



West Lothian
Council

Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee

West Lothian Civic Centre
Howden South Road
LIVINGSTON
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30 August 2017

A meeting of the **Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre** on **Tuesday 5 September 2017** at **8:30am**.

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

Public Session

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest - Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business and declarations of interest in any urgent business
4. Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee held on Wednesday 07 June 2017 (herewith)
5. Whitburn Academy - Presentation by Tracey Loudon, Headteacher (herewith)
6. Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward Performance Report - Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith)
7. Police Scotland Report - Report by Police Inspector Gregor Forbes

(herewith)

8. Housing, Customer and Building Services Update - Report by Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services (herewith)
9. Service Update - NETs, Land and Countryside - Report by Head of Operational Services (herewith)
10. Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund Provisional Allocations 2017 - Report by Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration (herewith)
11. Report On Progress of Regeneration Planning - Report by Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration (herewith)
12. Workplan (herewith)

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MINUTE of MEETING of the FAULDHUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 7 JUNE 2017.

Present – Councillors Cathy Muldoon (Chair), David Dodds, Pauline Clark

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled in terms of Standing Order 11 to change the order of business to consider Agenda Item 8 (New West Calder High School Update) immediately after consideration of the Minute.

The Chair advised that in terms of Agenda Item 5 (Village Improvement Fund Support – Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden), the Lead Officer would provide a short update as unfortunately Judith McDermid and Lisa Drinnan were unable to attend the meeting to deliver their presentation.

3. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 21 February 2017 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. NEW WEST CALDER HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The committee considered a short presentation and report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the progress of the new West Calder High School.

The report advised that on 28 October 2014 the Council Executive agreed to progress the replacement of West Calder High School and on 22 November 2016 approved the terms of the Financial Close for the project.

The council and development partners HUB South East Limited and Morrison Construction worked closely and in collaboration with Network Rail to ensure that the enabling infrastructure works of the new rail overbridge and new access road were completed on time and on budget.

The Head of Finance and Estates advised that the main school construction works had commenced and were progressing well with phase 1 of ground engineering works, foundations, initial utilities diversions and installations together with the primary steel structure all completed. The next phases would include completing structural steel works, formation of floors and concrete form work, together with the

external envelope which would all be completed by the end of the summer.

The project remained on target with planned timescales for completion forecast for June 2017 with pupils attending from August 2018.

The report also advised that the council and the development partners had actively engaged with the community including the establishment of a consultation group which met bi-monthly with the primary aim of facilitating effective communication on the progress of the project and to allow engagement on any issues that should arise.

The report recommended that the committee note the progress of the project to date and the ongoing community engagement.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

5. VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND SUPPORT - POLBETH AND WEST CALDER COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Lead Officer provided the committee with an update on the improvements that were made to the Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden after receiving a grant from the Village Improvement Fund Support. She advised that the facility had a new heating system and a new floor. It was also advised that it was an all year round facility that was visited by school group.

The Lead Officer advised that an invitation to visit the facility had been extended to the Local Area Committee members.

Decision

To note the update and accept the invitation to visit the facility.

6. POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Inspector Gregor Forbes providing an update on performance activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 28 February 2017.

The report provided statistical information in relation to Crime Groups one to five.

The report provided details of Prevention Events including reducing antisocial behaviour, reducing community and social harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse and making roads safer. Forthcoming events included Rural Crime Awareness day.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within the ward for the period up to 31 March 2017.

Station Manager Ritchie Hall presented the report, highlighting a number of improvements across the key priorities within the ward.

The report provided statistical information in relation to accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and fatalities, deliberate fires, fires in non-domestic properties, non-fatal non-fire emergencies casualties and unwanted fire alarm signals.

The Committee was invited to note and provide comment on the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising members of the recent activity of the NET's Land and Countryside Services teams for the period 1 February 2017 to 30 April 2017.

The report provided statistical information in relation to Grounds Maintenance, Garden Maintenance, Street Cleansing, Parks and Woodland, and Open Space and Cemeteries.

The Committee was informed that the first herbicide visit to shrub beds had been completed without the use of Glyphosate. Spraying of grass channels had also been completed using a mix of Glyphosate and Flazasulfuron. Trials of alternative weed control methods had started and would continue throughout the summer.

Members were asked to note the work carried out to date and future planned work as outlined in the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within the ward.

The report examined void performance in relation to both mainstream tenancies and temporary tenancies.

The Committee was informed that the ward position for Q4 of 2016/17 was £203,402 which was a decrease of £7,631 on the previous year's position. The West Lothian overall position had decreased by £26,707 from the previous year and at week 52 was £1,217,512. While there were 48 serious arrears cases (£1,000+), the Committee noted that 55% of cases were in the lower bands (£300 or less).

The report went on to provide an update in relation to the capital programme and new build council housing.

The Committee was asked to note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2017.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

10. WEST LOTHIAN VILLAGES IMPROVEMENT FUND - APPLICATIONS

A report had been circulated by the Head of Planning and Economic Development advising the Committee of the applications received from the ward area seeking funding from the West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund in 2017/18.

The report recalled that distribution of funding was based on village size. Total allocations per village were set out in a table within the report, with the remaining budgets in brackets.

The applications received for funding were summarised as follows:-

Polbeth Village Gateways – Polbeth Community Council requested £12,350 to provide new gateway signage, bulb planting and community planters along the A71.

Polbeth/West Calder Skatepark - Polbeth Community Council requested £10,000 for a project with West Calder & Harburn CDT to deliver a skate park between the two villages.

Longridge Woodland Drainage – Longridge Community Council requested £7,000 for drainage to the community woodland area including the football field and a community notice board.

Stoneyburn Bowling Club Green Maintenance - £3,000 was requested to purchase equipment which was necessary for maintaining the bowling

green.

West Calder and Harburn CDT – Reassignment of Funds - £5,000 of funds previously awarded to be reassigned as a contribution to the high school community art project.

A copy of the application forms were attached as appendices to the report.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee:-

1. note that four applications had been received for funding;
2. note that the proposals met the eligibility criteria for supported projects;
3. support funding for the projects;
4. reassign £5,000 previously agreed funding to West Calder & Harburn Community Development; and
5. agree that the Head of Planning & Economic Development should make an offer of funding as per the details set out in the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report and to agree that the Head of Planning and Economic Development should make an offer of funding as recommended in the report.

11. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REGENERATION PLANNING

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing the Committee of progress towards developing regeneration plans within the ward.

The report recalled that the Regeneration Framework, which had been approved by Council Executive in February 2014, contained a commitment to develop regeneration plans in key areas of deprivation in West Lothian. Eight regeneration areas had been identified, based on the data zones within the bottom 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. At present, this process had started in five of the eight regeneration areas, including Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley which covered the communities of Fauldhouse, Stoneyburn, Addiewell and Polbeth.

The report went on to provide details of meetings held in Addiewell, Stoneyburn, Fauldhouse and Polbeth. The key points highlighted in the report were:-

- The Addiewell group had one meeting since the last update.

Community engagement had also commenced in the village with responses gathered from parents at Addiewell Primary School parents night.

- The group in Stoneyburn had begun to carry out community engagement. Members of the steering group had consulted their own groups and clubs and planned to widen the scope of engagement
- The Fauldhouse regeneration group had been significantly strengthened with the addition of nine new community members. The group now had a good spread of representation covering council, CPP, local agencies and the community.
- Two meetings of the Polbeth Regeneration Group had taken place. The head teachers from St Mary's and Polbeth nursery attended the last meeting and provided very positive contributions and suggestions on how they and pupils could work in partnership.

