



West Lothian
Council

Livingston South Local Area Committee

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8 May 2015

A meeting of the **Livingston South Local Area Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Conference Room 3, Ground Floor, Civic Centre** on **Friday 15 May 2015 at 9:00am**.

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

Public Session

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business
3. 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.
4. Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of Livingston South Local Area Committee held on Friday 13 March 2015 (herewith)
5. Housing, Construction and Building Services - Report by Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services (herewith)
6. Ward 4 Livingston South - Update - Report by Police Inspector Myles Marshall (herewith)
7. Livingston South Multi-Member Ward Performance Report - Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith)
8. Review of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Resource Based Crewing

Arrangements Within West Lothian - Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith)

9. NETs, Land and Countryside Services Update Report - Report by Head of Operational Services (herewith)
10. Livingston Skatepark Update - Report by Head of Area Services (herewith)
11. Alcohol Diversionary Activities - Report by Head of Social Police (herewith)
12. Community Health Champions - Report by Depute Chief Executive, Community Health and Care Partnership (herewith)
13. Community Regeneration - Ward Action Plan Report - Report by Head of Area Services (herewith)
14. Workplan (herewith)

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MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within CONFERENCE ROOM 3, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 13 MARCH 2015.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Danny Logue

Absent – Councillors Peter Johnston and John Muir

In Attendance

Steve Field, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council

Michelle Kirkbright, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

Phyllis McFadyen, Housing Services, West Lothian Council

Daniel McComisky, NETs and Land Services, West Lothian Council

Graeme Hedger, Team Leader, Flood Risk Management

Elaine Nisbet, Advice Shop and ABE Manager (Acting)

Keir Stevenson, Sport and Outdoor Education Manager

David Cleghorn, Dedridge Community Council

Brian Johnston, Livingston Village Community Council

Siobhan McGarty, Headteacher, St Margaret's Academy

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS, INCLUDING NOTICE OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Committee agreed a suggestion by the Chair that the presentation on Livingston South Blue Green Network (Agenda Item 9) be taken immediately following the presentation on St Margaret's Academy (Agenda Item 5).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MINUTE

The Livingston South Local Area Committee noted the minute of its meeting held on 7th November 2015.

4. ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY - PRESENTATION BY SIOBHAN MCGARTY, HEADTEACHER

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Siobhan McGarty (Head Teacher, St Margaret's Academy). Ms McGarty had been invited to attend the meeting to provide an overview of the school's performance and levels of attainment.

The Committee heard details of the staffing structure at St Margaret's Academy. There followed a presentation showing attainment levels for

the five year period from 2010 to 2014. It was noted that the percentage of students achieving 1+ advance higher at level 7 was 27% in 2014, compared to 12% in 2010. The presentation also covered School Leavers in a Positive Destination and SLDR 2012/13 by Destination.

Ms McGarty spoke of the specific areas that had been identified for improvement and provided details of the Tracking Strategy.

The following successful events were brought to the Committee's attention:-

- Remembrance Day
- Trip to Barcelona, September 2014
- 21st Anniversary Lunch
- Feast Day Mass
- Senior Awards Ceremony
- Children In Need S6 Event

Ms McGarty then responded to questions raised by LAC members.

Finally, the Chair thanked Ms McGarty for her informative presentation.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

5. LIVINGSTON SOUTH BLUE GREEN NETWORK - AN UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update on progress being made by the Steering Group delivering the Livingston South Blue Green Network Project.

The report recalled that a Steering Group had been established to deliver a partnership project aimed at reducing the risk of flooding, improving the water environment, connecting areas of high-quality public open space, improving access, mitigating the effects of habitat loss and fragmentation and reducing cyclic maintenance.

Running in tandem with the Livingston South Blue Green Network project was the 'New Life for the Lanthorn Park' component located close to a nationally recognised area of multiple-deprivation within the top 20% of the most deprived areas of Scotland. Big Lottery had confirmed its agreement, in principle, to invest £218,227 in the project on 8 April 2014. The report informed the Committee of the difficulties concerning an application to the Big Lottery for funding. The Big Lottery was insisting that DEEP leased the park from the Council. What had been proposed was that the council grant DEEP a license to occupy and undertake the work and that a Deed of Dedication be signed between the Council and the Big Lottery to protect the park and the investment in it for a period of ten years following completion of the improvement work. The report advised that Big Lottery was indicating that it was not prepared to agree to

this. However, the Team Leader gave a verbal update, explaining that this had now been resolved.

The Team Leader then presented photographs of the area, highlighting some of the improvements made to date.

During discussion, the Team Leader (Flood Risk Management) undertook to explore a suggestion that a Country Walk map be produced for the area (similar to the one on display at the Craig Inn Centre).

It was recommended that the Committee note the current status of the project.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. LIVINGSTON SOUTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within the ward for the period up to 31 December 2014.

The report contained statistical information on the historic activity in the West Lothian Council area and Scotland.

As the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was not represented at the meeting, the Lead Officer would feedback any concerns raised by the Committee.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7. WARD 4, LIVINGSTON SOUTH, UPDATE - REPORT BY POLICE INSPECTOR MYLES MARSHALL

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Police Inspector Myles Marshall providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 31 December 2014.

The report advised that there had been a marked increase in Youth Calls in December due to known groups of youths in the Dedridge area. There had been a number of house parties in the area over several weekends, which had resulted in the higher number of calls. Additionally, there had been a number of issues with youth frequenting the Town Centre and the security staff contacting Police. The Committee was asked to note that, such issues, although not serious, or indeed even criminal, still showed on statistics and could on occasion impact on the

percentages.

PC Stewart McKissock highlighted aspects of the report and responded to questions raised by members.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8. NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES UPDATE REPORT -

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services appraising members of the NETs, Land and Countryside Services activities for the ward for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2014.

The Local Area Committee was recommended to:-

- note the work carried out by the services and the future planned work for the local area.
- note the plans for the final work before the official opening of Bankton Mains Play Area
- note the planned Phase 1 of work for the Almondvale Park Regeneration
- note the planned consultation for the Bellsquarry Play Area
- advise on any areas that require further information or investigation.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9. HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

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

The report examined Property Void and Let Performance for both mainstream and temporary tenancies.

A table within the report provided details of arrears for the ward to December 2014, together with comparative figures for the previous year.

The Committee was informed that good progress was being made on the 1,000 houses new build programme. There were no major Capital Works, other than New Build, planned for the Livingston South Ward in the current year due to the relatively good condition of the stock in the ward.

There were four sites in this ward for new build council housing.

The report also provided a Tenant Participation update.

It was recommended that the Committee note the Housing, Construction and building Service activity as detailed in the ward report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10. LIVINGSTON SKATEPARK UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services providing an update on progress with the Livingston Skatepark project.

The report recalled that, following agreement between the council and the contractor (Gravity Skateparks) to sever ties on the project, the Council had issued a Quick Quote tender in Autumn 2014 which had received no responses from potential contractors. In December 2014, the Quick Quote had been re-published to five contractors with a closing date of 16 January 2015.

The Committee was informed that Construction Services had now appointed a contractor to complete the works. The timescale for the programme of works was three weeks.

It was recommended that the Committee note the progress made with the Livingston Skatepark project which was included within the council's open space capital programme.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

11. ADVICE SHOP AND ADULT BASIC SERVICE UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services informing the Committee of the work undertaken by the Advice Shop and Adult Basic Education service from April to December 2014.

The report outlined the range of services delivered by the Advice Shop and Adult Basic Education (ABE). The report explained that the Advice Shop and ABE service was funded through: a core council budget, European Social Fund, Scottish Funding Council, West Lothian Growth Fund, Macmillan Cancer Support, West Lothian Challenge Fund and Scottish Legal Aid Board. All activity across the service was informed and prioritised by the 'Better Off: West Lothian Anti-Poverty Strategy' and the purpose of the strategy was to help minimise the impact of poverty on the people of West Lothian.

The report provided an appendix showing the number of people the service had worked with over the previous nine months, together with an analysis by age and gender.

It was recommended that the Committee note:

1. the Advice Shop and Adult Basic Education provision in the ward;
2. the intention to report annually on service activity in the area; and
3. the impact provision was having in terms of supporting the outcomes of the 'Better Off: Anti-Poverty Strategy'.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

To record the Committee's appreciation of the work undertaken by the Advice Shop and ABE Manager and her team.

12. COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services updating members on progress with community regeneration activity in the ward.

The report provided detailed information concerning the Ladywell Pensioners Christmas Coffee Morning and the Community Garden Project.

In relation to Killandean Community Allotment Association, the first phase of the project was now complete with all 41 allotment plots being leased. The full plots were leased at £85 per year, half plots were leased at £50 per year and quarter plots were leased for £30 per year. The second phase of the project was currently being designed.

In response to a question raised concerning a press release by the Scottish Government concerning the sub-division of large plots, the Lead Officer undertook to ascertain if this was part of a consultation on Allotment regulations.

It was recommended that the Committee note the updates on Community Regeneration activity within the ward, specifically in relation to:

- Ladywell Pensioners Christmas Coffee Morning
- Ladywell Community Council/Community Garden
- Killandean Community Allotment Association

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

13. ALCOHOL DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy enclosing an application for Alcohol Diversionary Activity Funding.

The funding request was for £9,100 for the School of Football project.

The report recalled that, in January 2014, the Council Executive had agreed a governance process for Alcohol Diversionary Funding. It had been agreed that Local Area Committees would receive applications for proposed projects and would provide an assessment panel with their recommendations. Results from the application and approval process would then be reported to the PDSP and approved by the Council Executive.

