

8. COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration providing an update on community regeneration activity in the East Livingston and East Calder Ward.

The report recalled that the Regeneration Framework which was approved by Council Executive in February 2014 contained 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 was a requirement on all Community Planning Partnerships to develop plans to improve their most disadvantaged areas.

Eight regeneration areas had 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 had commenced in five in eight of the identified areas.

A new Community Regeneration Officer had been appointed in May 2017 to cover the East Livingston and East Calder Ward area and would begin to implement the regeneration process in Craigshill with work already underway to gather statistical information and to map local services and organisations.

The report then provided a summary of the activities currently underway in the ward and included promoting physical activity through participation in Parkrun, a further application to the Village Improvement Fund for renovations to St John's Lodge, Mid Calder and the transfer of a small strip of land at Camps Junction, Kirknewton as part of an overall package to deliver a high profile arts work funded through a Public Arts Grant.

It was recommended that the local area committee note the community regeneration activity within the ward in relation to the regeneration planning process.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.