Finally, the report advised that the process for developing regeneration plans was underway with the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley area. Local action groups had been established and had begun the process of evidence gathering and statistical analysis.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee note:-

1. That four local regeneration groups had been established and were active; and
2. Community engagement activity was underway in three areas.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

12. WORKPLAN

A copy of the Workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the Workplan

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WHITBURN ACADEMY

MOVING **FORWARD**, WORKING **TOGETHER**

Fauldhouse and Breich Valley LAC Annual Update

Tracey Loudon, Headteacher

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A YEAR OF CHANGE



On 16th September, 2016 Whitburn Academy said goodbye to Mr Adair, who after 9 years as Headteacher left to take up the post of Headteacher at Inverkeithing High School

Examination Results 2013 - 2017

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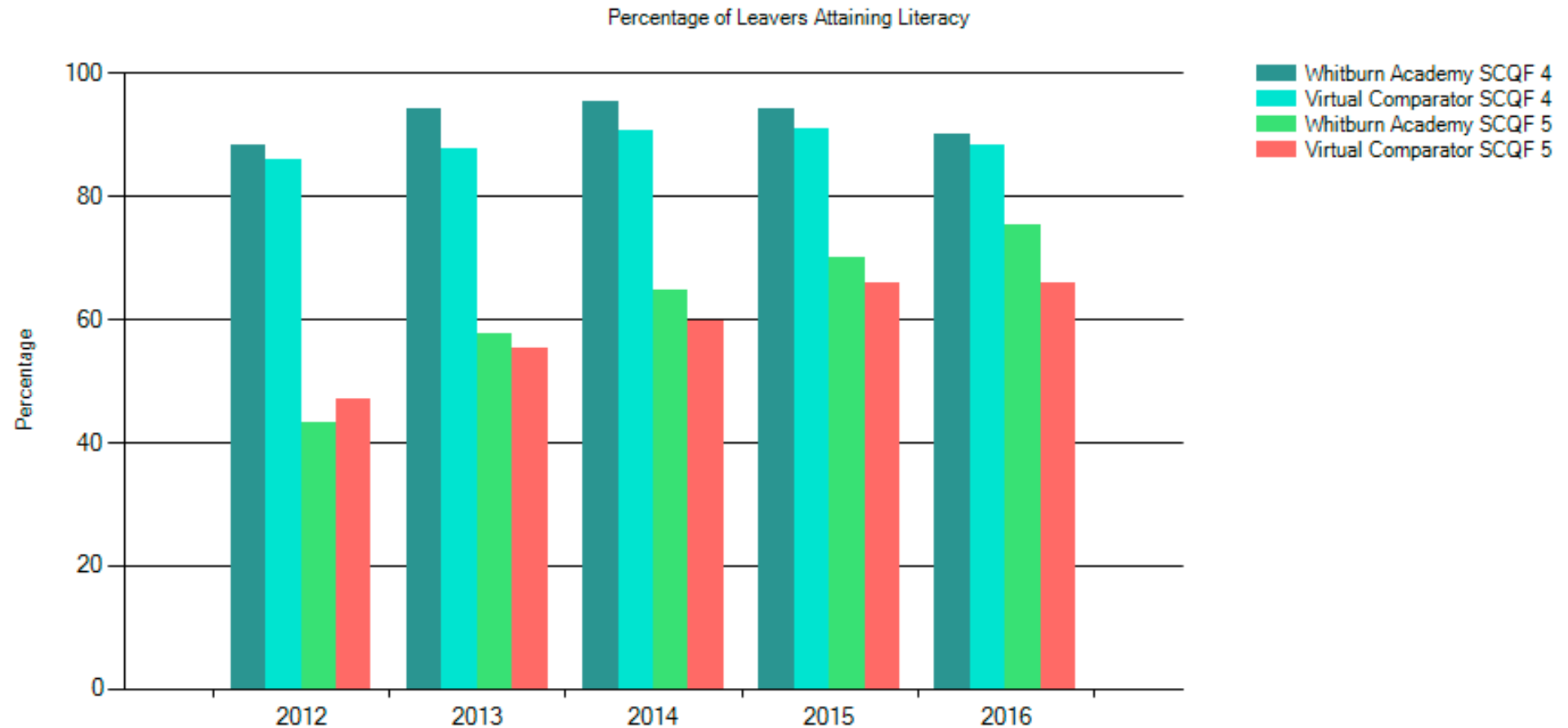
PERFORMANCE VS. VIRTUAL COMPARATOR (SCHOOL LEAVERS)



Awards	2013		2014		2015		2016	
	WA	VC	WA	VC	WA	VC	WA	VC
5+ @ N5	48	44	58	46	53	49	67	45
5 @ N4	86	76	91	81	91	81	88	77
5 @ N3	96	90	98	91	99	87	95	83
5 @ L6	21	19	22	21	27	22	38	21
3 @ L6	31	32	35	33	42	33	50	35
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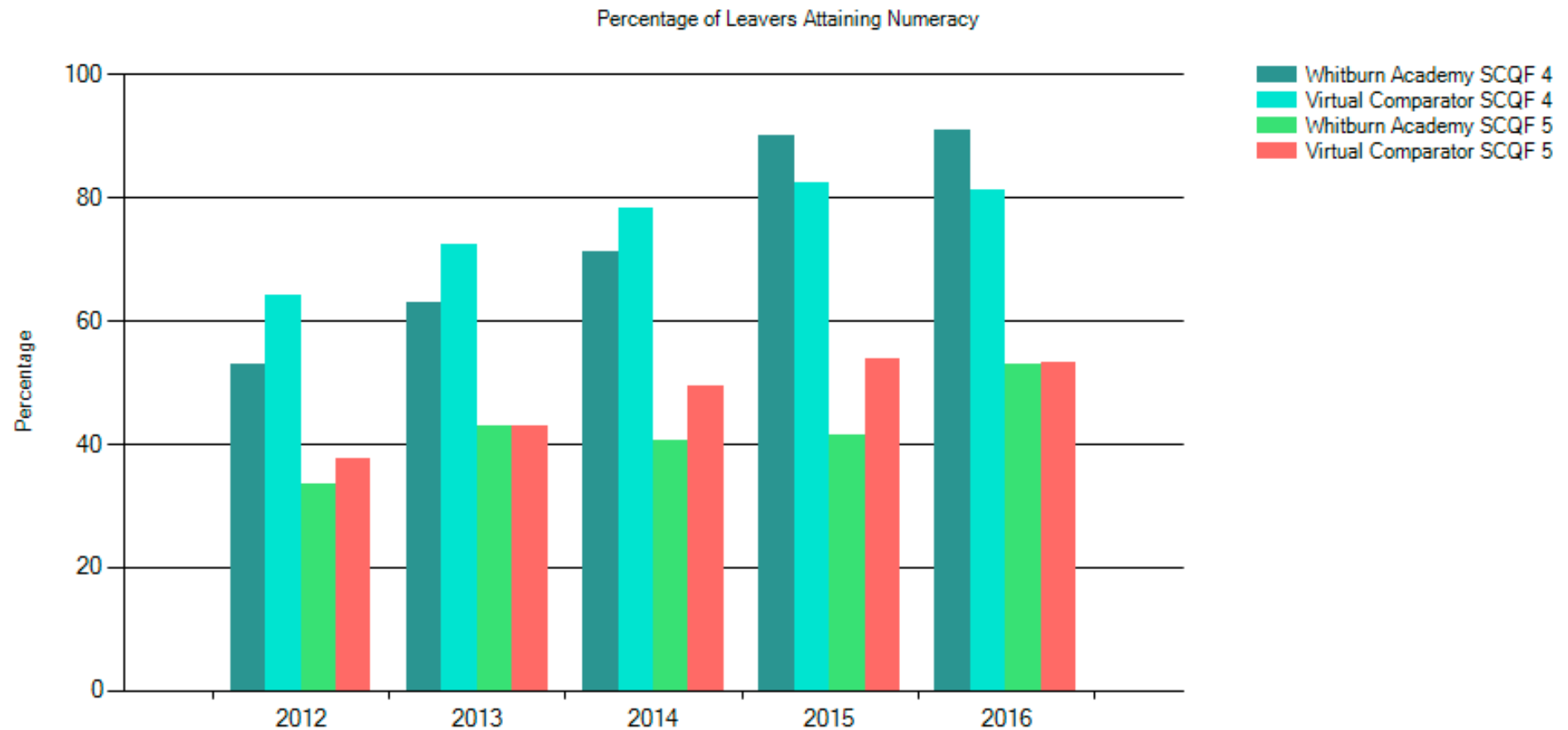
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LITERACY PERFORMANCE VS. VIRTUAL COMPARATOR (SCHOOL LEAVERS)