Decision

1. To note the report and the application for Alcohol Diversionary Activity Funding.
2. To note that the two members present were supportive of the application and recommended that it proceed to the ADP subgroup.

14. WORKPLAN 2015

A copy of the Workplan 2015 had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

15. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2015/16

The Committee considered a paper setting out proposed meeting dates for 2015/16.

Decision

To approve the Timetable of Meetings for 2015/16.



LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Local Area Committee with an overview of the service activities within the Livingston South ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Local Area Committee is asked to note Housing, Construction and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report.

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. TERMS OF REPORT

Housing Performance Information

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an overview of the activities of Housing, Construction and Building Services, specific to the Livingston South ward.

Property Void & Let Performance: Mainstream Tenancies

Void Period	Jan 2015	%	Feb 2015	%	Mar 2015	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	1	50%	0	0%	2	28.6%	65%
2-4 weeks	1	50%	1	100%	4	57.1%	25%
4+ weeks	0	0%	0	0%	1	14.3%	10%
Total Lets	2	100%	1	100%	7	100%	

Property Void & Let Performance: Temporary Tenancies

Void Period	Jan 2015	%	Feb 2015	%	Mar 2015	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	0	0%	1	50%	3	100%	70
2-4 weeks	1	100%	1	50%	0	0%	20
4+ weeks	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	10
Total Lets	1	100%	2	100%	3	100%	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 supported through the viewing and sign up process. 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 47 mainstream tenancies and 49 temporary tenancies let by the Livingston Team. There is currently 1 policy void for this area.

Arrears Performance

2013/2014	Total £Value	2013/2014	Total £Value
April 13	103,264	April 14	147,044
May 13	130,485	May 14	158,873
June 13	No figure available	June 14	154,932
July 13	166,460	July 14	158,902
August 13	190,225	August 14	166,709
September 13	195,039	September 14	167,517
October 13	193,148	October 14	169,713
November 13	199,418	November 14	165,061
December 13	182,076	December 14	136,004
January 14	174,648	January 2015	135,353
February 14	178,193	February 2015	132,043
March 14	109,415	March 2015	91,448

West Lothian Council has for many years been one of the top performing councils in Scotland with respect to rent collection and the council's rent arrears process has been widely considered to be best practice, engendering a strong payment culture amongst most of its tenants.

In recent years we have experienced higher arrears levels and this mirrors the national trend. To address this, an Arrears Task Group was established in October 2013 and work with the group remains on-going.

In 2014-15 the Arrears Task Group agreed a £1m target based on a number of factors being introduced and progressed. Most of the actions are complete and this has had a positive impact on our arrears, however, the action to address legacy bedroom tax arrears took longer than anticipated and as a result the £1m overall target was not reached.

At the end of March 2015 our arrears caseload was 3,493 and totalled £1,207,750.

Although we did not meet the agreed £1m target, we can report in 2014-15 the arrears fell by £182,000 and for the first time in three years, we reported lower arrears value at end of financial year than the start. As of the end of 2014-15 72% of tenants have either a clear or credit rent account and the arrears caseload is also at its lowest point in over three years.

For 2015-16 the Arrears Task Group will implement a new Rent Strategy and propose a continuation of current actions as well as introducing new initiatives to ensure rent arrears continue to fall and preparations are in place to mitigate further increases, in particular from the introduction of Universal Credit. For Discretionary Housing Payments, we have confirmation that it is the Scottish Governments intention to continue to mitigate the under occupancy shortfall for this financial year.

Using existing anti-poverty funding of £200,000 and £50,000 of one-off funding for welfare changes, this will be administered in accordance with the DHP scheme, with funding to be distributed in accordance with the terms of the DHP scheme guidelines.

The table shows the level of arrears and the number of tenants in arrears in this Ward from end September 2013 at the start of the Rent Arrears Campaign and the level of arrears at the end of March 2015. There has been significant improvement in both value and volume of arrears cases over this period.

Arrears Banding	Balance 30 Sept 13	Tenants in Arrears	Balance 31 March 2015	Tenants in Arrears
£0.01-£49.99	£ 2,976.68	140	£ 1,629.14	80
£50.00-£149.99	£ 16,924.84	176	£ 8,946.56	101
£150.00-£299.99	£ 38,246.43	177	£ 19,208.69	86
£300.00-£499.99	£ 41,660.00	108	£ 15,349.76	42
£500.00-£749.99	£ 30,520.28	51	£ 16,401.44	28
£750.00-£999.99	£ 27,519.50	33	£ 6,694.76	8
£1000.00-£1999.99	£ 30,768.09	22	£ 16,744.08	11
£2000.00+	£ 5,925.71	2	£ 6,473.15	2
Total	£194,541.53	709	£ 91,447.58	358

The Arrears Task Group will continue meeting through the financial year 2014-15 as there are many challenges to come in the management of rental income due to the on-going phasing in of Welfare Reform, increasing fuel costs, reducing household income and the negative impact these changes are having on Council Tenants.

Livingston South Team Activity

Officers in the team have a number of tenancies under supervision for issues such as child 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 maintained and sustained as far as possible and appropriate action taken where necessary, as well as ensuring, that where the situation arises, other members of the community affected are also supported.

Capital Programme and New Build Council Housing

The overall 2014/15 Housing Capital Investment Programme was completed without major incidents, accidents or issues. Some upgrading programmes slipped a little due to contractor

capacity, but this will be caught up during 2015/16. The implementation of the 2015/16 programme is now underway.

Good progress is also being made on the 1000 houses new build programme. The first 6 homes were completed in September 2014 and work is well underway for a site for 18 homes in Broxburn. A site start was made at the site of the former Community Centre at Pumpherston in March. Developers have been selected for all the sites that have been tendered. Planning consent is in place for 7 sites and a further 13 planning applications have been submitted. Proposals are being developed for the other sites. The Council is also progressing developments at Bathville Cross, Armadale and the former Winchburgh Day Centre.

New Homes

The whole area and local economy will benefit from the New Build, and work to develop the 4 sites is well on track.

Planning applications have been submitted for the former Lammermuir House site and the Almond Link site. These sites will be developed by Lovell Partnerships.

The other two sites are adjacent to the football stadium and the Trim Track. Both these sites are included in Lot 5. Demolition of Lomond House is due to start in mid June 2015.

Local Capital Upgrades

Due to the relatively good condition of the stock in the ward the major Capital Works planned for the Livingston South Ward this year are based on Energy performance, rather than external condition. There will be external wall insulation works carried out to solid concrete walled houses (No Fines) in Dedridge. This is supported by Scottish Government HEEPs funding and owners are also targeted, although they have to make a small contribution to the costs.

Tenants in the ward can, if required by assessment, benefit from the Heating upgrading and replacement contract and from Major Repairs identified as being required under the Planned Reactive Contract. Failed kitchens and bathrooms can be addressed under the Kitchen and Bathroom replacement Programme. Loft and Cavity insulation can be fitted or renewed as required under the Insulation and Energy Efficiency Programme.

Tenant Participation Updates

Tenant Led Inspection

Housing, Construction and Building Services (HCBS) has a programme of Tenant Led Inspection (TLI) which allows lay inspectors to identify what works well in the service and where we can implement improvement.

The Council's TLI schedule of inspections has been devised by the inspectors with agreement from the Service and runs all year with support from the Customer Participation Officers (CPO's) and staff across the areas being visited.

The inspections completed successfully in 2014-15 are:

- Capital Programme Inspection
- Void process revisit (to ensure the recommendations and improvements identified by inspectors 6 months prior had been put in place).

Both TLI's resulted in improvements to the services that were looked at, and the perspective of the inspectors brought invaluable insight into ensuring that improvements or changes being made placed the effect on the customer as the first priority when we do this.

Tenant Led Inspection Development

TLI Toolkit

A comprehensive toolkit has been developed by the Tenant Participation Development Working Group in partnership with the Customer Participation Officers and staff across the Service. The

toolkit is in the final stages of approval, following full consultation and an equality impact assessment. The planned launch for this toolkit is Spring 2015. This is a guide for new and existing inspectors on the TLI process and general advice on carrying out inspection work has been well received, and sets HCBS as a leading example of good practice in tenant scrutiny and engaging tenants in service development activity.

Safer Neighbourhood Council Officer Ward Information

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 Livingston South ward partnership working sees the local housing team, youth worker, council officer within the SNT and Police officers all working together to tackle antisocial behaviour in the ward.

WLC Officer based in SNT

Neighbour issues and complaints of antisocial behaviour have been investigated and provided the necessary action from the community safety partnership. There has been a rise in the level of ASB relating to noise and youth disturbances which has been investigated and will require monitoring.

There has been multi agency input to alleviate complaints of neighbour disputes in one area and letter drops seeking information has been carried out. All interested parties have been interviewed in relating to the community issues and there has been insufficient evidence to warrant any police charges.

The main complaints have been in relation to vandalism, general noise issues and neighbour disputes.

In January, February and March, 59 calls to the Night Noise Team were received, 6 verbal warnings were issued and 2 written warnings were issued by the Night Noise team for noise nuisance.

Youth Worker Update

The youth worker closed the case for this area due to the positive progress made by the young person.

E. CONCLUSION

To note the contents of the report.

