

**NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 16 January 2014**

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**St. Patrick's Primary School, Kilsyth, 16 January 2014 at 6 pm.****A Meeting of the NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP****PRESENT**

Councillor Grant, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Goldie, Graham, P. Hogg, Irvine, Jones, McCulloch, McLaren, McVey, Muir and Stevenson, North Lanarkshire Council; Billy Lees, Cumbernauld Community Forum; P. Carter, Kilsyth Community Forum; Ross McGuffie, NHS Lanarkshire; M. McKay, Northern Community Forum; D. Bruce, Police Scotland; O. Hanratty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Ian Sinclair, Voluntary Sector.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Grant (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

C. Johnstone, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; B. Brownlie, Area Housing Manager, S. Llewellyn, Operations Manager and A. Johnstone, Assistant Operations Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, and M. Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager; K. Gray, Planning Officer and C. McAuley, Economic Development Manager, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors W. Hogg, McGlinchey, Masterton and Wallace and Eleanor Campbell.

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

1. There were no declarations of interest received.

**The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter Minuted.**

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2013**

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 24 October 2013.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 24 October 2013 be noted.

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 11 September 2013.

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**Decided:** that the Minute of the meeting of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 11 September 2013 be noted.

### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY FORUMS**

#### **(1) CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM**

4. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 8 October and 12 November 2013.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 8 October and 12 November 2013 be noted.

#### **(2) KILSYTH AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM**

5. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 2 October 2013.

**Decided:** that the Minute of the meeting of Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 2 October 2013 be noted.

### **COMMUNITY FORUMS - UPDATE**

#### **(1) CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM**

6. There was submitted a report by Cumbernauld Community Forum (1) providing an overview of the Community Forum activities and actions; (2) outlining a number of issues which had been highlighted by Community Forum members, and (3) summarising the Community Forum achievements and new developments.

Thereon, the Partnership heard B. Lees, Cumbernauld Community Forum update the Members on the activities of the Forum.

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

#### **(2) KILSYTH AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM**

7. There was submitted a report by Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum (1) providing an overview of the Community Forum activities and actions; (2) outlining a number of issues which had been highlighted by Community Forum members, and (3) summarising the Community Forum achievements and new developments.

Thereon, the Partnership heard P. Carter, Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum update Members on the activities of the Forum

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

**(3) NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM**

8. There was submitted a report by Northern Corridor Community Forum (1) providing an overview of the Community Forum activities and actions; (2) outlining the issues which had been highlighted by Community Forum members, and (3) summarising the Community Forum achievements and new developments.

Thereon, the Partnership heard M. McKay, Northern Corridor Community Forum update the members on the activities of the Forum.

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

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE**

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2013 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services providing an update on the performance of the Council's Youth Investment Programme (1) outlining the background to the programme which was launched following the allocation of an additional £1.7m to tackle youth unemployment; (2) advising that the Programme offered an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and had been designed to financially support businesses to create additional job opportunities; (3) intimating that the target for the Programme was to support 5,000 unemployed residents back to work over three years via the Apprenticeships, Xtra Hands and New Start elements of the Programme; (4) indicating that the unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate in the North area was higher than the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (5) informing that, to date, 3,215 individuals had been supported into employment within the North area; (6) stating that, while the figures show the North area as a whole has an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, the results demonstrate the need to focus more efforts on the North area to ensure that this area of high unemployment benefits from the Programme, and (7) indicating that the Local Area Team would assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme by promoting the Programme to employers and young people in most need.

Thereon, C. McAuley was heard in further explanation of the report.

**Decided:** that it be noted that North Local Area Team would continue to promote the Youth Investment Programme to ensure the most disadvantaged communities maximise the benefits from the Scheme.

**THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT**

10. There was submitted a report by Evelyn Campbell, Third Sector representative (1) advising of projects and initiatives undertaken by the Third Sector up to December 2013, and (2) providing details thereon.

Thereon, the Partnership heard I. Sinclair, Third Sector representative update the members on the activities of the Voluntary Sector.

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

**NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - NORTH LOCALITY**

11. There was submitted a report by Evelyn Lang, Service Manager, North Locality, NHS providing an update in relation to (1) the integration of health and social care and the Health Board boundary changes; (2) the Winter Plan; (3) Kilsyth Victoria Cottage Hospital; (4) Mental Health in tackling stigma: "See Me" Campaign; (5) Festive Campaign; (6) Play Safe, Home Safe; (7) Sexual Health; (8) Detect Cancer Early, and (9) Healthy Weight; Practical Cookery and Nutrition Course.

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Thereon, Ross McGuffie, NHS was heard in explanation of the report and responded to any questions posed.

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

### **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

12. There was submitted a report dated 16 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration advising of initiatives and measures taken in partnership with local agencies to minimise the level of crime in the area and providing details thereon.

Thereon, D. Bruce and O. Hanratty were heard in explanation of the report and responded to any questions posed.

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

### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

13. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 24 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 16 January 2014) dated 16 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of projects in the Local Development Programme, and (2) seeking approval of the Local Development Programme for 2014/15 as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report; (3) summarising a list of holding projects as outlined in Appendix 3 to the report, and (4) intimating that the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2013 had agreed, that an additional £300,000 be added to the Local Development Programme for the North area.

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

- (1) that the progress with the 2013/2014 Local Development Programme and the Estate Based Initiatives Programme, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposals for the Local Development Programme for 2014/2015, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the holding list of projects for the area, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be noted, and that the additional resources of £300,000 allocated to the Local Development Programme for the North area be noted, and
- (4) that the Head of Planning and Regeneration submit, to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, a further report detailing progress with current and proposed projects.

### **CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH TOWN CENTRES**

14. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 24 October 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 16 January 2014) dated 16 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council providing an update in relation to the progress being made regarding the regeneration of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Town Centres.
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Thereon, Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, spoke to the report and answered any questions raised.

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

### **LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLAN**

15. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the progress of (1) the North Local Area Team Action Plan for the period from 1 April to 30 September 2013 enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report , and (2) the implementation of the Action Plan.

Thereon M. Dickson spoke to the report and answered any questions raised.

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

### **REMODEL OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE**

16. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing and Social Work Services Committee held on 15 August 2013 when, inter alia, the amended Anti-Social Behaviour Policy was approved, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of North Local Area Committee held on 14 January 2014) dated 13 December 2013 by the Head of Housing Services (1) providing details of the progress of the implementation arrangements for the introduction of the remodelled Anti-Social Behaviour Service; (2) advising that (a) prior to the establishment of the Working Group an Internal Business Process Review Team had been set up and the objectives of the Team were highlighted within the report, and (b) the three stages of the Business Process Review were process mapping/evidence gathering, redesign and action/ implementation; (3) detailing within the report the six core principles – clarity of purpose, improve first point of contact, pro-active service with increased visibility, improved communications and processes, improved marketing of the new service and improved sustainability to break the cycle of anti-social behaviour, and (4) setting out within the report the proposals which had been agreed for the delivery of the new service.

Thereon, S. Llewellyn, Operations Manager spoke to the report and answered any questions raised.

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