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NUMERACY PERFORMANCE VS. VIRTUAL COMPARATOR (SCHOOL LEAVERS)



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Exam Results 2013 -2017							
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	3yr Avg	5yr Avg
S4							
5+@N5	33	34	38	28	35	34	34
5+@N4	81	87	90	90	90	90	88
5+@N3	96	93	99	97	96	97	96
S5							
5@Level 6	9	12	14	20	19	18	15
3@Level 6	18	21	34	38	37	36	30
1@Level 6	34	47	55	59	59	58	51
S6							
1@Level 7	9	8	9	10	10	10	9

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PERFORMANCE BY DEPARTMENT 2017

S4 National 5

Presentations in 20 subjects

12 subjects pass rate >80%

8 subjects pass rate <80%

1 subject pass rate <55%

Areas of Note

A&D, French, Geog, Media, RMPS

Areas of Concern

Biology, Chemistry, Computing

S5/6 Higher

Presentations in 20 subjects

8 subjects pass rate >80%

12 subjects pass rate <80%

4 subject s pass rate <55%

Areas of Note

History, Media, Mod Studies, Music, RMPS

Areas of Concern

Chemistry, Computing, Maths, PE

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MOVING FORWARD – PRIORITIES 2017



Raising Attainment:

- Review & refresh our vision, values & aims
- High quality learning & teaching
 - Pupils experience a consistency of approach in learning
 - Engagement with practitioner enquiry as a means of CLPL to improve an aspect of their practice
- Design and rationale for our curriculum
 - Increase number of possible learner pathways in the senior phase
 - Introduce wider achievement 'bundles' to enhance skills development
 - Strengthen our BGE

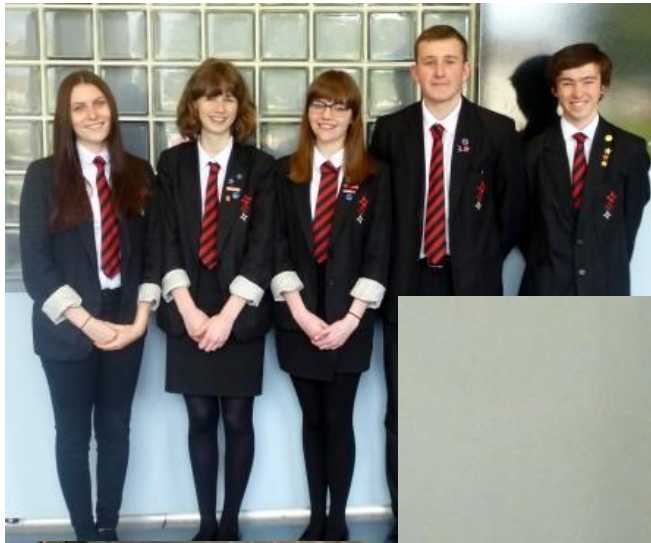
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WIDER LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



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CHARITY FUNDRAISING



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SPORTING SUCCESS



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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Area Committee on the activity within Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30th June 2017.

B. RECOMMENDATION

That Committee Members are invited to note and provide comment on the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being honest, open and accountable• Focusing on our customers' needs• Making best use of our resources• Working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Quarterly reports on the Multi-member Ward Operational Plans are being produced to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan, which is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	WL CPP SOA Performance indicators.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	SOA1304_13 Number of deliberate fires per 100,000 population SOA1304_14 Number of accidental dwelling fires per 100,000 population.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The council contributes to directly and in partnership to the delivery of the Ward Plan
VII Consideration at PDSP	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT**D.1 Background**

Quarterly reports on the Multi-Member Ward Operational Plans have been produced by SFRS to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2014 – 2017, which is a requirement under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Section 41E.

D.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Quarterly Report

Following the publication of the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Operational Plan, the Local Senior Officer for Falkirk and West Lothian has produced a Performance Report detailing activity against the key priorities.

The seven key priorities within the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward area are as follows:

Continuous Priority

- Local Risk Management and Preparedness.

High Priority

- Reduction of Dwelling Fires
- Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Medium Priority

- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction of Fires in Non-Domestic Property
- Reduction in Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies.

E. CONCLUSION

The Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Performance Report aligns to the key priorities of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2014 – 2017, the West Lothian Strategic Assessment of Community Safety and continues with the excellent partnership working on Community Safety, which is evident in West Lothian.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Mike Youngson

Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

30th June 2017

Appendix 1 - Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward Performance Report



West Lothian Council Area

Ward Performance Report

Year to Date April to June 2017

Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley

DISCLAIMER

The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

Please ensure any external partners in receipt of these reports are aware of this.

Introduction

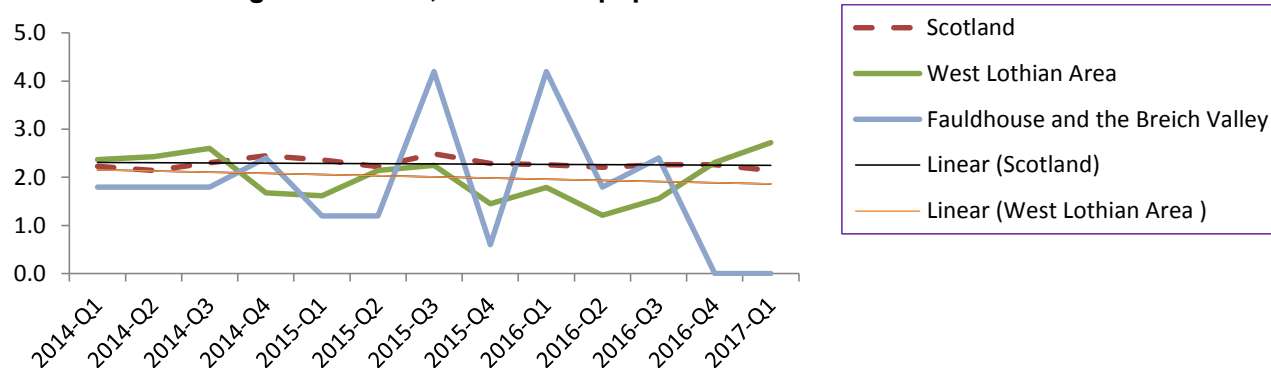
Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to ward based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

In addition to historical ward based activity, this performance report provides information on the historic activity in the West Lothian Council area and Scotland. To allow benchmarking to be undertaken, the units of measurement in the performance graphs in the report are based on incidents/events per head of population.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the somewhat random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where ward level data is analysed due to the relatively small number of actual incidents/events that occur in ward areas.

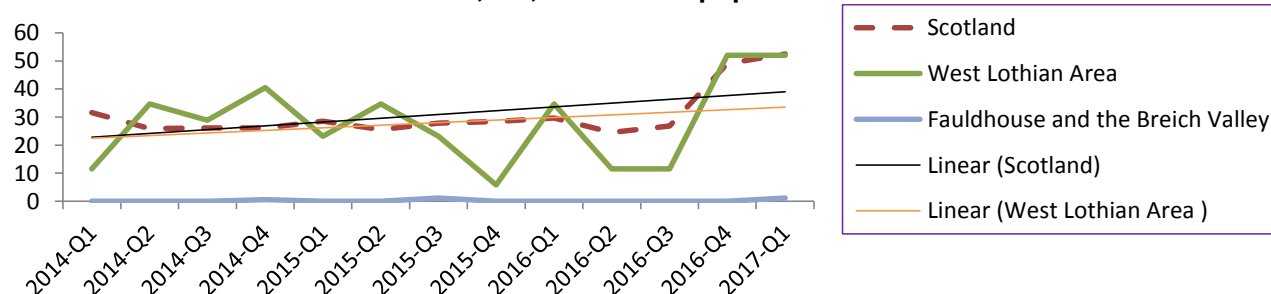
However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Accidental Dwelling Fires Per 10,000 head of population