Appendices/Attachments: None

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LIVINGSTON SOUTH, LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

WARD 4, LIVINGSTON SOUTH, UPDATE

REPORT BY POLICE INSPECTOR MYLES MARSHALL

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 31st March 2015.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and 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	Performance relative to the same period in 2013; set out in the report.
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger; we take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive society
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII	Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

Based on our assessment of national priorities, the following have been identified for tailored action for the communities of West Lothian:

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Protecting the Public
- Road safety and Road Crime
- Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism
- Major Events and Threats
- Benefits of Reform
- Public Confidence

WEST LOTHIAN PRIORITIES

The community priorities identified for West Lothian through our Community Planning Partnership are:

- Protecting People
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
- Reducing Violence
- Tackling Substance Misuse
- Making our Roads Safer
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES

Livingston South

- Reducing antisocial behaviour
- Making our roads safer
- Tackling substance misuse

PERFORMANCE

For full details, please use the below link to access the Police Scotland Internet site.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/forces-welcome>

Livingston South Ward						
Month	Jan-15	Jan-14	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	18	25	-28%	395	336	18%
All ASB Calls	114	129	-12%	1387	1487	-7%
Hate Crime	2	3	-33%	59	56	5%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	18	23	-22%	196	270	-27%
Fire-raising	1	0	N/A	8	17	-53%
Public Space Assaults	10	10	0%	195	192	2%

Livingston South Ward						
Month	Feb-15	Feb-14	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	33	30	10%	428	369	16%
All ASB Calls	135	118	14%	1522	1605	-5%
Hate Crime	7	3	133%	66	59	12%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	20	34	-41%	216	304	-29%
Fire-raising	1	2	-50%	9	19	-53%
Public Space Assaults	13	14	-7%	208	200	4%

Livingston South Ward						
Month	Mar-15	Mar-14	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	33	55	-40%	461	421	10%
All ASB Calls	133	159	-16%	1655	1764	-6%
Hate Crime	2	3	-33%	68	62	10%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	26	31	-16%	242	335	-28%
Fire-raising	1	3	-67%	10	22	-55%
Public Space Assaults	16	13	23%	224	213	5%

Neighbours complaints

A recent neighbours dispute is being progressed, both parties have been charged in relation to offences, however there is continued animosity between both parties. Issue is being monitored.

A further long standing neighbours dispute is being progressed. Several complaints are being investigated and advice given to all parties. SNT and police involved in joint visits.

Buchanan House

This building continues to be targeted by youths, on several occasions the boards have been removed and building entered and there appears to be no long-term solution for this matter. The youths are causing noise and damage to the property and causing concern to local residents. Officers are being deployed on foot and pedal cycle to detect and prevent this activity.

Howden Park and surrounding area

Multiple reports of youths drinking in Howden Park Livingston drinking, urinating and smashing bottles. Youths dispersed upon police arrival. Further call reporting youths fighting nearby. The incident involved up to 50 youths from various areas. Increased foot and cycle patrols over recent week have led to several youths being warned and a decrease in ASB.

There has been an increase in the number of ASB calls regarding youths on motorcycles particularly in the Dedridge and Murieston areas. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the owners of the motor cycles

Fire Raising

There were multiple incidents of deliberate secondary fire raising in Livingston South over the past week. There were no obvious repeat locations, however, there was a group of 20 youths reported trying to set fires in Alderstone Road Livingston on 08/04, with a wheelie bin being set on fire.

ASB

Several reports of groups of youths fighting resulting in a serious assault where the injured party refused to make any complaint. Police are aware of the youths and providing additional patrols and proportionate attention.

PREVENTION

CAV Days

The Campaign Against Violence Days continue and additional officers are regularly being deployed to target known offenders resulting in arrests on warrant, domestic violence and bail conditions. They are also directed at problematic areas for ASB and youth disorder.

Making Our Roads Safer

Community Policing Teams focussed on Road Traffic Offences, this resulted in a number of detections for speeding, seatbelt and mobile phone offences together with a vehicle being seized for no insurance.

Test Purchase Operations

(Operation to Identifying underage Drinking, Sale of Alcohol to Minors etc)

Police are due to undertake a series of test purchase operations targeting premises that are suspected of supplying alcohol to underage youths. Following the success of previous operations it is anticipated that this will further reduce the availability of alcohol to young people and reduce the harm to themselves and their communities.

Party Houses

Anti-social tenancies continue to be targeted by SNT and police with two houses being identified. One premises has been issued with a full ASBO and the other issued with a 3rd warning. Several other properties have been the subject of joint visits by police and SNT.

Domestic Bail Checks

There are five bail checks that have to be carried out periodically in respect of offenders who have committed a crime in a domestic relationship. This involves the offender being visited by Police and their bail conditions being reiterated to them, this is in an effort to prevent offenders from breaching their bail conditions and causing further harm or distress to the complainer.

Night Time Economy

The Licensed Premises with the ward were visited each weekend and checks carried out.



LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

LIVINGSTON SOUTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Livingston South Local Area Committee on the activity within Livingston South Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31st March 2015.

B. RECOMMENDATION

That Committee Members are invited to note and provide comment on the Livingston South 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
VIII Consultations	West Lothian Citizen's Panel Survey, July 2014.

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) Livingston South Multi-member Ward Quarterly Report

Following the publication of the Livingston South 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 Livingston South 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 Livingston South 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.

Martyn Brandrick

Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

May 2015

Appendix 1 - Livingston South Multi-Member Ward Performance Report



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

West Lothian Council Area

Ward Performance Report

Year to Date January - March 2014/15

Livingston South

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

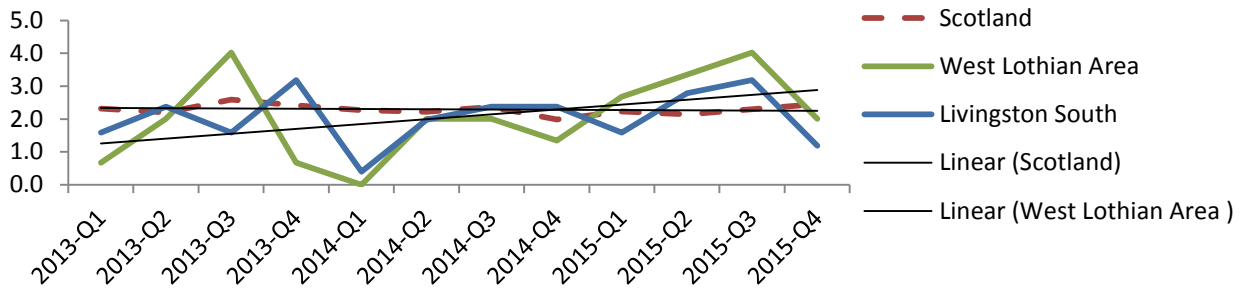
Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to ward based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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.

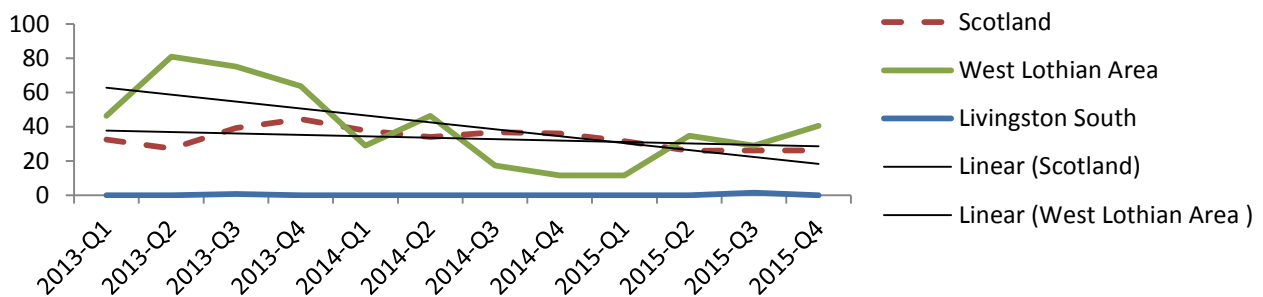
However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Accidental Dwelling Fires Per 10,000 head of population



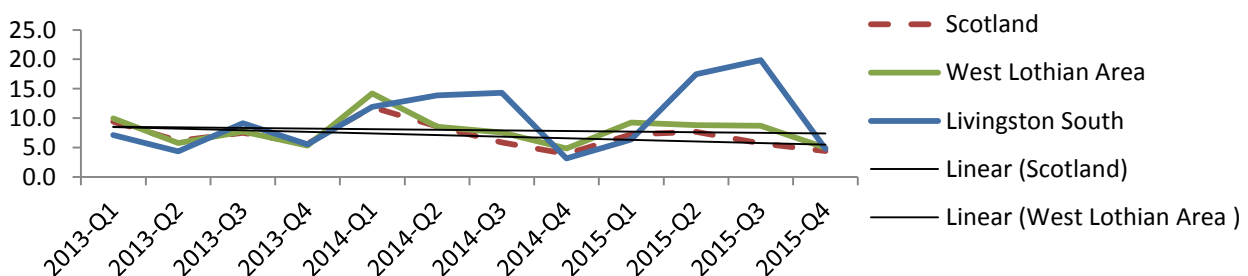
During the 2014-15 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 3 accidental dwelling fires in comparison to 6 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

Accidental Dwelling Fires (Casualties and Fatalities) Per 1,000,000 head of population



