

**SPECIAL AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 26 November 2008**

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**Airdrie, 26 November 2008 at 7 pm.**

**A Special Meeting of the AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**PRESENT**

Peter Chapman and Tom McFarlane, Airdrie and Villages Community Forum and Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors M. Coyle, Devine, Logue, J. Love, J. McGuigan and Stocks, North Lanarkshire Council.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Susan Mitchell, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Vincent McCulloch, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Graham McKay, Head of Roads and Transportation; David Miller, Geotechnical Team Leader and Lorna Ogilvy, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Sharon Hamilton, Duncan McGuinty and Rob Mustard, Scottish Water and Alex Neil and Karen Whitefield, Members of the Scottish Parliament.

**APOLOGIES**

Provost Curley and Councillor Fagan, North Lanarkshire Council.

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

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

**AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE – FLOODING**

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 October 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 17 November 2008 by the Head of Roads and Transportation, North Lanarkshire Council (1) providing an update on the recurring flooding problems affecting Broomknoll Street and Cairnhill Road, Airdrie; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) intimating that the Council had been working in partnership with Scottish Water to investigate the public sewer and road drainage systems at Broomknoll Street, Airdrie and its surrounding area; (4) advising that Scottish Water had agreed (a) to undertake a desk top survey to examine the feasibility of providing an overflow from the existing sewer in Broomknoll Street, Airdrie, and (b) to report the findings of the study to a future meeting of this Partnership and confirm when the proposed project to remove Unsatisfactory Intermittent Discharges (UID) to water courses would be implemented, and (5) informing that the Council were continuing to investigate the feasibility of removing part of the road drainage system from the public sewer system to reduce the volume of surface water run-off entering the public sewer.

Thereon, David Miller, Geotechnical Team Leader, Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council provided a presentation in relation to the public sewer system detailing (1) the Glasgow Strategic Drainage Plan catchment coverage; (2) Coatbridge and Airdrie Drainage Area Plans

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catchment boundaries and layout; (3) drainage area plans catchment inter action, and (4) a layout of the combined sewer network.

Thereon, Graham McKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, North Lanarkshire Council orally advised the Partnership of the investigations currently being undertaken by his Division in relation to (1) the possible interception of Road Drainage System to link drainage in Hogg Street, Airdrie to an old culvert; (2) the unblocking of water courses; (3) the possibility of providing additional road gullies.

He further advised that they were presently at the investigative stage of the process and, therefore, could not provide details relating to timescales and costs.

The Convener introduced to the meeting Rob Mustard, Regional Manager, Sharon Hamilton, Regional Communities Team Leader and Duncan McGuinty, Delivery, Manager Strategic Studies, from Scottish Water who provided a detailed presentation on their service (1) summarising (a) the flooding history of Broomknoll Street, Airdrie, and (b) the investigation and work undertaken at that locus, specifically the removal of debris in the sewer at three different locations; (2) intimating that, although there was a hydraulic capacity problem at Broomknoll Street, Airdrie, the debris located in the sewer would have been a contributing factor during the most recent flooding; (3) advising of joint work with North Lanarkshire Council to identify possible short-term solutions; (4) informing that seven properties located on Cairnhill Road, Airdrie had been identified as meeting Scottish Water's flooding investment criteria and would be added to the Flood Register; (5) reporting that funding was provided to Scottish Water to remove properties that experienced internal flooding from the Flooding Register and they were not funded to resolve other external flooding; (6) summarising the Unsatisfactory Intermittent Discharge (UID) scheme for Airdrie and Coatbridge; (7) informing of the intention to conduct a flooding study to fully understand the impact any proposed scheme would have on the flooding risk, and (8) proposing to postpone the UID project to explore the development of an integrated solution.