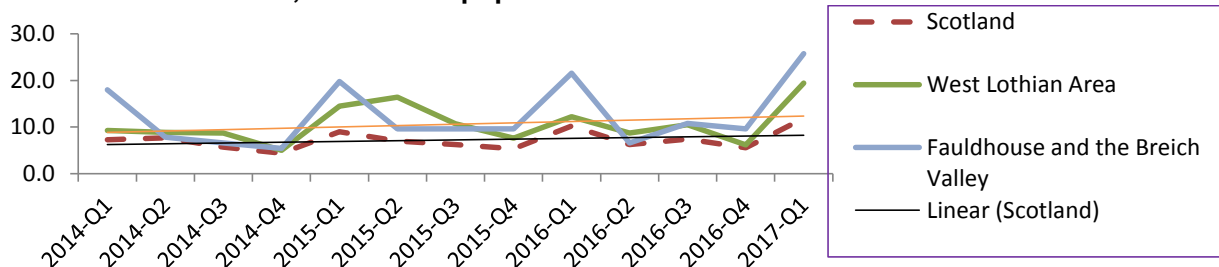
During the 2017-18 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 5 accidental dwelling fire in comparison to 7 during 2016-17 year to date reporting period.

Fire Casualties and Fatalities Per 1,000,000 head of population



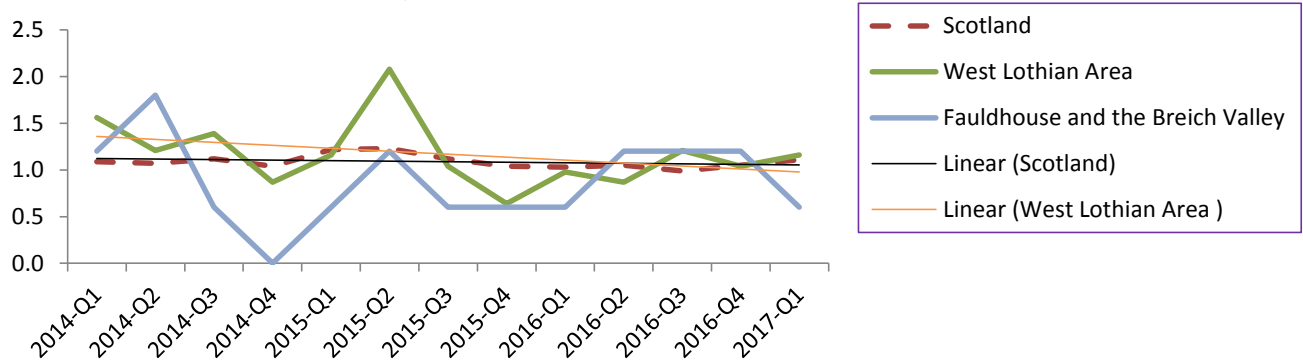
During the 2017-18 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 2 casualties due to fire in comparison to 0 during 2016-17 year to date reporting period.

Deliberate Fires Per 10,000 head of population



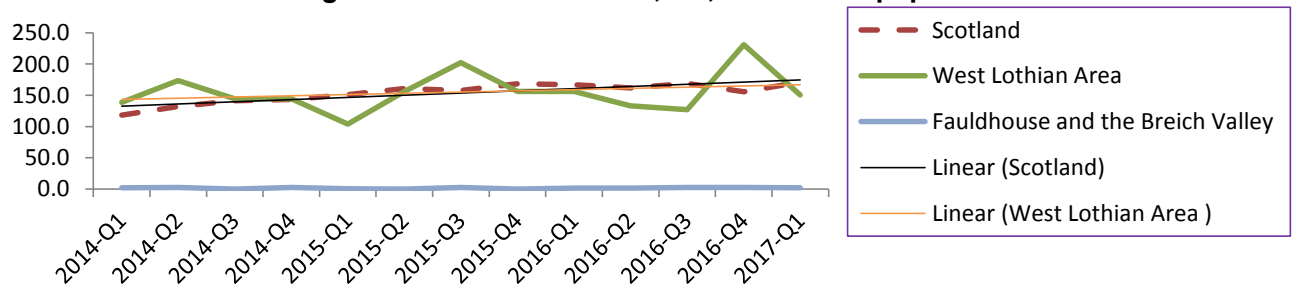
SFRS have dealt with 43 deliberate fires incidents during 2017-18 year to date reporting period in comparison to 36 during 2016-17 year to date reporting period.

Fires In Non Domestic Property Per 10,000 head of population



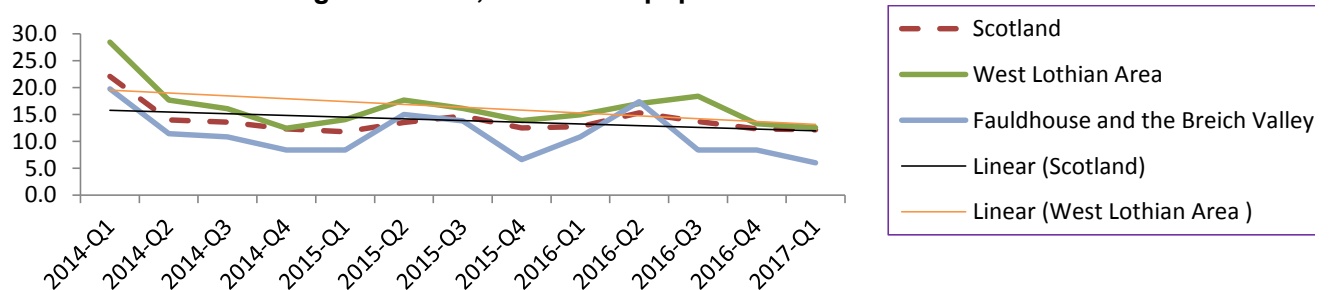
SFRS have dealt with 1 non domestic fires incident during 2017-18 year to date reporting period in comparison to 1 during 2016-17 year to date reporting period.

Non-fatal Non-Fire Emergencies Casualties Per 1,000,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 3 casualties from non-fire emergencies during 2017-18 year to date reporting period in comparison to 2 during 2016-17 year to date reporting period.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Per 10,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 10 UFAS incidents during 2017-18 year to date reporting period in comparison to 18 during 2016-17 year to date reporting period.

Additional Comments

SFRS is committed to 'Working Together for a Safer Scotland' and to engage with business partners to reduce demand from Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS).



FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT

REPORT BY POLICE INSPECTOR GREGOR FORBES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Police update for Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley.

B. RECOMMENDATION

For discussion by the Chair.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values

Focusing on our customers' needs
Being honest, open and accountable
Providing equality of opportunities
Developing employees
Making best use of our resources
Working in partnership

II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)

III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers

IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators

V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)

VII Consideration at PDSP

VIII Other consultations

D. TERMS OF REPORT

To update the Local Area Committee on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 31st July 2017.

Our Purpose

To improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland

Our Focus

Keeping People Safe

Our Values

Integrity, Fairness and Respect

NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

Police Scotland Priorities

1. Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour
2. Protecting people at risk of harm
3. Road safety and road crime
4. Serious Organised Crime
5. Counter Terrorism

WEST LOTHIAN PRIORITIES

Your West Lothian Priorities

1. Protecting People
2. Reducing Anti Social Behaviour
3. Reducing Violence
4. Tackling Substance Misuse
5. Making our Roads Safer
6. Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES

Your Local priorities

1. Tackling Substance Misuse
2. Preventing Violence and Anti Social Behaviour
3. Making our Roads Safer
4. Tackling Acquisitive Crime

PERFORMANCE

Crimes Groups 1 to 5 (Ref: Crime Statistics JG Area Command) (April 17 – July 17)						
Area	This year to date			Last year to date		
	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol
West Lothian Area	2275	1022	44.9%	2529	1140	45.1%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley (April 17 to July 17)	180	97	53.9%	183	99	54.1%

Future statistics will be posted on the Police Scotland website that can be accessed via the link below.