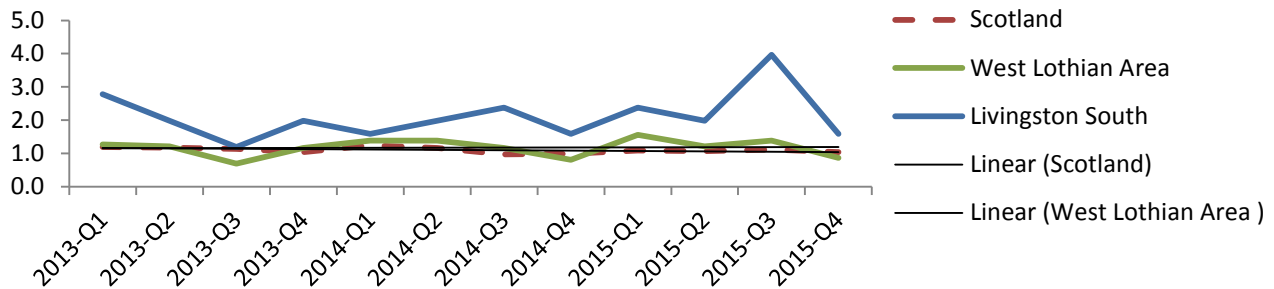
There were no reported Fire fatalities in the reporting period. During the 2014-15 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 2 casualties due to fires in comparison to 0 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

Deliberate Fires Per 10,000 head of population



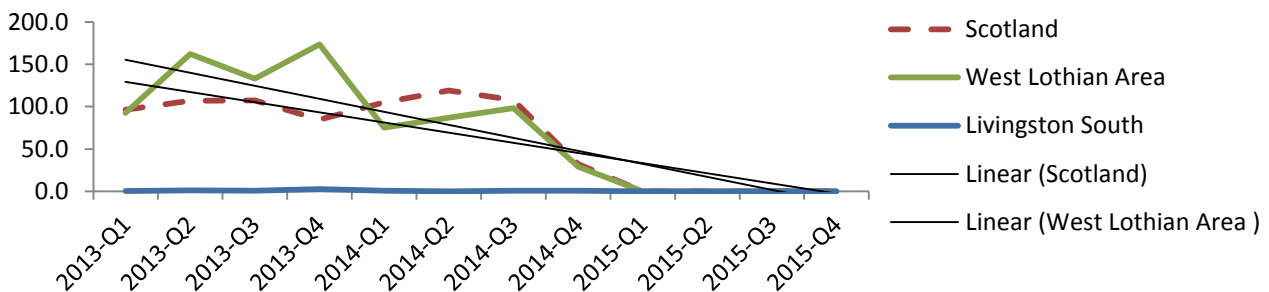
SFRS have dealt with 12 deliberate fire incidents during 2014-15 year to date reporting period in comparison to 8 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

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



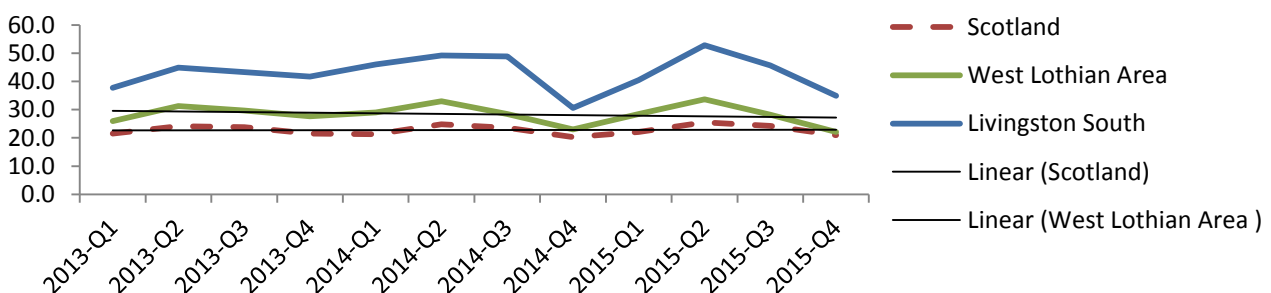
SFRS have dealt with 4 non domestic fire incidents during 2014-15 year to date reporting period in comparison to 4 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

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



SFRS have dealt with 0 casualties from non-fire emergencies during 2014-15 year to date reporting period in comparison to 1 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Per 10,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 88 UFAS incidents during 2014-15 year to date reporting period in comparison to 77 during 2013-14 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).



LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE RESOURCE BASED CREWING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN WEST LoTHIAN

REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report seeks to provide members with a review of the implementation of the Resource Based Crewing (RBC) model at Bathgate Fire Station, which the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) implemented on 1 September 2014.

B. RECOMMENDATION

That Committee Members are invited to note the contents of the 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)	None
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None
VII	Consideration at PDSP	Complete
VIII	Consultations	The Association of Community Councils in West Lothian, All West Lothian Local Area Committees and Bathgate Community Council.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 Background

At the West Lothian Council, Services for Communities Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (PDSP) meeting on 26 August 2014, members of the panel were advised of the introduction of a RBC model at Bathgate Fire Station for the crewing of the specialist appliance [Incident Support Unit (ISU)] that is stationed there.

D.2 REVIEW OF SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE RESOURCE BASED CREWING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN WEST LOTHIAN

In the period 1 September 2014 to 28 February 2015, the ISU has been mobilised 13 times to incidents in the West Lothian area in comparison to 47 times in the period 1 January to 31 July 2014. This reduction is as a result of changes that were made to mobilising protocol for the ISU, where it is mobilised automatically to incidents where the equipment that it carries could you be used for life saving purposes and 'on request' to all other incident types.

E. CONCLUSION

With the introduction of RBC at Bathgate Fire Station, there have been no significant reductions to frontline emergency service delivery in the Bathgate and West Lothian areas, as the physical resources (appliances) have remained in place and unchanged.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Marty Brandrick

Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

May 2015

Appendix 1 - Review of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Resource Based Crewing Arrangements within West Lothian



Report to:

**West Lothian Council Services for Communities
Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**

***SUBJECT: REVIEW OF SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE RESOURCE
BASED CREWING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN WEST LOTHIAN***

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks to provide members of the West Lothian Council, Services for Communities Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (PDSP) with a review of the implementation of the Resource Based Crewing (RBC) model at Bathgate Fire Station, that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) implemented on 1 September 2014.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the PDSP meeting on 26 August 2014, members of the panel were advised of the introduction of a RBC model at Bathgate Fire Station for the crewing of the specialist appliance [Incident Support Unit (ISU)] that is stationed there. (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 The panel were advised by Area Manager Gary Laing, Local Senior Officer for Falkirk & West Lothian, that a review report would be provided to the PDSP six months on from the introduction of the RBC arrangements at Bathgate Fire Station.

3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 3.1 Following the PDSP meeting on 26 August 2014, SFRS has meet with members of the West Lothian community to discuss RBC and to allay any concerns members of the community may have.
- 3.2 This has been facilitated through SFRS attendance at scheduled meetings of the following:

The Association of Community Councils in West Lothian,
All West Lothian Local Area Committees and
Bathgate Community Council.

4 DEPLOYMENT OF ISU FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF RBC

- 4.1 The ISU is deployed to support fire and rescue activities at large incidents through the provision of additional equipment to augment the equipment carried on frontline fire and rescue tenders, (hose, salvage materials and welfare equipment etc.) In addition to this additional firefighting and welfare equipment, the ISU is also used to transport water/flood emergency response equipment to incidents.
- 4.2 The ISU based at Bathgate Fire Station predominately covers the West Lothian area but can also be deployed to larger incidents out with the area where required.
- 4.3 In the period 1 September 2014 to 28 February 2015, the ISU has been mobilised 13 times to incidents in the West Lothian area in comparison to 47 times in the period 1 January to 31 July 2014. This reduction is as a result of changes that were made to mobilising protocol for the ISU, where it is mobilised automatically to incidents where the equipment that it carries could you be used for life saving purposes and 'on request' to all other incident types.
- 4.4 During the six month period (1 September 2014 – 28 February 2016) the time involved in relation to the 13 mobilisations of the ISU represents a very small proportion of time where the front line fire and rescue tender at Bathgate Fire Station was unavailable to attend other incidents. Where, due to this, fire cover within the West Lothian area was low, additional resources from the City of Edinburgh were moved into the West Lothian area.

- 4.5 The breakdown of incidents where the ISU was mobilised is as follows:
- 1 incident where a Large Animal was trapped
 - 6 Road Traffic Collisions involving either large vehicles or multiple vehicles
 - 1 Fire incident
 - 3 incidents where a person may require rescue from water
 - 2 Special service incidents.
- 4.6 In addition to the ISU being mobilised to 13 incidents in West Lothian during the review reporting period, the resource was mobilised 26 times to a range of incident types out-with the West Lothian area.

5 IMPLICATIONS ON SERVICE DELIVERY

- 5.1 With the introduction of RBC at Bathgate Fire Station, there have been no significant reductions to frontline emergency service delivery in the Bathgate and West Lothian areas, as the physical resources (appliances) have remained in place and unchanged.
- 5.2 16 whole-time operational firefighters have been redeployed to other workplaces in the antecedent LBFRS area and other Service Delivery areas across Scotland.
- 5.3 Whole-time operational firefighters based at Bathgate Fire Station continue to achieve high levels of community safety activity and partnership working to identify and engage with those members of the community who are 'most at risk from fire'.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 West Lothian Council Services for Communities Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is invited to:
- Note the contents of this review report,
 - Consider and make any comment in relation to this report.

Gary Laing
Local Senior Officer
Falkirk and West Lothian

March 2015

APPENDIX 1

4. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE RESOURCE BASED CREWING ARRANGEMENTS

A report had been circulated by the Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services advising the Panel of the impending changes to the way the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS) deployed its resources through a Resource Based Crewing (RBC) model and the potential impact this would have in West Lothian.

