

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

To: NORTH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP REVIEW
From: Assistant Chief Executive (Enterprise and Housing Resources)		
Date: 25 AUGUST 2016	Ref:	

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Local Area Partnership regarding the outcome and agreed actions from the Local Area Partnership (LAP) review. Furthermore this report will outline the local implications of the decision to create an additional Cumbernauld and Kilsyth LAP agreed at the Councils Policy & Resources Committee meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- 1.2 Through a range of partnership development activity over the past few years it has been recognised that there is a need to review local Community Planning approaches to ensure that they are fit for purpose in terms of identified partnership priorities and supportive in relation to recognising community need, aspiration and associated actions. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 provides a clear legislative context for this work.
- 1.3 The LAP review is part of a wider partnership development programme being progressed by the North Lanarkshire Partnership (NLP) Officers Group informed by
  - The review of Local Area Partnerships
  - Enabling Collaborative Leadership work with the NLP Board
  - NLP Community Planning Induction
  - Discussion regarding partnership priorities with NLP Board
  - Local Community Engagement activity

**2. LAP Review Outcome**

- 2.1 A partnership member/officer working group was established to progress a review of LAP's across North Lanarkshire. Community Planning partners were engaged through the member/officer working group and completion of a questionnaire. A Survey Monkey consultation was undertaken with local communities. A set of key improvement areas were identified including
  - Refocusing the purpose and role of the LAP's
  - Flexible style and structure that promotes partnership and community engagement

- Ensure that content and membership reflects local community need as well as strategic partnership priorities
- Provide greater opportunity for engaging with communities, the third sector and elected members
- Identifying resource solutions to progress partnership priorities

### **3. North Area Proposals**

- 3.1 In addition to the North Lanarkshire wide improvement actions outlined it was also proposed that the North area be split into two LAP Areas as follows
- Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Local Area Partnership
  - Northern Corridor Local Area Partnership
- 3.2 This will involve the creation of a new Local Area Partnership for Cumbernauld and Kilsyth increasing the total number of LAPs in North Lanarkshire to 7. The proposed boundaries for the reconfigured North LAP areas are attached as appendix 1.

### **4. Implications**

- 4.1 The style and format of future Local Area Partnership meetings will change to reflect the recommendations from the LAP review and strategic partnership priorities. There will be a greater focus on workshop style discussions relating to matters of local significance/concern with enhanced opportunity for community input and wider engagement.
- 4.2 Operational arrangements for the delivery of the additional LAP will be discussed and agreed at the future meetings of the North Area LAPs. The next meetings of the Local Area Partnerships will be as follows:
- Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Local Area Partnership will take place on 10 November
  - Northern Corridor Local Area Partnership will take place on 16 November

### **5. Conclusions and Recommendations**

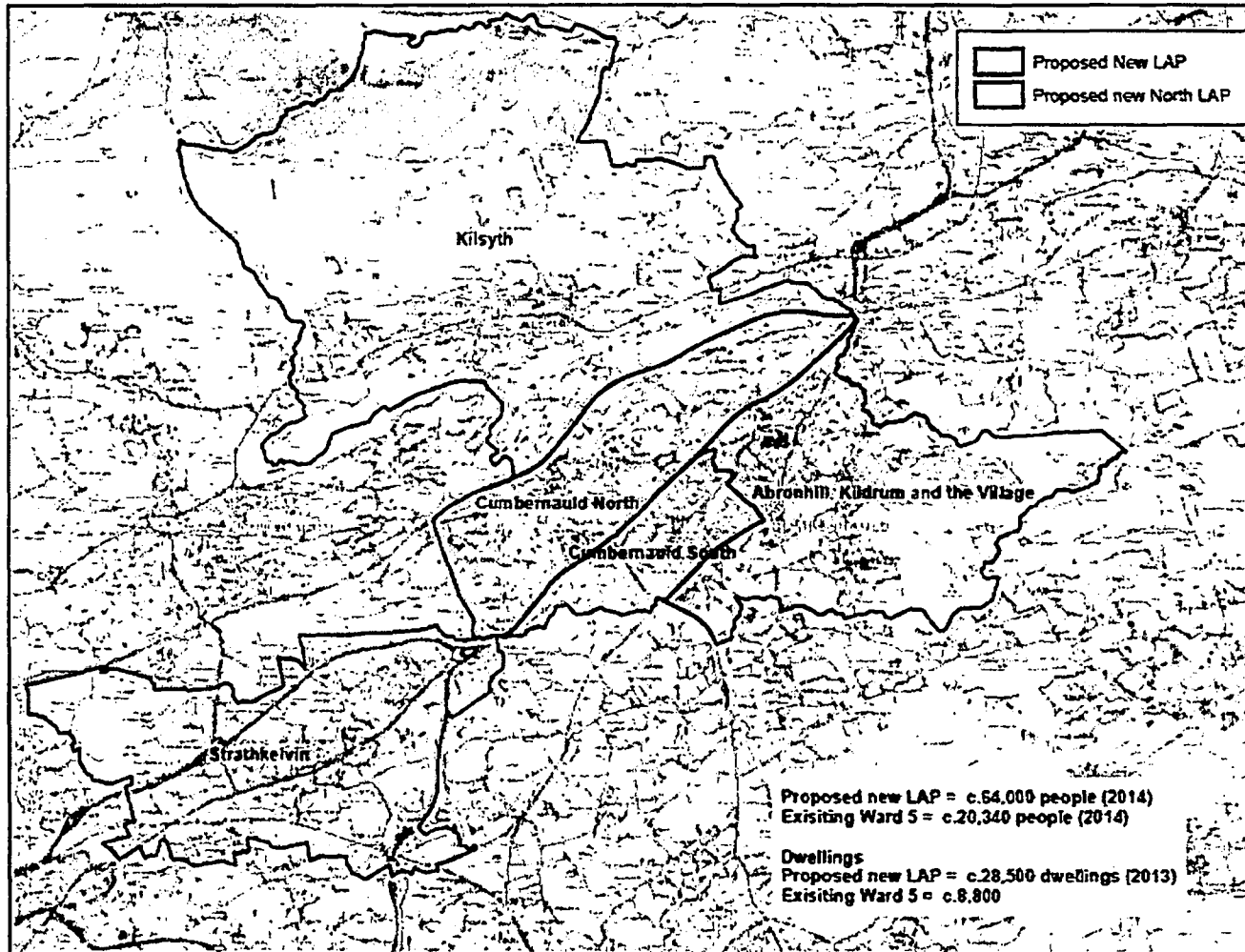
- 5.1 It is recommended that the North Local Area Partnership
- Notes and supports the implementation of the improvement actions and new style of LAP outlined within this report
  - Notes the proposal to split the North area into Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Area Partnership and Northern Corridor Local Area Partnership



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Appendix 1



Proposed LAP Changes 2016