Ward plans and community information can also be obtained by using the link to access the website and then tab into 'your community' and enter your postcode to find the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

ASB performance for period up to 31st July.

Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward – End of July 2017					
Month	July-17	LYTD	TYTD	% Change	
Youth Calls	21	66	72	9%	
All ASB Calls	119	250	382	53%	
Hate Crime	1	9	8	-11%	
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	9	33	41	24%	
Fire-raising	4	6	7	17%	
Public Space Assaults	3	19	18	-5%	

ISSUES OF NOTE

- **Exceptional Reporting on the above**

In March 2016 following a review of the Community Police Team a new model was introduced. This new model allows for 2 dedicated Ward Officers covering the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward supplemented by 10 staff forming the Community Action Team (CAT) on the West Side of West Lothian.

The officers in place have a depth of knowledge and their input and directed tasking of the CAT will lead to a positive effect in our community. We will continue to work towards reducing recorded crime and ensure a safer Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward for residents and visitors.

The above Anti Social Behaviour results are produced by the West Lothian Community Safety Unit and show the figures up to the end of July 2017.

Youth Calls – rise of 9% in the year to date and there were 21 calls reported in July. This equates to 6 more in the year to date.

ASB Calls – rise of 53% in the year to date. 119 reports in July and this year to date there have been significantly more reports to the police.

Hate Crime – fall of 11% in the year to date with there being 1 report in July. The year to date figures show 1 less report this year to date.

Vandalism / Reckless Conduct – rise of 24% in the year to date with there being 41 reports in July. 8 more reported incidents reported than last year to date.

Fire Raising – There were 4 reports in July, which is a rise from last year to date with there being 1 more incident.

Public Space Assaults – Reduction of 5% - 3 crimes reported in July. Year to date figure has reduced with 1 less incident this year to date.

PREVENTION

- **Activities**

Reducing antisocial behaviour within our communities

In an effort to identify those involved in youth calls and calls of Anti Social Behaviour the team continue to provide resources at key times in identified areas aimed at reducing ASB and youth calls to the ward.

The Ward Officers review all calls of ASB in an effort to identify offenders and will progress criminal complaints and ASB complaints to conclusion to ensure a positive outcome. This may involve reporting the person involved or tenancy warning via ASB legislation.

There is 1 Key ASB domestic dwelling identified in the Ward at this time and has been progressed to an Anti-Social Behaviour Order.

Hate Crime – the 1 hate crime report has been solved and a male reported for making verbal offensive threats via a telephone call.

Vandalism & Reckless Conduct – A review of the 9 incidents show that there are no known patterns to the damage and the vandalisms are Ward wide.

Assaults – Of the 3 public space assaults alcohol was an impact factor in 2. Two have been solved and the other has a positive line of enquiry.

Reducing community and social harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse

The community team continue to carry out stop and searches to deter, disrupt, divert and detect offenders.

In July 3 Crimes were recorded for drug offences. The reports were in relation to possession of Cannabis and one in relation to Class C tablets.

Where appropriate information is shared with WLC SNT regarding offenders if offences committed within WLC addresses.

The Community Action Team have carried out a number of intervention visits and patrols in relation to intelligence about misuse of drugs associated to Addiewell Prison.

As reported in the press issues are being identified regarding a drug known as 'Spice' within Addiewell prison. The police are working closely with the prison to reduce threat, risk and harm.

Making our Roads Safer

The Community team continue to carry out road checks to provide reassurance and carry out enforcement and education of young drivers to work towards reducing the communities fear in regards anti social driving by young persons.

Road Safety - Local CAT officers continue to carry out Speed checks at various locations in the Ward.

Tackling Acquisitive Crime

There were 3 incidents of acquisitive crime in July. 2 bicycles were stolen from gardens whilst left insecure and unattended, both were in separate villages within ward. An enclosure at a local zoo was broken into and enquiries continue into this.

There were no reported domestic housebreakings in July.

- **Initiatives**

Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

The Ward Officers work closely with the WLC Safer neighbourhoods team officers and continue to challenge ASB in the home, issue tenancy warnings, and this can lead to Anti Social Behaviour Orders being issued.

The Ward Officers and CAT officers work to ensure priority locations are regularly patrolled and priority nominals are regularly visited and intervention actions carried out.

Tackling Substance Misuse

Local officers will act on intelligence received regarding misuse of drugs and will continue to utilise their powers where appropriate to stop and search people suspected of being in possession of drugs. A dedicated team acts on recent intelligence and drug warrants are regularly executed in West Lothian to confront drug dealers and take drugs off the streets. The Community Action Team and Ward Officers submit a significant amount of intelligence entries based on improved communications with members of the public as they are out and about in communities being seen.

The CAT officers work closely with the Prison to deter and detect offences both within and externally.

Making our Roads Safer

Officers will be proactive and will continue to identify and deal with road traffic offences in the Ward. The A71 corridor is an identified patrol route and the CAT officers have carried out and will continue to carry out speed checks in the area.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Your local Ward officers will be active building links with community councils, schools and local organisations.

The CAT officers and Ward officers are planning multi agency days of Action in the area for the coming months. These will be under the name of Operation Pinpoint and will focus on youth alcohol issues, ASB issues and Road Safety issues.

'Your View Counts' – Please access the Police Scotland website and submit your views to shape the future of local policing plans.

We also request that people sign up and follow your local policing team on Twitter [@WestLothPolice](#) and [Facebook – West Lothian Police](#)

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The policing model has been developed providing a funded officer and ward manager (shown above) in each ward in West Lothian.

In addition to this there is a team of 1 + 10 uniformed officers led by Sergeant Hughes known as the Community Action Team available to assist with community enforcement duties and day to day community policing demands in the west side of the area.

Youth Community Officer for West Calder High School – PC Jamie Duthie



FAULDHOUSE AND BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

HOUSING CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Local Area Committee with an overview of the service activities within Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Local Area Committee is asked to note Housing, Building and Customer Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 April – 30 June 2017.

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)	Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 Housing (Scotland) Act 2010
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	There is no impact
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	There are positive impact on the following SOA indicators: SOA4 – we live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities SOA8 – we make the most effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None
VII Consideration at PDSP	Yes
VIII Other consultations	N/A

D. Housing Performance Information

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an overview of the activities of Housing, Customer and Building Services, specific to the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward.

Property Void & Let Performance: Mainstream Tenancies

Void Period	April 2017	%	May 2017	%	June 2017	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	8	73%	5	56%	13	68%	55%
2-4 weeks	1	9%	0	0%	2	11%	30%
4+ weeks	2	18%	4	44%	4	21%	15%
Total Lets	11	100%	9	100%	19	100%	100%