Gary Laing explained that the resource based crewing model was the result of work of a joint working group and was designed to ensure sufficient resources and personnel were mobilised to all incident types. Community and firefighter safety had been at the heart of all considerations and the introduction of resource based crewing was based on maintaining safe systems of work whilst taking into account the financial challenges facing the service.

It was proposed that RBC would be implemented at Bathgate Fire Station, as there was currently a dedicated crew for the specialist appliance (Incident Support Unit) (ISU) that were stationed there.

The introduction of RBC at Bathgate fire station would reduce the whole-time duty system firefighter establishment from 77 to 61, a reduction of 16 staff. However, on a 24/7/365 basis the reduction was equivalent to two less whole-time firefighters being on duty at any given time.

The report contained full details of implications for service delivery. In addition, a presentation was provided by David Lockhart (SFRS) showing a number of scenarios using the RBC model.

Appendix 1 to the report provided an overview of the SFRS resources based crewing arrangements within West Lothian.

Appendix 2 of the report provided an overview of how the frontline fire and rescue tender and ISU, based at Bathgate Fire Station, would be mobilised to the various scenarios that might be encountered using the RBC model.

Appendix 3 of the report provided some contextualisation in the form of scenarios of how the frontline fire and rescue tender and ISU, based at Bathgate Fire Station, would be mobilised to the various incident types that might be encountered using the RBC model.

The Head of Area Services advised that the report was to inform Panel members of the proposal on the impending change to the way the service was deployed through a Resource Based crewing model and the potential impact this would have in West Lothian.

The Panel also heard that the RBC model, although new to West Lothian, had been used throughout Scotland for some time.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To record that the Panel had grave concerns at the proposals to reduce staff numbers and to ask SFRS to reconsider the timescales for implementation of the changes and to consult with affected communities.



LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

NETS, LAND & COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES UPDATE REPORT

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appraise members of the NETs, Land and Countryside Services activities for Livingston South from the 1st January to 31st March 2015.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Local Area Committee are asked to:

- Note the work carried out by the services and the future planned work for the local area.
- Note the planned work for the Bellsquarry Play Area
- Advise on any areas that require further information or investigation.

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)	None
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and	None

performance Indicators

V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	None
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	In Line with available revenue and capital budgets for each service area
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII	Other consultations	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 NETs and Land Services

Grounds Maintenance – are currently on schedule with routine maintenance in the area.

In total, during the period 110 enquiries were received and dealt with in relation to grounds maintenance issues. Of these enquires the most common reported related to:

- Tree Enquiries – 59

During the same period last year we received and dealt with 87 customer enquiries

Street Cleansing – we are currently on schedule with routine cleansing in Livingston South.

In total, during the period 139 enquiries were received and dealt with in relation to street cleansing issues. Of these enquires the most common reported related to:

- Illegal fly tipping or dumping – 58

During the same period last year we received and dealt with 155 customer enquiries

Garden Maintenance – The Garden Maintenance service for 2015 commenced in March and April. All new applications received over the winter were processed and added to the scheme in time for the new season starting.

During the period we received and dealt with 4 enquiries from members of the public

Environmental Wardens Enforcement Action

- 0 fixed penalty notices issued for dog fouling
- 11 fixed penalty notices issued for littering
- 0 fixed penalty notice for fly tipping
- 19 enquiries received and dealt with in relation to dog fouling

- 8 enquiries received with and dealt with in relation to littering
- 11 enquiries received and dealt with in relation to fly tipping
- 11 enquiries was received and dealt with in relation to an abandoned vehicle

Environmental community Involvement - Environmental wardens are continuing to work with colleagues from public Transport checking bus routes and carrying out taxi checks for public transport and social policy.

Bellsquarry Play Area – The consultation phase for the new play area has been completed and the design has now been finalized, based on the feedback received as part of the consultation. Construction works are due to commence on site during late May / early June. For more details on the play areas please use the following link

<http://j8083.wix.com/west-lothian#!bellsquarry-livingston/c1t59>

E. CONCLUSION

- Routine works for all services is currently progressing as scheduled.
- We have received and dealt with a number of customer enquiries relating to various service areas throughout the period.
- Work on the upgrade to the Bellsquarry Play Area is due to commence in late May/ early June 2015.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments: None

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Jim Jack,

Head of Operational Services

Date: 15th May 2015



West Lothian
Council

LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

LIVINGSTON SKATEPARK UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF AREA SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update to the Local Area Committee on progress with the Livingston Skatepark project.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Local Area Committee is asked to consider the contents of the report and note the progress made with the Livingston Skatepark project which is included within the council's open space capital programme.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Adopted Policy – Open Space Strategy; Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy; Sport For All in West Lothian, West Lothian Council Capital Programme, West Lothian Council Asset Management Strategy.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	SOA4 – We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities. SOA7 - We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	£300,000 expenditure approved within the council's capital budget.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Not applicable.
VIII Other consultations	Individual consultation with users of Livingston Skatepark. Livingston Skatepark project focus

group. Ongoing consultation with Livingston Skatepark user representatives and Skateboard Scotland.

Previous update papers have been presented to Livingston South Local Area Committee on 1 June 2012, 19 December 2012, 3 May 2013, 31 May 2013, 29 November 2013, 7 March 2014, 6 June 2014 and 13 March 2015.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 Background

West Lothian Council has allocated funds within the Open Space Capital Programme to refurbish and extend Livingston skatepark which was originally built in the early 1980s and extended in the 1990s.

The council awarded the contract to develop the facility on a design and build basis with the successful contractor also assuming responsibility to consult further with local users and stakeholders as part of the design development.

The contractor commenced on site on 1 October 2012 with the target to achieve completion by the end of March 2013. While progress was made on site, in early January 2013 some local users raised particular concerns over the work completed.

Council officers have continued to liaise with local user representatives, Skateboard Scotland and the contractor over specific points raised.

Representatives of the local user group and Skateboard Scotland have attended five previous meetings of the Livingston South Local Area Committee - on 3 May 2013, 31 May 2013, 22 August 2013, 7 March 2014 and 6 June 2014 at which they presented their concerns and discussed the project.

The council reached agreement to terminate the contract with the original contractor following a review of progress with the project.

D.2 Progress

The previous skatepark update report to the Local Area Committee on 13 March 2014 noted that the council had appointed a new contractor to complete the refurbishment works to the original section of the skatepark.

The contractor completed this work on 22 April 2015 to the satisfaction of the council and the local user group representative who was consulted regularly throughout this phase of the project and provided valuable assistance and insight.

Council officers will continue to liaise with the user group representative and offer support with external funding applications with regard to suggestions to further develop the park and improve the facility for users.

E. CONCLUSION

West Lothian Council has invested capital budget to improve Livingston Skatepark.

Following a protracted project, the facility has now been extended with additional features and key refurbishment works completed to the original section of the park.

Council officers will continue to liaise with the user group representative and offer support with external funding applications with regard to suggestions to further develop the park and improve the facility for users.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Previous update papers have been presented to Livingston South Local Area Committee on 1 June 2012, 19 December 2012, 3 May 2013, 31 May 2013, 29 November 2013, 7 March 2014, 6 June 2014 and 13 March 2015.

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Steve Field, Head of Area Services

Date: 15 May 2015



PREVENTING NEGATIVE OUTCOMES

ALCOHOL DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES

HEAD OF SOCIAL POLICY

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is for the Livingston South Local Area Committee (LAC) to note the decision made at the ADP Subgroup on the 16th April in regards to the "School of Football" application.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

The ADP subgroup recommended that the "School of Football" application return to Livingston South LAC. The application did not meet one of the outcomes within the Joint Commissioning Plan. This outcome requires the project to deliver Alcohol Brief Interventions to young people who are drinking at harmful and hazardous levels.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I.	Policy and Legal	None.
II.	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
III.	Impact on performance and performance indicators	Reduction in the number of underage drinking and antisocial behaviour calls registered with the Community Safety Unit.
IV.	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities
V.	Resources (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The budget for projects is £100,000.
VI.	Consideration at PDSP/Executive Committee required	None
VII.	Details of consultations	None

D. BACKGROUND

A new governance process for the Alcohol Diversionary Funding was approved by the Council Executive on 21st January 2014.

The report submitted and approved by the Council Executive, references the LAC involvement when applications do not proceed to Social Policy PDSP:

“Applications which do not meet the criteria / outcomes will be passed back to the LAC with feedback to allow a further review and resubmission of the application.”

The application was supported by Livingston South LAC on 13th March. It was considered on 16th April by the Alcohol Drug Partnership subgroup and at this stage it will not progress through the process to Social Policy PDSP and Council Executive.

This report provides an update and feedback to the LAC.

E. CURRENT POSITION

The ADP subgroup has informed the applicant and provided feedback. The applicant is able to resubmit application for reconsideration to Livingston South LAC.

F.. CONCLUSION

All LACs will be informed about applications that do not proceed to the Social Policy PDSP and Council Executive.

The Livingston South LAC is asked to note the decision and feedback for the “School of Football” application.

G. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

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Elizabeth Butters
ADP Policy Officer

21st April 2015

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LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPIONS

REPORT BY DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the Community Health Champions approach.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Local Area Committees take note of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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| I Council Values | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focusing on our customers' needs• 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) | None. |
| III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers | None. |
| IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators | The development of Community Health Champions linked to local area committees offers the opportunity to improve health in our communities and tackle health inequalities. |
| V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement | SOA 8 We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities. |

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Training and staff support for the development of community health champions, and training for councillors would be carried out within existing budget allocation.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Health and Care PDSP, 27/6/13, Reducing Health Inequalities and Improving Health: What councillors can do to make a difference; Council Executive, 21/1/14, Community Health Champion Proposal
VIII Other consultations	Community Health and Care Partnership; Community Planning; and Community Regeneration

D. TERMS OF REPORT

The report provides feedback on the raising awareness sessions delivered to elected members and an update on progress within local areas.

Elected member raising awareness sessions

The sessions were delivered on 13th January and 24th February 2015. The sessions were attended by 14 individuals comprising 6 elected members, 5 lead officers and 3 community regeneration officers. The sessions included a participative input on exercises drawn from the nationally recognised Health issues in the Community course: 'Barriers and Choices' demonstrates visually the health inequalities gap and 'Equality versus Equity' encourages discussion on the distribution of resources on the basis of need. The COSLA guidance: 'Reducing health inequalities and improving health: What councillors can do to make a difference' was presented. The session stimulated discussion on health inequalities with the following general comments made;

- *Good opportunity to discuss the issues and identify the inequalities gap*
- *The session was relaxed and informative*
- *The session was an introduction into making you think, rather than arriving at a conclusion. Good for the purpose.*

Engagement with Community Groups

In partnership with colleagues in community regeneration and in line with the ward action plan, it is proposed that key community organisations are now identified who may or may not currently recognise their role in addressing health inequalities. These groups will be invited to participate in the shortened version of the well-established, evidence-based Health Issues in the Community course.

E. CONCLUSION

The community health champions approach is progressing to the local development stage and this will be carried forward working in partnership with area based

colleagues and agencies. It is proposed that the Health Issues in the Community course will be offered in 3/4 locations to allow maximum participation and learning.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments: 0

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Jane Kellock, Interim Head of Social Policy

Date of meeting: 15/05/2015



LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY REGENERATION – WARD ACTION PLAN REPORT

REPORT BY HEAD OF AREA SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Area Committee of progress against the targets set in the Livingston South Ward Action Plan 2013-15. It also presents the new Ward Action Plan for 2015-16 to the committee..

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes:

1. the progress made against targets in the period October 2014 to March 2015;
2. that the Ward Action Plan for 2013-15 is now complete; and
3. that a new Ward Action Plan is now in place for the period 2015-16.

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 and Employability 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)	Existing.
VII Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

The Regeneration and Employability team delivers a range of services to support some of our most disadvantaged communities and individuals, with a particular emphasis on engaging with people to build personal and community capacity. The team comprises three component parts:

- Regeneration
- Support to the voluntary sector
- Employability

The service produces ward action plans for each of the nine multi member wards. The plans outline the activities to be delivered that meet the regeneration needs of the individual areas. The key activities within the action plans focus on:

- developing the capacity of individuals and community based projects and initiatives to assist regeneration in the most disadvantaged communities; and
- delivering targeted, specialist campaigns, interventions and support to improve health and employability in these communities.

D2 Ward Action Plan 2013-15

Appendix one contains the completed Ward Action Plan for 2013-15. The plan shows Regeneration, Employability and partner activity across the Livingston South ward area.

The plan has been updated to show progress against the targets set.

Significant achievements include:

- The 'You are Here Project' has been completed and saw ten workshops taking place in Howden Park, Howden Park Centre and The Centre in Livingston. A total of 72 young people attended the workshops that enabled them to design, produce, star and edit a small film that is a great reflection on young people from West Lothian.

- The Killandean Allotments have been completed with a total of 41 plots being created for use by holders including couples, families and retired people to grow their own fruit and vegetables, encouraging a healthy lifestyle.
- The completion of the Livingston Skatepark refurbishment with partners and user groups working together. The user group being involved in the process showed a collaborative approach to dealing with the technical issues, involved in the delivery of the project.

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Ward Action Plan 2015 - 16

Appendix two contains the Ward Action Plan for 2015 -16. The plan shows Regeneration, Employability and partner activity across the Livingston South ward area. The plan has been designed to show what the various services will be working together to achieve over the coming year, what outcomes they are working towards and how they will measure progress against these. These plans are reviewed every six months at which time new activities will be added as appropriate.

The plan does not include 'core' or mainstream work in the area so, for instance, details of all the youth provision available in the area is not contained within this plan.

The main priority themes for the ward in 2015-16 will be:

- Employability and Employment
- Early Years and Family Learning
- Health and Wellbeing
- Economic Development
- Community Capacity and Cohesion

These priorities align with those set out in West Lothian Council's Regeneration Framework. Actions within the plan have been grouped according to the priority that they correspond to.

Examples of key planned activities for 2015 -16 are:

- Provide A2E support in areas of high unemployment that will see a number of people accessing employability services with a reduction in the number of people claiming out of work benefits.
- Development of Ladywell Community Garden and Murieston Community Garden projects including the establishment of a partnership group to take forward the design and implementation of a new garden in both areas. Local groups will be supported to secure external funding for the projects.
- Support provided to Forestbank Management Committee to attract funding for a new purpose built Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) to the front of the Community Centre.
- From consultation that was carried out at the Easter Tea held at Forestbank Community Centre, support is to be provided for the establishment of an older peoples group that will work on the design and implementation of key

activities for the target group in the Ladywell area using Forestbank Community Centre as the base.

- Support the establishment of a parkrun in Livingston with a new core group being set up to take the project forward and to secure external funding which will be matched by the parkrun organisation.

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Reporting

Progress on the plans will be reported back to the Local Area Committee in 12 months. At this point, progress and achievement to date will be reported on, in line with the planned performance indicator.

Any significant new local developments and initiatives will be added to the plans, as appropriate.

E. CONCLUSION

This report details the achievement against planned activity from Regeneration, Employability and partners in 2013 -15. A new Ward Action Plan has been developed for 2015 -16 and is aimed at making a significant contribution to improving the quality of life of the citizens in the Livingston South ward.

An update report will be presented to the Local Area Committee in November 2015 and again in June 2016.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments: Two

Livingston South Ward Action Plan 2013 - 15

Livingston South Ward Action Plan 2015 - 16

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APPENDIX 1

LIVINGSTON SOUTH
WARD ACTION PLAN
2013 – 2015



Livingston South Ward Action Plan 2013 – 2015

Introduction

The following action plan details key partnership activity within the Livingston South Ward planned in 2013 – 2015.

Purpose

The purpose of the plan is to show what partners across the Livingston South ward will be working together to achieve over the two years, what outcomes they are working towards and how they will measure progress against these.

The plan does not include 'core' or mainstream work, so details of, for example, all the youth provision available in the area, is not contained within this plan. If you would like more information about mainstream work, please contact the relevant service area.

The plan is consistent with the Area Services Management Plan and ultimately contributes to achieving the outcomes set in the West Lothian Single Outcome Agreement.

Partners

This is a partnership plan, therefore individual partners have a responsibility for delivering their part of the ward plan and a collective responsibility for monitoring and evaluating progress. Partners include all the Community Planning Partners along with local voluntary organisations.

Note: Highlighted activity in the plan indicates Livingston wide projects, covering both Livingston South, Livingston North and East Livingston and East Calder wards.

Priority Areas

Priority areas for the Livingston South Ward Action Plan are:

- Young People
- Employability
- Community Capacity Building and the Voluntary Sector
- Health and the Environment

These priority areas have been identified through statistical analysis and consultation with the local community. Actions for each area are contained within the tables on pages 3 – 11.

Who is the plan for?

The purpose of the plan is to help partners monitor the delivery of services that require multi-agency working and to help them make best use of resources. The plan is also aimed at residents in the communities the plan supports, to help them identify what we are doing and what we deliver for them. We welcome feedback from residents about the plan and the services that we deliver, and throughout the year we will be gathering the views of participants and the wider community to help improve services and identify priorities.

Throughout the year, new actions will be identified and partners will be flexible about responding to needs as they arise.

Funding

The work within the plan is largely funded through existing resources supplied by West Lothian Council or one of the partners. In some cases external funding is being used for specific pieces of work.

How will we report on the plan?

Progress on these plans will be reported on every six months to the Local Area Committees for each ward. At this point progress to date will be reviewed and new initiatives added to the plans, as appropriate.

