

**Coatbridge, 24 August 2016 at 2 pm.**

**A Meeting of the COATBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillors Docherty, Higgins, McPake and Shields.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer, Legal and Democratic Solutions; Local Regeneration Manager, Senior Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services and Area Manager, Enterprise and Housing Resources.

**APOLOGY**

Councillor Welsh.

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

1. The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS/AREA COMMITTEES – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS**

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.

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

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 12 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 remaining 2014/15 Programme and total budget; (3) enclosing in Appendix 2 to the report, progress with the 2015/16 Programme; (4) advising, in Appendix 3 to the report, progress with the Estate Based Initiatives projects for 2015/16, and (5) seeking approval for (a) the 2016/17 Programme as detailed within Appendix 4 to the report, and (b) further progress on the current and proposed projects which would be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress with the remaining 2014/15 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the 2015/16 Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the progress with the Estate Based Initiatives projects for 2015/16, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report, be noted;
- (4) that the proposals for the 2016/17 Programme, as highlighted within Appendix 4 to the report, be approved;
- (5) that further progress on the proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (6) that the report be otherwise noted.

**COATBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

4. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership held on 12 April 2016, there was submitted a report dated 24 August 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the Coatbridge Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) informing of the progress on Town Centre projects currently underway, including car parking and potential housing developments, and (3) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited, for all town centres in North Lanarkshire in relation to business activity and footfall, for the period January to March 2015/16.

**Decided:** that the progress of the projects and initiatives contained within Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan be noted.