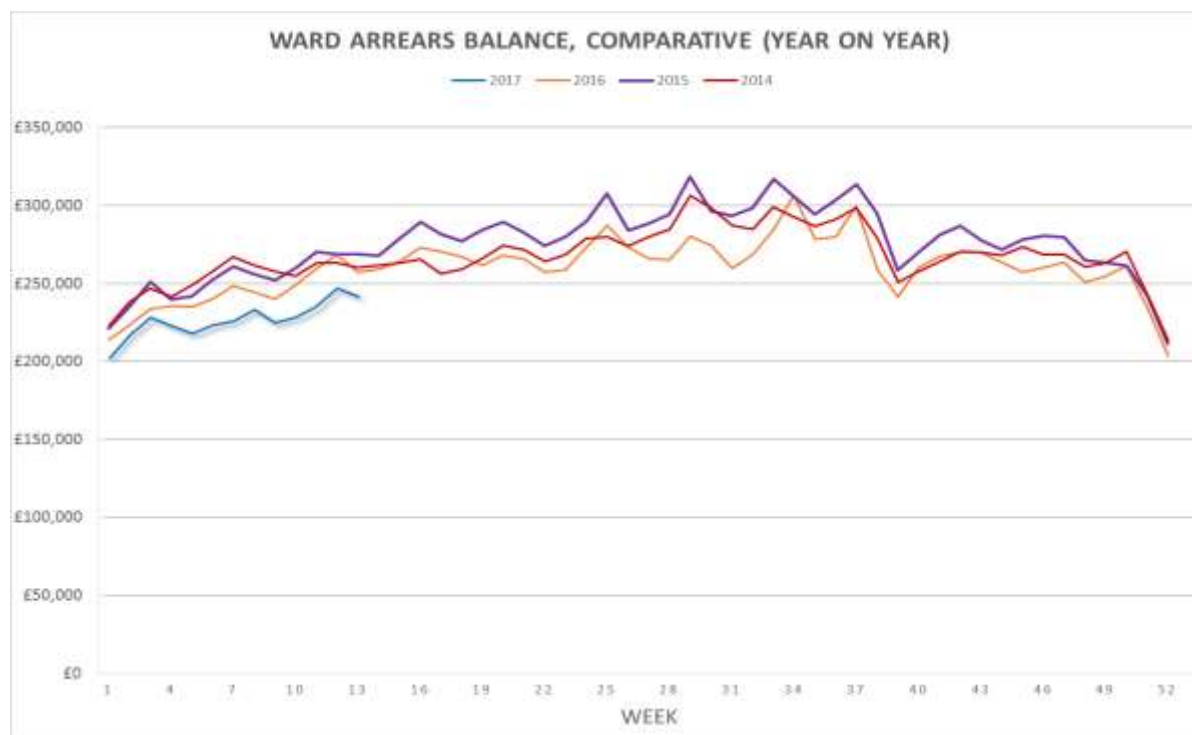
Property Void & Let Performance: Temporary Tenancies

Void Period	April 2017	%	May 2017	%	June 2017	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	1	100%	5	100%	0	0%	55%
2-4 weeks	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	30%
4+ weeks	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	15%
Total Lets	1	100%	5	100%	0	0%	100%

Delays in re-letting can occur for a variety of reasons. The type or location of the property, the completion of void work or the identification of additional works not visible during the initial inspection, ensuring that vulnerable persons are appropriately supported through the viewing and sign up process can also add to timeframes. Some of our applicants have specific support requirements which require detailed planning and co-ordination by both Social Work and Housing Services prior to tenancy commencement.

In the year to date there have been 39 mainstream tenancies and 6 temporary tenancies let by the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Team. There are currently 18 Policy Voids in the ward. Reasons include properties unable to let due Health & Safety reasons and being held to assist with decants due to remedial works.

Rent Arrears



	2016/17 (WK13)		2017/18 (WK13)	
Arrears Banding	Balance	Tenants In Arrears	Balance	Tenants In Arrears
£0.01 to £99.99	£12,653	284	£11,646	250
£100.00 to £299.99	£29,625	169	£33,963	179
£300.00 to £499.99	£43,826	116	£37,188	97
£500.00 to £749.99	£37,660	61	£36,348	59
£750.00 to £999.99	£34,822	40	£32,234	37
£1000.00 to £1999.99	£50,206	35	£65,856	49
£2000+	£48,405	17	£24,472	9
Total	£257,199	722	£241,707	680

The Ward position for Q1 of 2017/18 is £241,707. This is a decrease of -£15,492 on last year's position.

The West Lothian overall position has increased by £89,115 from last year and at week 13 was £1,618,870

While there are 58 serious arrears cases (£1,000+) it should be noted 60% of cases are in the lower bands (£300 or less)

Although overall the position remains positive and we are tracking below last year we will continue focusing on the following:

- Arrangements to pay - increase the visibility of tenants with arrangements within the performance model to identify trends in missed payments for follow up action
- Making best use of resources by considering communicating more with customers through email and telephone

- Increase Direct Debit Take Up by targeted work for example tenants who currently pay by Standing Order
- Benchmarking with other local authorities to ensure we identify and consider implementing any best practice
- Performance Monitoring and Reporting will be reviewed and where appropriate streamlined to ensure information is meaningful and robust to assist with improving rent arrears due.

Local Area Team Activity

Officers in the team have a number of tenancies under supervision for issues such as child & adult protection, anti-social behaviour and poor tenancy conditions. Our officers' work with a range of services and agencies to ensure tenants and residents are fully supported, tenancies are maintained and sustained as far as possible and appropriate action taken where necessary.

Rent arrears activity continues to be a weekly priority task for the team and will continue to work with all our tenants in offering support, advice and assistance. Such assistance includes referrals for money, energy and debt advice, benefit health checks, completion of income and expenditure to help set up a sustainable payment plan and where appropriate, assist with applications for Discretionary Housing Payments.

Capital Programme and New Build Council Housing

Capital Programme Update

Lanrigg, Fauldhouse – Major elemental repairs	The 17/18 works are progressing well and in line with the budget.
Cuthill Crescent, Stoneyburn	This year's work is in operation preparation stage. The continuation of this major area upgrading is due to restart on site in October 2017 and complete in March 2018.

New Build Update

Fauldhouse & Breich Valley	Site	No of units	Site Start	No of Houses Handed Over	No of completions
	Eastfield, Fauldhouse	40	July 2016	0	To Be Confirmed

Tenant Participation April – June 2017

TP Annual Report & 2017/18 Development - The final tenant's participation annual report was published in April. The purpose of the report is to document the substantial development work which has taken place during 2016/17 to promote tenant participation, find new interested tenants and new ways to enable them to participate. The report has been published on the intranet and website.

West Lothian Housing Network - A decision was taken earlier this year by tenants to merge the former Cairn Brock and Five Sisters Housing Networks into one new Network for West Lothian. The purpose of this was to improve efficiency for both tenants and service colleagues, as well as release TP team resources to trial and implement an evening Network meeting, which tenants have recently requested. The AGM took place in May, with the first business meeting in June.

Tenants Panel Financial Scrutiny - A new approach to managing tenant scrutiny of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) was implemented during May. We are also now using the information to inform and generate queries and interest from a wider pool of tenants.

TIS National Excellence Awards 2017 - The Service's suite of new initiatives to promote tenant participation in 2016/17 was shortlisted for the Tenant Information Service (TIS) Excellence Awards

2017, under the Tenant Participation Excellence category. The council was successful at the awards and announced as the winner at the prestigious ceremony which took place in Glasgow on 10th June.

Tenant Participation Strategy 2017-2021 - The draft Tenant Participation Strategy was presented to Senior Management Team during June. The Strategy has been approved by senior management team during June and will now be presented through the appropriate governance. While the key elements of the Strategy remain similar to previous, there is increasing emphasis on our widening approach to one-off consultations and discussions with tenants as well as further focus on the use and development of electronic and social media interaction.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) across the nine Multi-Member Wards are an integral part of the Community Safety Unit and are a key feature of partnership working. In the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward partnership working sees the local housing team, youth worker, council officer within the SNT and Police officers all working together to tackle anti-social behaviour in the ward.

WLC Officer based in SNT April – June 2017

Following a number of reports of ASB from neighbours a joint visit was carried out to an address where the occupant was spoken with in relation to allegations of ASB. The occupant was advised of potential consequences against their tenancy should any subsequent reports come in and behaviour witnessed.

Reports received of multiple noisy parties. Warnings were served on occupier and a case prepared for legal. Tenant then abandoned the property.

Joint visit to tenancies were carried out with housing officers.

Door to door enquiries carried out in relation to an allegation and advice given to residents on future reporting and general safety concerns.

The current ASBO's in the ward are: 2 Interim and 2 Full ASBO's.

E. CONCLUSION

To note the contents of the report.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments: None

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FAULDHUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

SERVICE UPDATE – NETS, LAND & COUNTRYSIDE

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members of the recent activity of the NET's, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1st May – 31st July 2017.

B. RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to:

1. Note the work carried out to date and future planned work.
2. Advise of any areas that require further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; making best use of our resources; working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Relates to items 9 - We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger & 12 – We value and enjoy our built environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	In line with available revenue and capital budgets
VII Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII Other consultations	None

D1 Terms of Report

Report on activity for period 1st May – 31st July 2017.