YOUNG PEOPLE**West Lothian outcome; We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities**

Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Result/progress
				Target	Actual					
Support the development of alcohol diversion programmes	Young people are more aware of the issues around alcohol, drugs and tobacco	No. of drop ins/activities set up for young people	Forestbank CC Friday Night Activity	10 sessions	Target achieved	April 2013	June 2013	Livingston South AD Fund £	West Lothian Youth Action Project	Activity complete
		% of young people reporting that the sessions have raised their awareness of alcohol, drugs and tobacco issues							Community youth Services Police Scotland Education Services Community Regeneration Arts Services	
		Accredited learning	You are Here Project 12-18 yrs Fire Fly Arts	25	25	June 2014	March 2015	West Lothian AD Fund £	Fire Fly Arts CLD Youth	Activity complete. 12 events from October 2014. 10 workshops in Howden Park, Howden Park Centre and The Centre. Total attendance 72 (F:32/M:42). A film produced by young people for all 4 areas of Firefly's <i>You Are</i>
		% reporting a behaviour change								
		Reduction in youth calls								

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										Here Project.
Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Result/progress
				Target	Actual					
	Young people are more aware of street safety	% of young people that the sessions have raised their awareness of street safety including drug and alcohol issues, self-defence, first aid, knife crime and the law and risk taking behaviour Accredited learning Participation figures	Street Hero anti-crime programme	16 – 20 participants	14 participants completed the course	April 2013	March 2014	Livingston South AD fund £	CLD youth Services Tougher sentencing for knife crime (Pumpherston community group) British Red Cross WLDAS Crofthead Community Centre Police Scotland	2 pilot courses ran; October 2013 and March 2014

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Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Result/progress
				Target	Actual					
Develop new youth provision	Divert young people from potential anti-social behaviour during holiday periods	Participation figure Reduction in youth call to police	Forestbank CC Health and sports week	12 young people	Did not take place	July 2013	August 2013	HIT funding	Health Improvement Team (HIT)	Did not take place
		Reduction in ASB issues from people visiting The Centre	New Drop In Service in The Centre Meeting to be arranged	50 young people	To be continued in 2015/16 plan	August 2014 Jan 2015	Summer 2015	Existing partner resources	The Centre WLYAP Police Scotland HIT West Lothian College CRO	Meeting with The Centre Director well received. Consultation results being shared with all partners Project not moved forward due to new ownership of The Centre The new Livingston South Youth Providers Network to look at this project to take forward in the 2015/16 WAP

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Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Result/progress
				Target	Actual					
Increase citizenship in young people	Increased involvement in Froggy Park by the young	New website for park designed by pupils New park benches designed by young people and installed in the park	Design website for Froggy Park Website competition Bench design project		Did not happen Did not happen			Existing partner resources External funding	Pupils from JYHS Green Space Officer Oatridge College CRO	Design of the website has not happened. Alternative processes are being looked into Application for funding was not successful
Support the development of an out of school homework club	Increase the % of young people completing school homework	Re-establish the Forestbank Homework Club by sourcing additional funding	Support organisation to gain external funding	10	20	August 2014	31 March 2015	Existing	CRO CLD Forestbank Management Committee	External funding not applied for Group awarded funding from Councillors Disbursement fund. Support ongoing for the group.

EMPLOYABILITY

West Lothian outcome; We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities

Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Result/progress
				Target	Actual					
Money Week Activities	Residents are better informed about financial support available to them Residents are more able to access financial inclusion services	Number of people attending event held during money week	Job Fair to be held in Almondbank, Craigshill serving the whole of Livingston Marketing of events to ensure uptake	Large scale jobs fair. Door knocking event	1 1	Oct 2014	Oct 2014	Existing	Regeneration and Employability Job Centre Plus Advice Shop Credit Union West Lothian Financial Inclusion Network	Attendance figures doubled this year with 166 people attending. Positive feedback received.
Work Clubs	More residents are able to access employability support	Number of people attending the work club	Work Club in Forestbank, Ladywell	Work Club delivered on a regular basis	2 mornings per week	Oct 2013	March 2015	Existing	Regeneration and Employability	TBC
Door Knocking	More residents are able to access employability and financial	Number of services delivered in high areas of unemployment	Door Knocking campaigns targeting areas with high	1 to be arranged	0	Jan 2015	March 2015	Existing	Regeneration and Employability Advice Shop	No activity took part in the ward

	inclusion support	Number one off campaigns to support employability Increase in interaction with employability and financial inclusion services by residents targeted by the campaign	numbers of benefits claimants and multiple deprivation						Business Gateway Financial inclusion Network	
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COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUPPORT

West Lothian outcome; We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities

Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Results/progress
				Target	Actual					
Provide support to Voluntary Sector Groups to attract funding for projects within the area	The organisations are supported towards developing and sustaining new projects Local people are involved in making positive changes to their community	% of people utilising the Community Garden Community Garden developed	Support Ladywell Community Council in the development of a Community Garden on a piece of unused land	1 garden to be developed	0	July 2014	On going	Existing External funding	Ladywell Community Council Harry Muir Bowling Club CRO Open Space Officer Planning Services	Group established Inveralmond High Schools Junior Environmental Group met with and are keen to be involved in the project and will join the steering group Work on the garden project will continue into 2015-16 WAP
			Secure planning consent if necessary	Secure planning consent	0					
			Community consultation event to take place	1 event	Will be delivered in 2015					
			Support organisation to apply for funding	2 applications	2 funding streams identified					
			Small community events to be	4 events/fairs to be held	0					

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			delivered within the garden Increase number of volunteers assisting in the garden	5 volunteers to work in the garden	0					
		% of new people attending the group % of people attending 'give it a go' sessions	Support Practical Photographic Group regarding funding for additional equipment to increase number of people, without equipment, being able to benefit from attending a social photographic group. Strong links in the community developed with events attended to provide photographic assistance	1 successful application 5 new members 4 events per year	1 completed 0 at present 3 events supported; Halloween, Christmas and Easter	Oct 2014	March 2015	Existing External funding	Practical Photographic Group CRO	First meeting held with the group with group designing an action plan to move forward project. Group have not completed the action plan to progress The group successfully applied for disbursement funding

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			Support Forestbank Management Committee to attract funding for new MUGA Community consultation event to take place	1 application 1 new MUGA 1 event	In process 0 0	Oct 2014	Oct 2015	Existing External funding	Forestbank Management Committee CRO CLD Adults	Group met with local company who provided advice regarding equipment Plans designed for the new MUGA Big Lottery Funding being applied for Continuing into the 2015/16 WAP

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Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Results/progress
				Target	Actual					
Asset Based Community Development Mapping of Ladywell	TBC	TBC	Mapping underway in the Ladywell area of the ward.	1 mapping document	Mapping for 2 areas complete	Oct 2014	March 2015	Existing	CRO Local Schools Facilities Management Forestbank Management Committee CLD Youth CLD Adults Ladywell Community Council Arts	Organisational forms sent out to local groups and Community Council ABCD mapping of assets completed for the Ladywell area

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

West Lothian Outcome; We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment

Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Results/progress
				Target	Actual					
Increase access to physical activity Make best use of open space	Create a Community Growing Garden within the established Green Gym Garden in Howden	A working community growing garden established	Develop project plan with partners Carry out consultation event with the community Explore external funding options	1 event to be held in the garden	1	June 2014 Aug 2014	Sept 2014 Aug 2014	Existing HIT Funding External Funding	TCV HIT Open Space Officer CRO The Cyrenians	Successful event held in August. Consultation with the community carried out Meeting to be set up with The Cyrenians and all partners to complete action plan on the project.
	Create a Green Gym in Crofthead	A working Green Gym established	Develop project with partners and current users Meeting to be set up with all potential partners	1 new Green Gym Site	0	Nov 2014 Nov 2014		Existing HIT External funding	CRO TVC Green Space Officer HIT Crofthead Toddler Group Brighter Days	Contact already made with potential partners No progress made to date

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	Create and Allotment Site and Community Garden on vacant land at Killandean	Measured and let allotment plots Phase 2 the Community Garden element.	External funding to be sought Lease for site to be confirmed Plans for site to be drawn up Composting toilet to be built on site Containers for tool storage to be erected External funding being sought to erect solar panels for power to the site	1 application Lease in place 35 plots 1 2 1	Successful Complete 41 plots 1 2 0	April 2014 Oct 2014	Oct 2014 Jan 2015	External funding from Climate Challenge Existing Officer Time	CLD Adults CRO NETs and Land Services Killandean Allotment Association	Climate challenge funding secured. Plans all designed for allotments. All plots now in situ. Containers for storage and education purposes in situ Completion of site with 41 plots being developed and all let Waiting list of over 50 people Events held in the garden – Bonfire night a success Composting toilet complete Event held for the community garden aspect due to lack of interest by local groups it has been decided to turn the community garden over to more allotments where the need is evident
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	Create a weekly park run	Weekly park run established % of people attending the park run on a regular basis % of volunteers supporting the weekly park run	Meeting to be set up with potential partners 5k route to be established with risk assessments carried out for the route	1 regular Park Run set up 25 participants 15 volunteers		Nov 2014		Existing	CRO NETs and Land Services Sports Development One Life Leisure West Lothian Running Park Run Association	
	Local people increase participation in outdoor activities	2 orienteering courses installed Participation figures	Install 2 permanent orienteering courses in Almond Park and Eliburn Park Launch events	2 courses installed 2	2 2 in May	April 2013	Aug 2014 Spring 2015	External funding Existing	Green space officer CRO Local Primary Schools Local Orienteering Club Lowport Centre	Award for All application submitted Action plan being drawn up by partners Two new courses are in situ Two launch events planned for 9 and 16 May 2015

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Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Results/progress
				Target	Actual					
<p>Re-develop/refurbish existing open space to meets needs of the user groups</p> <p>Increase access to physical activity</p> <p>Make best use of open space</p>	Re-develop existing Skatepark	<p>Fully refurbished and extended Skatepark in Livingston</p> <p>% of people using the Skatepark</p>	<p>Re-develop and design the local Skatepark in Livingston.</p> <p>Appoint contractor</p> <p>Consult with local users on a regular basis</p> <p>Upgrade to mound section, perimeter safety fence, rail in plaza section and floodlighting</p> <p>Additional refurbishment to original Skatepark, drainage</p>	Skatepark complete	Completed 22 April 2015	October 2012	<p>March 2013</p> <p>Sept 2013</p> <p>April 2014</p> <p>May 2014</p>	Open space capital budget	<p>Sports Development</p> <p>Skateboard Scotland</p> <p>NETs & Land Services</p>	<p>Completion dates moved due to issues on site</p> <p>User groups representative attending LACs regular and involved in the process and progress of the site</p> <p>Original contractor no longer involved</p> <p>Contract out to tender</p> <p>Revised date due to extension with tender process. Estimated complete date now spring 2015</p> <p>Completion of works 22 April</p> <p>Launch event to be confirmed with user group</p>

