

WISHAW AND DISTRICT AREA – 24 August 2016

Wishaw, 24 August 2016 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **WISHAW AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Shevlin, Convener; Councillors Clinch, Cochrane, Hume, Love, McKay and McKendrick.

CHAIR

Councillor Shevlin (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services); Local Regeneration Manager and Community Engagement Officer, Chief Executive's Office; Senior Planner and Service Delivery Manager, Enterprise and Housing Resources; Rosemary Robertson, NHS Lanarkshire; Inspector Alistair Anderson, Police Scotland; Kevin Barclay, Scottish Fire and Rescue; June Vallance and Craig Russell, VANL, and Francis Kane and John Duffy, Wishaw and District Community Forum.

APOLOGIES

Provost Robertson and Councillor Cefferty.

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

1. There were no declarations of interest.

LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – PROPOSED CHANGES

2. The Local Regeneration Manager orally advised the Committee (1) that, following a review of the Local Area Partnerships, a report containing recommendations for the future arrangements for meetings of the Local Area Partnerships would be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration; (2) that it was intended (a) that the future format of the Local Area Partnership meetings should be more flexible, focus on local issues and facilitate better engagement with local communities, and (b) that the Partnerships would be involved in consultations on major planning applications affecting their Areas, and (3) that this was the last meeting of the Area Committee, pending approval of this proposal by the Policy and Resources Committee.

There followed a full discussion during which some concern was expressed regarding consultation arrangements.

Decided: that the oral report by the Local Regeneration Manager be noted.

WISHAW TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 13 April 2016, there was submitted a report dated 24 August 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising of progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the draft Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan; (2) indicating (a) that the Council was now well into
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developing new frameworks and action plans for all of its Town Centres, with new frameworks looking to address issues including development opportunities; Town Centre activity, accessibility and movement; design, quality and character; Town Centre management; business support and marketing and promotion, and (b) that although consultation with partners had taken place on the draft Wishaw Framework and Action Plan, there would be an opportunity for the wider community and partners to comment on the revised draft document during 2016, and (3) containing within the report, an update with regard to road and parking improvements; streetscape improvements; shop front improvement scheme; Town Centre Activities; Wishaw Community Health Centre, Library and First Stop Shop and ongoing Town Centre issues.

Thereon, Lyndsay Noble, outlined the main points of the report and advised (1) of an event which would be taking place this weekend in Wishaw Library for local shop owners regarding the shop front improvement scheme and accessing of grants, and (2) that the Houldsworth Centre, Wishaw had been nominated for an award from the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning, with further information regarding the outcome of the award being reported to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership. Lyndsay Noble also responded to Members' questions.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Wishaw Town Centre Action Plan be noted;
- (2) that the outcome of the award would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the Wishaw and District Local Area Partnership held on 13 April 2016, there was submitted a report dated 24 August 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included in the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, progress with the 2014/15 Programme; (3) advising, within Appendix 2 to the report, of progress with the 2015/16 Programme; (4) intimating that the projects for 2016/17, including Estate Based Initiatives, were shown at Appendix 3 to the report, and (5) seeking approval of the projects from the 2016/17 Programme holding list, as highlighted within Appendix 4 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress with the 2014/15 Programme as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
 - (2) that the progress with, and changes to, the 2015/16 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
 - (3) that new projects to be delivered in 2016/17, including those funded through Estate Based Initiatives, as highlighted within Appendix 3 to the report, be approved;
 - (4) that projects contained within the holding list, as highlighted within Appendix 4 to the report, be approved;
 - (5) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
 - (6) that the report be otherwise noted.
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