D2 Grounds Maintenance Routine Works

The routine grass cutting cycles continue, although the overall programme is currently behind schedule due to the wet weather during June and July.

The first application of chemical for weed control has now been completed. The second application will commence in August and will consist of only spot treating any weeds that are present when the operatives are working in specific areas.

The weed control trial that has been set up to assess other chemical and cultural methods for weed control to try and further reduce the use of Glyphosate is ongoing and is planned to be complete at the end of September. Thereafter the results of the will be reported to the Environmental PDSP in November 2017.

All the football pitches have now been marked out for start of the season. The lines will be burned in to keep them visible to allow teams to over mark as necessary.

The most recent Land Audit Management System, (LAMS) inspections resulted in a slight reduction in the overall score from 67 to 64. 67 is the target figure. LAMS inspections rate the quality of ground maintenance in randomly selected areas. The reduction in scoring was due to the wet weather causing grass cuttings to be drawn onto footpaths and hard surfaces by the grass cutting equipment.

Work has started on the construction of the new pitch at Eastfield Road, with the drainage system being installed. Works will be ongoing over the next few weeks, with the pitch at St John the Baptist's also being completed by the same contractor. The football pitch at Longridge will also be drained before the end of the summer.

Grounds Maintenance Enquiries

In total 51 grounds maintenance related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

Adopt Open Spaces in Priv. Est - 1
Drainage Flooding Grass Areas – 1
Fencing Enquiries – 3
GalaDay/Public Event Enquiries - 6
Gardens Competition Enquiries - 6
Grass Cutting Enquiries – 4
Grass Cutting Missed/Not Cut – 3
Grass Highway/Verges – 1
Grass Left on Paths or Roads - 1
Ground Ownership Enquiries – 2
Hedge Cutting Enquires – 2
Shrub Bed Enquiries - 2
Shrub Bed Overhanging Path – 7
Shrub Bed Not Maintained – 1
Weeds General Enquiries – 7
Weeds on Paths or Roads - 4

D3 Garden Maintenance Routine Works

Garden Maintenance Scheme grass cutting cycles continue to progress on schedule.

Garden Maintenance Enquiries

In total 35 garden maintenance related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

Garden Maintenance General Enquiries – 12

Garden Maintenance Grass Not Cut - 15

Garden Maintenance Hedge Cutting – 2

Garden Maintenance No Longer Required – 1

Garden Maintenance Standard of Cut - 5

D4 Cleaner Communities Routine Works

Cleaner Communities staff are continuing to remove litter, fly tipping and debris on roads, footpaths and open spaces throughout the ward.

Cleaner Communities Enquiries

In total 59 cleaner communities related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

Env. Enforcement Officers – 1

Dead Animals – 4

Dog Fouled Grass/Open Space – 2

Dog Fouled Kids Play Area - 1

Dog Fouling on Paths/Roads – 10

No Dog Fouling Sign Request - 1

New Dog Fouling Bin Request – 1

Glass on Paths or Open Spaces – 3

Illegal Fly Posting - 1

Illegal Fly Tipping/Dumping – 16

Litter Bin Burnt/Damaged – 1

Litter General Enquiries – 1

Litter On Paths/Road Verges – 1

Street Sweeping Enquiries – 7

Vehicle Abandoned – 9

Litter Prevention Action Plans

The statistics above show that the number of enquiries relating to incidents of fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles is significantly higher across the ward than other enquiries. This is a trend that is increasing across West Lothian and also across the majority of other local authorities nationally.

To tackle the increasing issues of littering and fly-tipping, the service has identified a need to develop a strategy and action plans to encourage partnership and joint working in litter and fly-tipping prevention. The strategy will be aimed at preventing littering and fly-tipping, identifying a range of delivery partners who are required to influence behavior and ultimately deliver the aims of the strategy.

Litter Prevention Action Plans (LPAP) to ensure the council is complying with the Scottish Government's National Litter Strategy, "Towards a Litter free Scotland" will be developed to encourage joint-working in litter and fly-tipping prevention.

This approach will be aimed at improving the transparency of the service with our customers and stakeholders whilst improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the service through coordinated activities and encourage innovation through the sharing of knowledge and expertise.

Work has begun with partnership organisations, Zero Waste Scotland and Keep Scotland Beautiful, to develop an over-arching LPAP for the whole Local Authority Area allowing for specific plans to be developed and adopted by organisations and community groups.

A report will be presented to PDSP in November 2017 for consideration.

Environmental Community Action

1 Fixed Penalty Notice issued for a Dog Fouling offence.

Enforcement Officers dealt with enquiries in relation to various Environmental issues within area and carried out patrols.

Several Abandoned/Nuisance vehicles have been dealt with and removed from streets by gaining compliance following negotiation, verbal warnings, warning letters, Official notices served or WLC contractor removal.

Enforcement Officers carried out Audits on School Transport Buses and Taxi's on behalf of Transport Department.

Enforcement Officers carried out Audits on Taxi's on behalf of Social Policy Department.

Enforcement Officers assisting colleagues in Community Learning & Development Youth Services through the positive destinations programme.

Enforcement Officers assisting colleagues from Licencing Department carrying out Audits and delivering urgent correspondence.

Education & Engagement Officers have attended several residents and community group meetings and followed up any concerns raised. They also have commenced a Cigarette Litter campaign and are progressing a number of other initiatives.

Officers have also engaged in partnership working with various agencies such as Police Scotland, Scottish Canals, Housing Associations, Woodlands Trust Scotland, Forestry Commission, WLC Countryside Rangers, WLC Housing and WLC Waste Services on a range of issues.

Compliance gained with a number of Enquiries with tenants, owners or landowners removing Fly Tipping following issues raised by Enforcement Officers.

D5 Parks and Woodland

Tree and Woodland Routine Work

Number of outstanding tree related works orders – 6

Number of tree related works orders complete – 2

No major tree related issues in these areas.

Parks and Woodland Enquiries (14)

Tree Branches Overhanging – 5

Tree Broken/Damaged/Dead – 1

Tree Conservation Areas – 1

Tree Dangerous or Unsafe – 1

Tree General Enquiries – 5

Tree Leaves Causing Problems – 1

Country Park General Enquiries - 1

D6 Open Space and Cemeteries

Open Space Routine Works

Meadow Crescent Park, Fauldhouse

Outstanding works currently being pursued with the contractor include removal of the rubbish and fly tipping, clearance and seeding of the north area of the site, maintenance of the swale, and re-seeding of the pitch.

Capital Programme

Fells Road Play Area, Polbeth is scheduled for refurbishment in the 17/18 Capital programme.

Open Space Enquiries (4)

Children Play Enquiries – 1

Safety Issues in Play Area – 1

Public Park Enquiries - 2

Cemeteries Routine Works

Summer maintenance and grass cutting ongoing across the cemetery estate.

A new flagpole has been installed at War Memorial Site.

Cemeteries Enquiries (13)

Bench Donations – 1

Cemeteries General Enquiries – 4

Cemetery Property Vandalised – 2

Lair Enquiries – 3

Lair Sunken or Uneven – 2

Toilets and Waiting Rooms – 1

E CONCLUSION

Routine works are currently progressing as scheduled. The weed control trials will be

assessed on a regular basis with the outcomes reported at the end of the season.

The Enforcement Officers been involved in a number of community projects within the ward, with the aim of raising awareness of environmental issues.