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			rodding, landscapin g, final sagging assessme nt Appoint new contractor Final phase to be complete Launch event of the completed Skatepark				October 2014 Novemb er 2014 March 2015 Nov/Dec 2014 March 2015			
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	Create a weekly park run	Weekly park run established % of people attending the park run on a regular basis % of volunteers supporting the weekly park run	Meeting to be set up with potential partners 5k route to be established with risk assessments carried out for the route	1 regular Park Run set up 25 participants 15 volunteers	0 to date 0 to date 0 to date	Nov 2014	On going	External Match funding from parkrun	CRO NETs and Land Services Sports Development One Life Leisure West Lothian Running Park Run Association	Meeting took place with partners and parkrun ambassador Core steering group to be established and external funding sought £1000 funding already secured To be continued in 2015/16 WAP
Action	Local outcome	Outcome indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish	Resources	Partners involved	Results/progress
				Target	Actual					
Improve the quality of public open space and the water environment in the Livingston South area	Connect areas of high-quality open space and woodland throughout Livingston South and improve access To help conserve and restore local ecology,	To reconnect fragmented habitats To improve access To restore the water Environment. To reduce cyclic maintenance To upgrade infrastructure	To set up the steering group Livingston South Blue Green Network	1	1	2015	On going	Existing capital funds Seed Community Monies	NETs & Land Services DEEP Central Scotland Forest Trust Bellsquarry Woodland Work Group Murieston Environmental Group	The Livingston South Blue Green Network (LSBGN) established Work on the wetlands at Bellsquarry commence in November and further target areas following on Works progressing well in partnership with all Lease issues on the Lanthorn Park

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	maintain genetic vigour and enhance biodiversity								Community Regeneration	resolved
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APPENDIX 2

LIVINGSTON SOUTH WARD ACTION PLAN 2015-16



LIVINGSTON SOUTH WARD ACTION PLAN 2015-16

Introduction

The following action plan details the key activities and actions by the Regeneration Team and partners which are planned to take place within the Livingston South ward in 2015 -16.

Purpose

The purpose of the plan is to outline Regeneration, Employability and partner activity across the Livingston South ward area.

The plan does not include 'core' or mainstream work, so details of, for example, all the youth provision available in the area, is not contained within this plan. If you would like more information about this please contact the service provider directly.

The plan aligns with the Area Services Management Plan and ultimately contributes to achieving the outcomes set in the West Lothian Single Outcome Agreement.

Key Areas

Key areas of focus for the Livingston South Ward Action Plan are:

- Employability and Employment
- Early Years and Family Learning
- Health and Wellbeing
- Community Capacity and Cohesion

These key areas align with those set out in West Lothian Council's Regeneration Framework and support achievement of the high level outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement. Actions within the plan have been grouped according to the theme that they contribute to.

LIVINGSTON SOUTH WARD ACTION PLAN 2015-16

Funding

The work within the plan is largely funded through existing resources supplied by West Lothian Council or one of the partners.

An important aspect of the work of the Regeneration Team and partners is building on the existing assets within communities. However, in some cases, particularly where we are working to supporting our key community organisations, external funding will be sought for specific pieces of work.

How will we report on the plan?

Progress on these plans will be reported on a six monthly basis to the Local Area Committees for each ward. At this point progress to date will be reviewed and any new initiatives will be added to the plans.

Throughout the year, new actions may be identified and partners will endeavour to be flexible about responding to needs as they arise.

LIVINGSTON SOUTH WARD ACTION PLAN 2015-16

Employability and Employment

We are better educated and have access to better increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities

Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Provide A2E support in areas of high unemployment	Local people have access to high quality employment advice and support.	Number of people accessing employability services. Reduction in number of people claiming out of work benefits.	Work Club delivered on a regular basis across the ward	1400 new registrations West Lothian wide 700 clients achieve a positive destination West Lothian wide		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	A2E Regeneration Advice Shop CLD West Lothian Connected	

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Early Years and Family Learning

Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed

We are better educated and have access to better increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities

Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Provide support to Dedridge Good Neighbourhood Network (DGNN) in the delivery of their Mother and Toddler Group	Local parents and children benefit from the social interaction provided by the weekly session	Number of children accessing the toddler group Number of parents/carers accessing the mother and toddler group	Mother and toddler group delivered every week	20 number of new attendees		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	DGNN Regeneration	

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Health and Wellbeing

We live longer healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities

Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Support the Green Gym initiatives	Local people benefit from volunteering in the Green Gyms	Number of people volunteering Number of schools involved in the Green Gyms	Regular sessions held in the Green Gym	Five volunteers attend in the Green Gym Two schools attend the Green Gym		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Health Improvement Team (HIT) Regeneration NETs and Countryside Services The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)	

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Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Increase physical activity Increase self confidence Make best use of open space	Local people benefit from participating in a weekly 5k run	Number of people participating in a week parkrun	Create a steering group Apply for external funding Create a weekly parkrun	Steering group established Funding secured A weekly parkrun created		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing External Funding Match Funding	Regeneration Sports Development NETs and Land Services Parkrun HIT One Life Leisure Excite Wet Lothian West Lothian Run Lothian Running Club	

LIVINGSTON SOUTH WARD ACTION PLAN 2015-16

Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Develop youth provision with youth providers in the area	Divert young people from potential anti-social behaviour	Number of young people participating in activity	Weekly clubs established delivering activities Holiday activity programmes and events delivered across ward	30 young people attending clubs in the community 100 young people		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Working with Young Peoples Team Management Committees Regeneration	

LIVINGSTON SOUTH WARD ACTION PLAN 2015-16

Community Capacity and Cohesion

We live in resilient, safe and cohesive communities

Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Support regeneration of our most deprived areas through the creation of a targeted Regeneration Plan	Local people are involved in making positive changes to their communities	Regeneration Plan drafted and agreed	Establish a regeneration partnership	Regeneration partnership established		tbc	31 March 2016	Existing	Regeneration & Employability	
		Number of local people involved	Undertake a local mapping exercise	15 community members and local workers involved					Key community organisations	
		Number of people who feel they can influence decisions	Develop a Regeneration Plan	Mapping exercise completed					Housing	
				Final plan available					Economic Development	
									Health Improvement Team	
									CLD	
									Youth Services	
									WLYAP	
									Police	

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Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Provide support to voluntary sector groups	Organisations are supported to develop and sustain new projects	Garden developed in Ladywell and Murieston	Set up two garden steering groups	Garden steering groups established		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	External	Ladywell Community Council	
	Local people are involved in making positive changes to their community	Number of people using the community gardens	Apply for external funding	Funding secured					Murieston Community Council	
			Develop new community gardens in Ladywell and Murieston	Two community gardens created					Regeneration	
									Inveralmond Community High School	
Provide support and training to community councils	Communities are better informed and can make decisions on issues which affect them	Number of community councillors accessing training courses	Deliver two training courses as part of the Community Council Training Programme	Two courses delivered		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Regeneration	
				One third of ward community councils attend training					Committee Services	
				90% of participants rate the training as good/excellent						

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Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Support the promotion of Fairtrade	Communities are better informed about Fairtrade	Number of promotional events held and activities supported	Promote Fairtrade at local events	Four events held, including Fairtrade Fortnight		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Regeneration Fairtrade Steering Group	
Support the development of the Youth Providers Network for the James Young High School Learning Community	Partners are better informed about current activity Knowledge and information are shared between partners	Number of partners attending the Youth Providers Network	Youth Providers Network to be established Quarterly meetings to be established	Youth Providers Network established Four meetings to be held		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Working with Young People Team James Young High School Regeneration West Lothian Youth Action Project (WLYAP)	

**LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – AUGUST 2015
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	Issue	Purpose	Lead Officer	Date	Referral
	Inveralmond Community High School	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Donna McMaster	August 2015	No
	Housing report	Quarterly update on housing issues	Alison Smith	August 2015	No
	Police/NRT report	Quarterly update on police/NRT activity	Insp. Myles Marshall	August 2015	No
	Operational Services Report	To provide a quarterly update report on activity.	Daniel McComisky	August 2015	No
	Community Health champions Report	To provide update on project	Linda Middlemist	August 2015	No
	Fire and Rescue	To provide quarterly update report on activity	Martyn Brandrick	August 2015	No
	Community Regeneration Report	Quarterly update on community regeneration activity within the ward	Michelle Kirkbright	August 2015	No
	Work Plan	To be noted and updated	Michelle Kirkbright	August 2015	No
	Pensioners Christmas Fund	To advise of allocations in 2014/15	Michelle Kirkbright	August 2015	No
	Working Together Report	To provide annual update	Clare Summers	TBC	No
	Alcohol Diversionary Project	To provide an update on ward projects - Applications	Michelle Kirkbright	TBC	No
	Bankton Mains District Park	To provide update on plans to upgrade the play area	Colin Bell	TBC	No
	Livingston Skatepark Update	To provide update on project	Keir Stevenson	TBC	No
	Livingston South Blue Green Network	To provide update on project	Graeme Hedger	TBC	No

	James Young High School	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Catrina Hatch	November 2015	No
	Ward Action Plan Update	Review of achievement against targets set in the ward Action Plan 2013-15	Michelle Kirkbright	November 2015	No
	St Margaret's Academy	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Siobhan McGarty	February 2016	No