Thereon Rob Mustard confirmed (1) that the Capital Investment Programme for the area had been deferred until investigations into the local issues within Airdrie had been carried out; (2) that notwithstanding, any Capital Investment Programme would require to be approved by the Board of Scottish Water and then by the Scottish Government; (3) that decisions arising from the outcome of studies would be reached within approximately four months, and (4) that these decisions would be reported to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

Thereon, the representatives from Scottish Water responded to questions from the Members of the Scottish Parliament, the Local Area Partnership and members of the public.

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

- (1) that it be noted that further discussions would take place with Scottish Water regarding how the recurring flooding problems in the area may be alleviated;
  - (2) that it be noted that further reports would be submitted to future meetings of this Partnership and the Area Committee on progress;
  - (3) that it be noted that the Scottish Water Capital Investment Programme within Airdrie and Coatbridge had been postponed until investigations of local flooding within Airdrie had been undertaken and that any capital investment that may be required would require approval by the Board of Scottish Water and then by the Scottish Government;
  - (4) that it be noted that recommendations arising from the outcome of studies in the locality would be reached in the next four months and would be reported to a future meeting, and
  - (5) that the report and presentations be otherwise noted.
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**Rochsolloch Primary School, Airdrie, 26 November 2008 at 9 pm.**

**A Special Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors, M. Coyle, Devine, J. Love, J. McGuigan and Stocks.

### **CHAIR**

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office, and Head of Roads and Transportation; Geotechnical Team Leader and Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services.

### **APOLOGIES**

Provost Curley and Councillor Fagan.

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

The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

#### **2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2008**

The Committee gave consideration to recommendations made by the Airdrie Local Area Partnership at its special meeting held on 26 November 2008 and agreed, the following:-

##### **AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE – FLOODING**

##### **Decided:**

- (1) that it be noted that further discussions would take place with Scottish Water regarding how the recurring flooding problems in the area may be alleviated;
  - (2) that it be noted that further reports would be submitted to future meetings of this Partnership and the Area Committee on progress;
  - (3) that it be noted that the Scottish Water Capital Investment Programme within Airdrie and Coatbridge had been postponed until investigations of local flooding within Airdrie had been undertaken and that any capital investment that may be required would require approval by the Board of Scottish Water and then by the Scottish Government;
  - (4) that it be noted that recommendations arising from the outcome of studies in the locality would be reached in the next four months and would be reported to a future meeting, and
  - (5) that the report and presentations be otherwise noted.
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**Airdrie, 10 December 2008 at 7 pm.**

### **A Meeting of the AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

#### **PRESENT**

Tom McFarlane and Bob Smith, Airdrie and Villages Community Forum; Ann Docherty, NHS Lanarkshire; Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Fagan, Logue and J. Love, North Lanarkshire Council; Edward Mullen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector B. Hughes, Strathclyde Police.

#### **CHAIR**

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Susan Mitchell, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Vincent McCulloch, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Lorna Oglivy, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Paul Hughes, Head of Financial Services and Ronnie McBride, Production Services Manager, Finance and Customer Services; Laura Dominici, Community Learning and Development Worker and Sonia Pitman, Community Learning and Development Worker, Learning and Leisure Services; Susan Paterson, Senior Support Officer, Anti Social Task Force, Housing and Social Work Services and Sergeant G. Aitken, Strathclyde Police.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. McGuigan and Stocks.

**The Convener 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. In respect of item 8, Local Development Programme, Councillor Fagan declared a non pecuniary interest by reason of being the Vice-Chair of Petersburn Development Trust and took no part in consideration of the matter identified.

#### **SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2009/2010**

2. The Head of Financial Services, North Lanarkshire Council provided a detailed presentation on the budget process of the Council and the public expenditure allocation arrangements and highlighted the (1) current budget position; (2) Scottish Government proposals; (3) sources of income and proposed expenditure; (4) additional cost pressures facing the Council, and (5) revenue estimates and the draft budget for the financial year 2009/2010, including proposed efficiency savings for all Services of the Council.

Thereon, the Head of Financial Services responded to questions from Members of the Partnership and public.

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and the comments be noted.

