

NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 24 October 2013

Cumbernauld Court Room, 24 October 2013 at 6 pm.

A Meeting of the NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor Grant, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Goldie, Graham, P. Hogg, W. Hogg, Irvine, Johnston, Jones, McCulloch, McLaren and Wallace, North Lanarkshire Council; B. Lees, Cumbernauld Community Forum; P. Carter, Kilsyth Community Forum; Ross McGuffie, NHS Lanarkshire; M. McKay, Northern Community Forum; D. Bruce, Police Scotland; S. McQueen, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and E. Campbell, Voluntary Sector.

CHAIR

Councillor Grant (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

C. Johnstone, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; S. Penman, Head of Corporate Communications, Chief Executive's; B. Brownlie, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; M. Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager and Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Danielle Jarvie, Routes to Work.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McGlinchey, Masterton, Muir and McVey.

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

1. There were no declarations of interest received.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2013

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 1 August 2013.

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 1 August 2013 be noted.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 17 JULY 2013

3. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 17 July 2013.
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Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 17 July 2013 be noted.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY FORUMS

(1) CUMBERNAULD COMMUNITY FORUM

4. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 11 June 2013.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 11 June 2013 be noted.

(2) NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM

5. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 20 August 2013.

Decided: that the Minute of the meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 20 August 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. Arising from discussion it was proposed that (1) the Local Regeneration Manager investigate the issues raised in relation to fires, smell and noise at Dows Waste Management, Cumbernauld, and (2) that a joint meeting be arranged with the Cumbernauld Community Forum and Northern Corridor Community Forum and representatives from First Bus and Stagecoach to discuss bus provision within the area.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the Local Regeneration Manager investigate the issues surrounding fires, smell and noise at Dows Waste Management, Cumbernauld, and
- (2) a joint meeting with Cumbernauld Community Forum and Northern Corridor Community Forum and representatives from First Bus and Stagecoach be held to discuss bus provision within the area.

(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
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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.

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

9. There was submitted a report by Evelyn Campbell, Third Sector representative (1) advising of projects and initiatives undertaken by the Third Sector up to 23 September 2013, and (2) providing details thereon.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - NORTH LOCALITY

10. There was submitted a report by Ross McGuffie, North Locality, NHS providing an update in relation to (1) the Primary Care Hub; (2) the Health Board Boundary Changes; (3) the Collaborative Themes Working Group; (4) Youth Diversity Activity – Street Soccer NL; (5) See Me – North Locality Community Forum; (6) Youth Sexual Health, and (7) Cervical Screening Amnesty.

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

11. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2013 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 S. McQueen were heard in explanation of the report and responded to any questions posed.

Decided: that the report be noted.

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

12. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 1 August 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 24 October 2013) dated 24 October 2013 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 (a) the Estate Based Initiatives, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report; (b) the Local Development Programme for 2014/15 as outlined in Appendix 3 to the report, and (c) the holding list of projects for the area as outlined in Appendix 4 to the report.

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

- (1) that the progress with the 2012/2014 Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposals for (a) the Estate Based Initiative Programme 2013/14 as shown in Appendix 2 to the report; (b) the Local Development Programme for 2014/2015, as outlined in Appendix 3 to the report, and (c) the holding list of projects for the area, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report, be approved, and
- (3) 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

13. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 1 August 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 24 October 2013) dated 24 October 2013 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.

Thereon, Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council, spoke to the report and answered any questions raised.

Decided: that the report be noted.

BIG LOTTERY – MAKING IT WORK ACTION: LONE PARENTS

14. Danielle Jarvie, Routes to Work provided a presentation on the funding received by North Lanarkshire to support lone parents to realise their potential and move into the labour market and advised:-
- that North Lanarkshire had received £1.25m of funding for this purpose;
 - that the Partnership bid was led by Routes to Work, North Lanarkshire Council and Voluntary Action, North Lanarkshire;
 - that the delivery partners were One Parent Family Scotland, Greater Easterhouse Money Advice Project, Circle Scotland and Job Centre Plus;
 - that a pilot project was underway in North Motherwell;

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- of the eligibility of criteria, and
- of the anticipated outputs and outcomes.

Thereafter, Danielle Jarvie responded to questions from members of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

REMIT FROM THE LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 20 AUGUST 2013 – THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

15. With reference to paragraph 23 of the Minute of the meeting of the Learning and Leisure Services Committee held 20 August 2013, when that Committee had considered a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of that Committee) dated 22 July 2013 by the Head of Community Information and Learning, and had agreed inter alia that the report by referred to the Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees for their interest, there was submitted the said report.

Thereon, Barbara Philiben, Community Learning and Inclusion Manager, Learning and Leisure Services was heard in relation to the report. Arising from discussion it was proposed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership detailing the Community Learning Development activity within the area.

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

- (1) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership detailing Community Learning Development activity within the area, and
- (2) that the requirements of the Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013, as outlined in the report be noted.

REMIT FROM THE MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2013 - BUDGET SAVINGS: ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

16. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held 19 September 2013, when that Committee had considered a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of that Committee) dated 28 August 2013 by the Chief Executive, and had agreed inter alia that the report by referred to the Local Area Partnership for information, there was submitted the said report.

Thereon, Stephen Penman, Head of Corporate Communications provided a presentation detailing the outcome of the analysis of the consultation responses and intimated that:-

- 3,250 individuals responded with more than 10,000 comments received on the savings options;
- the Council agreed to 58% of the original savings options totalling £62.4m;
- the savings represented a reduction of 744 full-time equivalent posts over the three years of the programme;
- respondents to the consultation had expressed strong disagreement in relation to 78% of the options and these were subsequently rejected by the Council;

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- respondents to the consultation had expressed strong disagreement in relation to 58% of the options and these were subsequently rejected by the Council;
- respondents to the consultation had expressed moderate to slight disagreement in relation to 47% of the options and these were subsequently rejected by the Council;
- respondents to the consultation had expressed more agreement than disagreement in relation to 13% of the options and these were subsequently rejected by the Council;
- respondents to the consultation had expressed strong agreement in relation to 17% of the options and these were subsequently rejected by the Council;
- 18 of the 20 savings options where there was strong disagreement were rejected including proposals such as closure of residential care homes, reducing school transport limits and ceasing school breakfast clubs;
- 17 of the 20 savings options where there was strong agreement were accepted including cessation of the £15 Christmas Gift Scheme and decreasing the number of garden waste collections, and
- it was clear that the savings decisions taken by the Council had been influenced by those who responded and strongly reflected their view and concerns.

Thereafter, Stephen Penman responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided: that the presentation and report be noted.