, Airdrie; (2) to carry out a programme of works for the partial refurbishment of the building, at an estimated cost in excess of £1m, and (3) to relocate the First Stop Shop Service which was currently located at 10 Bank Street to Coats House.

Thereon, Eric Hislop, Joint Acting Head of Design and Property Services, North Lanarkshire Council, was heard in supplement to the report. Arising out of a brief discussion, it was suggested that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership on the progress of the development of a First Stop Shop within Coats House, and on the future use of the premises at 10 Bank Street following the relocation of the First Stop Shop Service.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that a report on (a) the progress of the creation of a new First Stop Shop within Coats House, Airdrie, and the partial refurbishment of the building, and (b) the future use of the listed building at 10 Bank Street, Airdrie, following relocation of the First Stop Shop Service to Coats House be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

8. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 30 July 2014) dated 30 July 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council, providing details of action taken by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group in relation to community safety issues in the Airdrie area for the period from March to June 2014.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Chief Inspector Gavin Russell, Police Scotland; Gordon McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue, and Chris O'Neill and Sam McKay, North Lanarkshire Council, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Morgan, by virtue of his wife's employment, declared a non financial interest in the matter.**

**AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

9. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 9 April 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 30 July 2014) dated July 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of progress in relation to the development of the Airdrie Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) providing details of progress in relation to projects and initiatives under the current Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan, and (3) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited for all local partnership areas which showed that the footfall in Airdrie Town Centre for the period from January to March 2014 was 5%

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down on the level recorded in the previous quarter, but similar to the level recorded in the period from January to March 2014.

Thereon, Lorna Ogilvie, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014/15

10. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 9 April 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 30 July 2014) dated July 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included within the Local Development Programme, and (2) setting out, in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, the progress of the projects within the 2013/14 Programme and 2014/15 Programme respectively.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Martin Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the Local Development Programme for 2013/14, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the Local Development Programme for 2014/15, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted, and
- (3) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

### YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

11. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 22 January 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Airdrie Area Committee held on 30 July 2014) dated 30 July 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update on the performance of the Council's Youth Investment Programme which offered incentives to employers to recruit young unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire; (2) indicating that, by May 2014, in the third year of the Programme, 4,070 unemployed residents had benefitted from the Programme, and that 1,937 jobs had been secured from the private sector; (3) advising that, to date, 343 unemployed residents in the Airdrie area had been supported into employment, and (4) stating that, while the statistics indicated that the Airdrie area as a whole had secured an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, the results showed that there was a higher rate of youth unemployment in the Airdrie North area compared to the Airdrie Central and Airdrie South areas.

Paul Kane, Funding and Regeneration Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, outlined the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**CAR PARK AT HALLCRAIG STREET, AIRDRIE – VANDALISM**

12. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Area Partnership held on 9 April 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of the Airdrie Area Committee held on 30 July 2014) dated 30 July 2014 by the Head of Roads and Transportation, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing details of the measures which were being put in place to close the North West and South East stairwells of the car park at Hallcraig Street, Airdrie, to address the high level of vandalism and anti-social behaviour within the facility, and (2) advising that the estimated cost of these measures was approximately £30,000, the cost of which would be met from the Council's Regeneration and Environmental Services Budget for 2014/15.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Andy Wyatt, Transportation Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, speak to the report and respond to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.