Abandoned vehicles and fly-tipping is becoming a major issue within the ward and across the local authority area. A strategy and LPAP are being developed to address the issue and will be presented to PDSP in November 2017.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Open Space Strategy

Capital Programme

Appendices/Attachments: None

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND PROVISIONAL ALLOCATIONS 2017

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Area Committee of the provisional allocations made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2017 to groups in the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee notes that ten groups within Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward have applied to the fund and will be supported.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Being honest, open and accountable. Focussing on our customers' needs. Making best use of resources. Working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	The duty of Best Value is set out in the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	The Head of Planning Economic Development and Regeneration has the delegated authority to make the final allocations and payments.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	SOA 5 - Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Total fund of £28,808 agreed by the council. £5,268.06 will be distributed in the Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley ward.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Following consideration at all nine Local Area Committees, an update will be prepared for the

VIII Other consultations

Similar reports will be prepared for the other eight Local Area Committees.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

Council approves the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund each year. In 2017 the total fund amounts to £28,808 (£29,106.54 in 2016). The fund is divided by the total number of beneficiaries which, in 2017, provisionally, is 3,704 (4,659 in 2016). By using that number the provisional global unit cost for 2017 is £7.77 (£6.24 in 2016) per beneficiary (£28,808/3,704). In Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward there are 678 beneficiaries and a provisional allocation of £5,268.06. These figures are provisional as several organisations have not yet returned an application form and these are being followed-up. A full report on the final allocations will be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP later in the year. Letters will be issued to groups in late October advising them of the amount of funding they will receive and payments will be made directly to the bank accounts of groups during November via PECOS.

D2 Applications 2017: Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward

Thirteen application forms were issued to groups across Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward, with ten returned to date. The intention is that the ten groups will be supported. The remaining three applications will be followed up. Appendix one shows the organisations to be supported and the provisional allocation to each.

D3 Applications 2017: Livingston-wide & West Lothian-wide organisations

One application was sent to a Livingston-wide group. The application form has not been returned and this is being followed-up. Two applications were issued to West Lothian-wide groups and both have been returned. The intention is that both groups will be supported. Appendix two shows the organisations and the provisional allocation to each.

E. CONCLUSION

The report advises of the provisional allocations that are proposed to be made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2017 to groups in Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

A full report on the final allocations will be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP later in the year. Letters will be issued to groups in late October advising them of the amount of funding they will receive, and payments will be made directly to the bank accounts of groups during November via PECOS.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Voluntary Organisations Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel, Review of the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund Process 2011, Report By Head Of Area Services.

Appendices/Attachments: Appendix 1: Provisional Allocations 2017 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward

Appendix 2: Provisional Allocations 2017 Livingston-wide and West Lothian-wide Organisations

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND PROVISIONAL ALLOCATIONS 2017

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

Appendix 1: Provisional Allocations 2017 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward

Group	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount
Blackfaulds Court Tenants Association	40	£310.80
Fauldhouse Monday Club Old Age Pensioners	0	£0.00
Harburn Association Lunch Club	16	£124.32
Longridge Over 50's Group	0	£0.00
Pit Stop	40	£310.80
St John the Baptist Social Care Group	130	£1,010.10
St John the Baptist Over 50s Group	91	£707.07
Stewart Court Sheltered Housing Day Centre	35	£271.95
Stewart Court Registered Tenants Association	40	£310.80
West Calder Community Centre Management Committee	90	£699.30
Breich Community Association	0	£0.00
Willow Wood Residents Association	36	£279.72
Stoneyburn and Bents Old Folks Treat	160	£1,243.20
Totals	678	£5,268.06

Note: Three groups have not applied to the fund and these will be followed up.

FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND PROVISIONAL ALLOCATIONS 2017

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

Appendix 2: Provisional Allocations 2017: Livingston-Wide & West Lothian-Wide Organisations

Group	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount
Braid House Day Centre	0	£0.00
Total	0	£0.00

Group	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount
West Lothian Visually Impaired Club	10	£77.70
West Lothian 50+ Network	173	£1,344.21
Total	183	£1,421.91



FAULDHUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REGENERATION PLANNING

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Area Committee of progress towards developing regeneration plans within the ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes:

1. that four local regeneration groups have been established and are active; and
2. community engagement activity is underway in all areas.

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 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 the activity within the plans are captured within the set of Regeneration key performance indicators.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities.- We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.- We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.- We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the

built and natural environment.

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 Resources PDSP.
VIII Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

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

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. Eight regeneration areas have been identified, based on the data zones within the bottom 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

In addition to this, the Community Empowerment Act 2015 requires Community Planning Partnerships to produce locality plans for their most deprived areas. The CPP in West Lothian have adopted regeneration plans as their locality plans.

D2 Progress

The Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Action Group was established in June 2016 and met on two occasions before the decision was taken by the members to meet at individual village level. The four village groups have now met a number of times and their progress is detailed below.

Addiewell

Community engagement activity is continuing in the village, with 21 responses now having been gathered. Survey work has been carried out by both the Regeneration Team and by members of the steering group. Further engagement is still required and an engagement action plan was drawn up at the last meeting of the group in order to plan how this would be achieved. The group hope to complete this work by the end of September.

The group have also been considering how the remaining Village Improvement Fund money can be spent within the village. The Gala Day committee used their Facebook page to consult the wider community and ask for ideas for potential VIF funded projects. A number of suggestions have been made by the community and these are now being considered in more detail by the steering group.

Stoneyburn

The community engagement activity in Stoneyburn is also progressing well, with 50 responses received so far. An engagement plan has been drafted at the last meeting of the group and has identified opportunities to engage with harder to reach areas of the community.

Membership of the steering group has increased slightly with the addition of a few more community members and officers from Carers of West Lothian. However, it is still

hoped to enhance this further and an evening meeting will be held at a later date to enable more people to access the meeting.

The next meeting of the group, to be held on 29 August, will be used to carry out Place Standard engagement. This will be a structured session which will allow the steering group members to discuss the 14 themes detailed within the Place Standard tool and will provide additional information to help inform the emerging regeneration plan.

Fauldhouse

The Fauldhouse regeneration group has been significantly strengthened with the addition of nine new community members. The group now has a good spread of representation covering council, CPP, local agencies and the community.

The mining memorial project, led by FCDT, is progressing well. Ten examples of memorials from across the country were circulated for the public to vote on and 669 votes were cast. The next stage of the process will be to agree the final design for the memorial and to source funding. It is expected that a Village Improvement Fund grant will be sought.

A total of 41 surveys have been completed so far and further engagement is planned in order to reach around 250 responses. The information gathered from this engagement, plus the existing charrette results and statistical information for the area, will be collated and used to inform the regeneration plan.

Polbeth

A community engagement plan has been drawn up and members of the steering group, supported by West Calder & Harburn CDT, are currently carrying this out. Approximately 40 h-diagram surveys have been completed and a target of 100 is strived for.

The next meeting of this group will take place in early September. There is still a requirement to increase the numbers attending, both community and partners.

E. CONCLUSION

The process for developing regeneration plans is underway within the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley area. Local action groups have been established and have begun the process of evidence gathering and statistical analysis. A programme of community engagement is currently underway and the information gathered from this will help to inform the plans.

Plans for the four villages will be drafted in October 2017. A further update on progress will be brought to the next meeting of this committee.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

West Lothian Regeneration Framework 2014-2034

Appendices/Attachments: None

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**FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – NOVEMBER 2017
WORKPLAN 2017-2018**

Issue	Purpose	Lead Officer	Date
Housing report	Quarterly update on housing issues	Kate Ward	November 2017
Police/NRT report	Quarterly update on police/NRT activity	Insp. Gregor Forbes	November 2017
LBFR report	Quarterly report on activity	Desmond Donnelly	November 2017
NETs Report	Update report on NETs activity	Tony Fleming	November 2017
Villages Improvement Fund Applications	To present all applications received to the VIF	Laura Wilson	November 2017
Regeneration Plans	To provide an update on the implementation of regeneration plans	Laura Wilson	November 2017
West Calder & Harburn CDT	To provide an annual update on activity	Matt Pearce	November 2017
New West Calder High School	To provide an update on the new build project	Paul Kettrick	November 2017
Schools Update – St Kentigern's	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Andrew Sharkey	November 2017
Pensioners Christmas Fund	To provide final allocation details	Laura Wilson	November 2017
Schools Update – West Calder High School	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Julie Fisher	February 2018
Advice Shop Update	To update on Advice Shop activity in the ward	Elaine Nisbet	February 2018

Polbeth & West Calder Market Garden	To provide an annual update on activity	Lisa Drennan	May 2018
School Update – Whitburn Academy	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Tracey Loudon	Sept 2018