

Court Room, Bron Way, Cumbernauld, 25 August 2016 at 6 pm.

A Meeting of the NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Grant, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Goldie, Graham, Griffin, McCulloch, McGlinchey, McVey, Masterton, Stevenson and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Grant (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Officer and Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office, and Business Manager (Strategic Planning), Enterprise and Housing Resources.

APOLOGIES

Councillors P. Hogg, W. Hogg, Jones and McLaren.

The Chair exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

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 PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – PROPOSED CHANGES AND REVIEW

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 30 June 2016 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that a new Local Area Partnership be established for Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and that appropriate arrangements for the Northern Corridor be put in place following consideration at the next meeting of the North Area Committee and a further report to be received from officers in relation to the Local Area Partnership arrangements providing them with delegated responsibility and a role in pre-planning consultation, there was submitted a report dated 25 August 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) outlining the background to the Local Area Partnership review outcome, and (2) enclosing, in Appendix 1 to the report, the proposed boundaries for the reconfiguration of North Local Area Partnership which would see the creation of new Local Area Partnerships for Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and for the Northern Corridor area.

Thereon, Martin Dickson was heard in further explanation of the report and provided an update on the progress of the review of Local Area Partnerships/Area Committees including the governance arrangements and the format for future meetings of the Local Area Partnership and advised that this was the last meeting of the Area Committee, pending approval of this proposal by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the implementation of the improved actions and new style of Local Area Partnership as outlined within the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposal to split North Area Committee into Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Local Area Partnership and Northern Corridor Local Area Partnership, be noted, and
- (3) that the position be otherwise noted.

CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH TOWN CENTRES - UPDATE REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of North Local Area Partnership held on 14 April 2016, there was submitted a report dated 25 August 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update in relation to the progress made in respect of the regeneration of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Town Centres including the progress of Cumbernauld Central Way Bus Stances, The Muirfield Centre (Cumbernauld Community Enterprise Centre) and the new Colzium Cafe and Visitor Centre, and (2) setting out details of Town Centre activity, including active businesses, vacancy rates and footfall, together with a comparison with other Town Centres within North Lanarkshire.

Thereon, Lorna Bowden was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

4. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of North Local Area Partnership held on 14 April 2016, there was submitted a report dated 25 August 2016 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) setting out (a) in Appendix 1 to the report, an update on the progress of the Local Development Initiatives for delivery in 2014/15, and (b) in Appendix 2 to the report, an update on the implementation of the Local Development Programme initiatives for delivery in 2015/16, and (2) enclosing, in Appendix 3 to the report, the Local Development Programme projects for delivery in 2016/17.

Thereon, Martin Dickson was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the Local Development Programme projects for delivery in 2014/15 be noted;
- (2) that the progress and changes to the Local Development Programme projects for delivery in 2015/16 be approved;
- (3) that the Local Development Programme projects for delivery in 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be noted, and
- (4) that the progress in delivering the projects and further alterations or additions to the Programme be reported to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.