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### **PRESENTATION - SMARTIES YOUTH GROUP**

3. The Convener introduced to the meeting Laura Dominici and Sonia Pitman, Community Learning and Development Workers, North Lanarkshire Council and members of Smarties, a youth forum group based in Airdrie who provided a detailed presentation on the work of their organisation.

Thereon the Convener thanked Laura, Sonia and the members of Smarties for their presentation.

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

### **AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

4. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Airdrie Local Area Partnership and Airdrie Area Committee held on 8 October 2008.

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

### **AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE REPORT**

5. There was submitted a report by the Airdrie and Villages Community Forum (1) advising of the previous meeting of the Forum held on 29 October 2008; (2) summarising Forum activity and actions from previous meetings, and (3) highlighting a number of issues raised by the Forum.

Thereon Vincent McCulloch, Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council (1) provided an update in relation to the provision of a taxi rank within Airdrie town centre advising that the Corporate Services Committee at its meeting held on 30 October 2008 had agreed to designate a section of Stirling Street, Airdrie as a stance for taxis and were investigating the possibility of another taxi rank within Airdrie town centre, and (2) advised that, in relation to the Forum's request for an update on recycling within Airdrie, a report by the Executive Director of Environmental Services detailing recycling initiatives would be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership to be held on 18 February 2009.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be noted a report on the Council's recycling initiatives would be submitted to the next meeting of Airdrie Local Area Partnership to be held on February 2009, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

6. There was submitted a joint report by Housing and Social Work Services, North Lanarkshire Council, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue advising of initiatives and measures taken by them in partnership with local agencies in relation to community safety operations and initiatives in the area and providing details thereon.

Arising from discussion thereon the Partnership commended on the recent work undertaken by Strathclyde Police and the Community Wardens, North Lanarkshire Council and, in particular, action to encourage members of the public not to park outside schools.

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

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### AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

7. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 8 October 2008, there was submitted a report dated 30 November 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council advising of the progress of regeneration projects within Airdrie town centre.

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

**Prior to consideration of the following item of business Councillor Fagan declared a non pecuniary interest by reason of being Vice-Chair of Petersburn Development Trust and took no part in consideration of the matter identified.**

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 October 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 November 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council (1) advising of the ongoing delivery of the Local Development Programme; (2) providing, in an Appendix to the report, an update on delivery of various projects identified for investment in the financial year 2008/09, and (3) encouraging the Partnership to bring forward suggestions to the Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office, North Lanarkshire Council and the Development Projects Team of Planning and Development for assessment and inclusion within the programme for 2009/10.

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

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects listed in the Appendix to the report be noted, and
  - (2) that progress in delivering the projects or alterations to the programme be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.
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**Rochsolloch Primary School, Airdrie, 10 December 2008 at 8.30 pm.**

**A Meeting of the AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Fagan, Logue and J. Love.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services; Head of Financial Services and Production Services Manager, Finance and Customer Services; Community Learning and Development Worker and Community Learning and Development Worker, Learning and Leisure Services and Senior Support Officer, Anti-Social Task Force, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. McGuigan and Stocks.

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

The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2008**

The Committee gave consideration to recommendations made by the Airdrie Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 10 December 2008 and agreed, in respect of each item, the following:-

**(1) SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2009/2010**

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services and the comments be noted.

**(2) PRESENTATION - SMARTIES YOUTH GROUP**

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

**(3) AIRDRIE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

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

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**(4) AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE REPORT**

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be noted a report on the Council's recycling initiatives would be submitted to the next meeting of Airdrie Local Area Partnership to be held on February 2009, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**(5) COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

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

**(6) AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

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

**Prior to consideration of the following Item of business Councillor Fagan declared a non pecuniary interest by reason of being Vice-Chair of Petersburn Development Trust and took no part in consideration of the matter identified.**

**(7) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects listed in the Appendix to the report be noted, and
  - (2) that progress in delivering the projects or alterations to the programme be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.
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