

**Stepps Primary and Cultural Centre, Stepps, 1 August 2013 at 6 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Grant, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Goldie, W. Hogg, Irvine, Jones, McCulloch, McGlinchey, McLaren, McVey, Muir, Stevenson and Wallace, North Lanarkshire Council; Maggs Thomson, NHS Lanarkshire; Marvyn McKay, Northern Community Forum; Stuart McCartney and Drew Sinclair, Police Scotland; Owen Hanratty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Eleanor Campbell, Voluntary Sector.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Grant (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

C. Johnstone, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; M. Dickson, Local Regeneration Manager and Kirsty Gray, Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

**APOLOGY**

Councillor Graham.

**OPENING REMARKS**

The Convener welcomed Maggs Thomson, NHS, Inspector Sinclair and Sergeant McCartney, Police Scotland and Eleanor Campbell, Voluntary Sector to their first meeting of the Partnership.

**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 11 APRIL 2013**

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 11 April 2013.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 11 April 2013 be noted.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 30 JANUARY, 13 MARCH AND 8 MAY 2013**

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 30 January, 13 March and 8 May 2013.
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**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 30 January, 13 March and 8 May 2013 be noted.

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

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

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 12 March and 9 April 2013.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of the Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 12 March and 9 April 2013 be noted.

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

5. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 6 February 2013.

**Decided:** that the Minute of the meeting of the Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 6 February 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.

**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.

**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.

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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 INTRODUCTORY REPORT**

9. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minutes of the meeting of this Partnership and Area Committee held on 17 January 2013, there was submitted a report dated 1 August 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration introducing the Third Sector report and the local representative to the Local Area Partnership (1) advising that the initiative to involve local representatives in the work of the Local Area Partnerships was intended as a response to the Government review of community planning and the inclusion of a local representative mirrors the involvement of the voluntary sector at North Lanarkshire Partnership level, and (2) enclosing the third sector introduction report, and a snapshot of voluntary sector activity within the Northern area.

Thereon, the partnership heard E. Campbell, Voluntary Sector representative advise members of the Forum of the activities of the third sector.

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

### **NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - NORTH LOCALITY**

10. There was submitted a report by Ross McGuffie, Service Development Manager, North Locality, NHS providing an update in relation to (1) the Primary Care Hub; (2) the Health Board Boundary Changes; (3) the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening, and (4) the Locality Update in respect of (a) Central Health Centre Car Park; (b) Health Improvement Update, and (c) the launch of Scotland's Tobacco Control Strategy – Creating a Tobacco-Free Generation.

Thereon, M. Thomson, 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 joint report dated 1 August 2013 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services 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, Inspector Sinclair, Police Scotland and O. Henratty were heard in explanation of the report and responded to any questions posed.

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

### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

12. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 11 April 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 1 August 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of projects in the Local
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Development Programme including Estate Based Initiatives, as outlined in the Appendix to the report; (2) summarising, in Appendix 2, the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, and (3) detailing, in Appendix 3 to the report, the holding list of projects.

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

- (1) that the progress with the 2012/2013 Programme, including Estate Based Initiatives, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, as outlined in Appendix 2 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 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 11 April 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 1 August 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.

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

14. There was submitted a report dated 30 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the performance of the Council's Youth Investment Programme (1) outlining the background to the programme which was launched following receipt of an additional allocation of £1.7m to tackle youth unemployment; (2) advising that the Programme offered an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and was designed to financially support businesses to create additional job opportunities; (3) indicating that the target for the Programme was to support 5,000 unemployed residents back to work over three years via apprenticeships, the Xtra hands project and the new start programme; (4) indicating that the unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate in Cumbernauld was higher than the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (5) informing that, to date, 167 individuals had been supported into employment within the North area; (6) advising that while the figures show the North area as a whole has an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, the results demonstrate a need to focus efforts on the Cumbernauld South and Kilsyth area to ensure that these areas of high unemployment benefit 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.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be noted that North Local Area Team would promote the Youth Investment Programme, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

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### **LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS**

15. There was submitted a report dated 8 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration providing an update on the progress of the 2012/213 North Local Area Team Action Plan (1) setting out a number of the key achievements in conjunction with partner agencies in 2012/2013; (2) intimating that, following a review of the Local Area Team action planning process, a number of areas had been identified for improvement; (3) detailing a number of improvements which had been made to the Action Plan for 2013/2014, and (4) setting out the key priorities for the 2013/2014 Action Plan.

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

### **MEETINGS OF NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 2013**

16. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 2013 by the Head of Central Services (1) seeking approval to amend the date for the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership/Area Committee scheduled to take place on 17 October 2013, and (2) proposing that the meetings take place on Thursday, 24 October 2013.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and Area Committee be held on Thursday, 24 October 2013.