

**NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 17 January 2013**

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**CUMBERNAULD COURT ROOM, BRON WAY, CUMBERNAULD,  
17 January 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, McGlinchey, McLaren, McVey, Masterton, Muir and Stevenson, North Lanarkshire Council; Billy Lees, Cumbernauld Community Forum; Cheryl Anderson, Kilsyth Community Forum; Ross McGuffie, NHS Lanarkshire; Marvyn McKay, Northern Community Forum; Brian Hughes, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Brian Connell, Strathclyde Police.

**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, Environmental Services; B. Brownlie, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, and I. Campbell, Projects and Partnership Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

**APOLOGY**

Councillor Wallace.

**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.**

**PRESENTATION - NORTH LANARKSHIRE PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY – ENGAGEMENT/NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT**

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 January 2013 by the Head of Community Information and Learning regarding the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy 2013/18 (1) setting out details of the approach for the ongoing engagement; (2) intimating that a Strategy Implementation and Review Group had been established to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy, and (3) indicating that the recommendations contained within the Strategy encompass consideration of new build, upgrades, changes to usage, additional maintenance work and alternative use or disposal.

Thereon, the Convener introduced Iain Campbell, Projects and Partnership Officer, North Lanarkshire Council who gave a presentation on the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy 2013/18.

Iain Campbell provided further information in respect of:-

- the background to the Strategy which had taken into account the views of local clubs, organisations, sport in schools development staff, Facility Managers as well as Scottish governing bodies' representatives
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- the context for the Strategy which included economic climate and financial conditions, legacies of major sporting events and developments in specific sports;
- the key messages contained within the Strategy;
- the key questions in relation to the delivery of projects;
- a summary of the main recommendations, and
- the key recommendations in respect of the North Area;

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

Arising from discussion it was (1) suggested that the Strategy and Implementation and Review Group consider the issues raised by members of the Partnership as undernoted:-

- the provision of a multi sports facility at St. Andrew's Primary School, Cumbernauld;
- the overall provision of play pitches within the North Area and in particular the number of pitches considered to be of poor standard and the relatively low number of synthetic pitches;
- the inclusion of a BMX track/skateboard facility and running track within Lanrigg pitch, and
- bring forward the timescales regarding the proposals/options in respect of Stepps Hockey Club;

(2) that the Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services provide a further report following conclusion of the consultation exercise to a future meeting of the Partnership, and

(3) that the Local Regeneration Manager liaise with the appropriate Officers in relation to the concerns raised in respect of the non-conclusion of the lease arrangements regarding Auchinloch Bowling Club.

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

- (1) that the issues and suggestions in respect of the Playing Pitch Strategy be noted;
  - (2) that the Local Regeneration Manager liaise with the appropriate Officers in relation to the non-conclusion of the lease agreement with Auchinloch Bowling Club;
  - (3) that the main recommendations, as set out within the presentation, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
  - (4) that the establishment of the Strategy Implementation and Review Group to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy be noted;
  - (5) that the specific recommendations relating to the North Area, as set out within the presentation, which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
  - (6) that the various points raised overleaf in relation to the provision of a multi sports facility at St. Andrew's Primary School, the provision of play pitches in the North Area and, in particular the number of pitches considered to be of poor standard and the relatively low number of synthetic pitches; provision of a BMX/skateboard facility at Lanrigg and timescales for the proposals/options in respect of Stepps Hockey Club be considered as part of the response to the Playing Pitch Strategy;
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- (7) that the Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services provide a further report following conclusion of the consultation exercise to a future meeting of the Partnership, and
- (8) that the presentation be otherwise noted.

### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2012**

- 3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 11 October 2012.

**Decided:** that the Minutes of the meetings of the North Local Area Partnership and North Area Committee held on 11 October 2012 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 9 October 2012.

**Decided:** that the Minute of the meeting of the Cumbernauld Community Forum held on 9 October 2012 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 7 November 2012.

**Decided:** that the Minute of the meeting of the Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum held on 7 November 2012 be noted.

#### **(3) NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM**

- 6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 16 October 2012.

**Decided:** that the Minute of the meeting of the Northern Corridor Community Forum held on 16 October 2012 be noted.

### **COMMUNITY FORUMS - UPDATE**

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

- 7. 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.
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Thereon, the Partnership heard B. Lees, Cumbernauld Community Forum update the Members on the activities of the Forum.

Arising from discussion (1) concern was raised in relation to the signage at Westfield Recycling Centre, and (2) it was agreed that the Local Regeneration Manager advise the appropriate officers of the concern in the lack of signage.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the Local Regeneration Manager advise the appropriate officers of the concern in the lack of signage.

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

8. 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 C. Anderson, Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum update the Members on the activities of the Forum.

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

### **(3) NORTHERN CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FORUM**

9. 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 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 the following initiatives (1) the Family Nurse Partnership; (2) Primary Care Hub Programme; (3) Treatment Room Review; (4) Early Years; (5) UNICEF Breastfeeding Programme; (6) Young Mums/Mums to be Group; (7) Play at Home; (8) Young People; (9) Partnership Working, and (10) Youth Health Service.

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

Prior to the consideration of the next item, the Convener intimated that Eddie Mullen of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and B. Connell, Strathclyde Police were due to retire, and on behalf of the Partnership, thanked them both for their contribution to the work of the Partnership and the Local Area Teams, and wished them both well for the future.

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### **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

11. There was submitted a joint report dated 17 January 2013 by the Executive Director of 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.

**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 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 11 October 2012) dated 17 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of projects in the Local Development Programme; (2) seeking approval of the Estate Based Initiatives for 2012/2013, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report; (3) summarising in Appendix 2 the Outline Development Programme for 2013/2014, and (4) detailing a holding list of projects for the area within Appendix 3 to the report.

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

- (1) that the Estate Based Initiative Programme for 2012/2013 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
- (2) that the Local Development Programme for 2013/2014 as outlined in Appendix 2, be approved;
- (3) that the holding list of projects as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved;
- (4) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services submit to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, a further report detailing progress with current and proposed projects, and
- (5) that the report be otherwise noted.

### **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 October 2012, there was submitted a report dated 17 January 2013 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the North Area Committee held on 11 October 2012) 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.

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### **REMIT FROM NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – THIRD SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES**

14. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) advising of the proposal to strengthen the role of the voluntary sector in the Local Community Planning Structures, and (2) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report a paper which was approved by North Lanarkshire Partnership Board encouraging the voluntary sector to engage more effectively in the localities and to support the work of the Local Area Teams.

Thereon M. Dickson was heard in further explanation of the report.

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

- (1) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

### **NORTH LANARKSHIRE YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE**

15. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services providing an update on the Youth Investment Programme; (1) outlining the background to the Programme which was launched following receipt of an additional allocation by the Scottish Government of £1.825m to tackle youth unemployment ; (2) advising that the Programme offers employers 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 New Start Programme; (4) indicating that the unemployment rate was 4.6% and youth unemployment rate was 8.4% in the North Area and lower than the North Lanarkshire and national averages; (5) informing that, to date, 115 individuals had been supported into employment within the North area; (6) advising that while the figures show that the North area as a whole has, currently, an appropriate share of youth investment jobs, initial results demonstrate a need to focus efforts on the Abronhill, Cumbernauld South and Kilsyth areas to ensure that this area of high unemployment fully 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, assisting with registration applications and getting young people motivated and "job ready".

**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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