



EAST LIVINGSTON AND EAST CALDER LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an update on community regeneration activity in the East Livingston and East Calder ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the community regeneration activity within the ward, specifically in relation to:

1. The regeneration planning process
2. Livingston Parkrun

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs. Being honest, open and accountable. Providing equality of opportunities. Making best use of our resources. Working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Community regeneration activity reinforces the council's commitment to community planning at a local level.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance indicators relating to regeneration activities are included in the set of Regeneration and Employability key performance indicators.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Activities will be funded from existing budgets or external sources
VII Consideration at PDSP	Annual updates on regeneration plans will be presented to Partnership and Resource PDSP.
VIII Other consultations	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Regeneration planning

The Regeneration framework, which was approved by Council executive in February 2014, contains a commitment to develop regeneration plans in key areas of deprivation in West Lothian. In addition to this, as part of the Community Empowerment Act there is a requirement on all Community Planning Partnerships to develop plans to improve their most disadvantaged areas.

Eight regeneration areas have been identified in West Lothian, based on the data zones within the bottom 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. To date, this process has commenced in five of the eight identified areas.

A report was provided to the East Livingston and East Calder Local Area Committee in September 2016 outlining the background to developing regeneration plans, including the processes, structures and timescales involved.

A new Community Regeneration Officer has been appointed in May 2017 to cover the East Livingston and East Calder ward area and will begin to implement the regeneration planning process in Craigshill. Work is already underway to gather relevant statistical information and to map local services and organisations. A launch event is planned for Tuesday 27 June within Almondbank Centre and will be attended by officers and agencies working in the area and local community representatives.

Regular updates on regeneration planning and progress towards developing and delivering a plan for Craigshill will be brought to each meeting of this Local Area Committee.

D2 Promoting physical activity - Livingston Parkrun

A weekly Parkrun has taken place every Saturday morning in Livingston since 9 January 2016. At the 76th Livingston Parkrun on 3 June 2017, 320 people took part. There were 28 participants who were running the Livingston course for the first time and 71 participants set a new personal best time.

This local provision continues to be an excellent opportunity for Livingston residents to take part in free, structured, healthy activity.

D3 Village improvement

An application to the Village Improvement Fund to allow exterior renovations to be carried out at St Johns Lodge in Mid Calder is being finalised. Discussion is ongoing at this stage with the community and colleagues in Planning to ensure that any proposed works accommodate the village conservation status.

It is anticipated that the application will be presented to the next meeting of the Local Area Committee in September.

D4 Asset Transfer

An application to transfer a small strip of land at Camps Junction in Kirknewton is in the final stages of being processed. This is part of an overall package to deliver a high profile public arts work funded through a Public Arts Grant with related grounds work funded through the Village Improvements Fund; agreed at the February LAC.

E. CONCLUSION

The actions, as detailed above, contribute to the East Livingston and East Calder ward and enable community planning partners to contribute to the Single Outcome Agreement at a local level.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Previous updates to the Local Area Committee.

Appendices/Attachments: None.

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