



West Lothian
Council

Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee

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13 May 2015

A meeting of the **Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Room 1, West Calder Community Education Centre, West Calder** on **Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 8:30am**.

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 Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee held on Tuesday 17 February 2015 (herewith)
5. Workplan 2015-16 (herewith)
6. Black Law Wind Farm: Habitat Management Plan - Report by Head of Planning and Economic Development (herewith) and Presentation by Scottish Power Renewables (herewith)
7. Fauldhouse - Longridge: Missing Link Path Connections - Report by Head of Planning and Economic Development (herewith)

8. Police Scotland - Ward 6 Update - Report by Inspector Gregor Forbes (herewith)
9. Housing, Construction and Building Services - Report by Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services (herewith)
10. Community Health Champions - Report by Depute Chief Executive, Community Health and Care Partnership (herewith)
11. West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund - Applications - Report by Head of Planning and Economic Development (herewith)
12. Community Regeneration - Ward Action Plan - Report by Head of Area Services (herewith)
13. Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward Performance Report - Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (herewith)
14. Review of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Resource Based Crewing Arrangements Within West Lothian - Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith)
15. Timetable of Meetings 2015-16 (herewith)

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MINUTE of MEETING of the FAULDHUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within POLBETH VILLAGE HALL, POLBETH, WEST LOTHIAN. EH55 8SR, on 17 FEBRUARY 2015.

Present – Councillors David Dodds (Chair), Greg McCarra

Apologies – Councillor Cathy Muldoon.

In Attendance –

Alice Sinnet, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council

Laura Wilson, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

Siobhan Muller, Customer Services Manager, West Lothian Council

Susan Strachan, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council

Andrew Sharkey, Headteacher, St Kentigern's Academy

Rob Pooley, West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The Local Area Committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 4 November 2014. The minute was then signed by the Chair.

3. WORKPLAN 2014-2015

A copy of the workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

4. ST KENTIGERN'S ACADEMY - PRESENTATION BY HEADTEACHER

Mr Andrew Sharkey, Headteacher had been invited to attend the meeting to provide an overview of the school's performance and to present a summary of exam results for 2014.

Mr Sharkey provided background information concerning St Kentigern's Academy. The school had 1,181 students, with 1,050 young people travelling to school on school buses. Free Meal Entitlement was currently 19%, compared to 9.9% in 2009. The school ranked 3rd in Secondary School SIMD rankings.

In relation to attainment, the Headteacher presented statistical information and graphs relating to S4, S6 and S6 results, with comparative figures at national level. An analysis of School Leaver Destinations was illustrated

in the presentation.

The Headteacher highlighted the following areas of strength:-

- Positive Catholic Ethos
- Committed Hard Working Staff
- Effective Partnership Working
- Strong Learning and Teaching
- High Expectations
- Parental Involvement
- Effective Tracking and Monitoring
- Uniform
- Facilities
- Partnership Working
- Good Reputation
- Innovative Programmes of Study
- Culture of Respect
- Charity Work

The Committee also heard details of some of the wider achievements. These included STEM, CREST & Dynamic Youth Awards.

Finally, the Headteacher spoke of partnership working and initiatives aimed at promoting equality, inclusion and diversity.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr Sharkey for his informative presentation and congratulated the school on their achievements.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation; and

To record the Committee's appreciation of the work undertaken by the Headteacher and staff at St Kentigern's Academy.

5. WARD 6 FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY WARD

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Inspector Steven Tidy updating the Committee on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 30 January 2015.

It was noted that antisocial behaviour was down on most areas apart from Hate crime, which had showed a significant increase on the previous years. This was due to a number of factors including an increase of reporting at Addiewell Prison. There was no significant increase in the wider ward community.

Although crime had shown a significant 15% decrease overall, solvency was also down by 13%. Work was currently ongoing to improve on the solvency stats and it was hoped that improvements would be seen prior to

the end of the financial year in April.

The report provided details of activities in relation to Anti-social Behaviour, Substance Misuse, Road Safety and Acquisitive Crime.

The Committee was informed that on 4 March 2015, the new Operational Policing Model with Lothian and Scottish Borders Division would be implemented. This model aimed to provide the most resilient, flexible and effective service possible, matching demand with resource distribution and enhancing community-policing teams to meet local needs and concerns. The key benefits of the new policing model were outlined in the report.

It was suggested by the Chair that, since Police Scotland was not represented at the meeting, the Community Regeneration Officer would take back questions raised by the Committee

The Community Regeneration Officer undertook to convey a question raised by the Chair concerning the reasons for the 13% decrease in solvency.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To note the departure of Inspector Steven Tidy and to agree that the Lead Officer write to Inspector Tidy thanking him for his contribution to, and attendance at, the meetings of the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Area Committee.

6. 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 with the ward.

The Customer Services Manager presented the report, highlighting that in the year to date, there had been 89 mainstream tenancies and 40 temporary tenancies let by the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley housing team.

The Committee was informed that there were 34 Policy Voids in the ward, and this figure included the 18 Bents regeneration properties. There were a number of decant properties being held as part of the Main Street/Bridge Street refurbishment.

In relation to Arrears Performance, the report provided a table showing the level of arrears and the number of tenants in arrears in the ward from end September 2013 and the level of arrears at the end of December 2014. 664 tenants were in arrears at end December 2014, compared to 901 at the start of the Rent Arrears Campaign in September 2013.

The report provided details of the new build programme and information

concerning the demolitions at Burnlea Place and Meadow Place.

Finally, it was noted that during the reporting period, the Youth Worker based in the Safer Neighbourhood Team had had no cases in the ward involving youths causing anti-social behaviour.

The Committee was invited to note Housing, Construction and Building Service activity as detailed in the report.

Decision

To note the term of the report.

7. ADVICE SHOP AND ADULT BASIC EDUCATION 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 for the period 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, Wests 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.

The Head of Area Services 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.

8. WEST LOTHIAN VILLAGES IMPROVEMENT FUND - APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) enclosing an application received from within the local area committee area seeking funding from the West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund

(WLVIF) in 2014/15.

The report explained that eight villages within the ward were eligible to apply to the Villages Improvement Fund, and the allocation to the village of Harburn was £20,000.

An application had been received from Harburn Village Hall Association to allow them to carry out improvement works. The group were applying for Harburn's full allocation of £20k and had already successfully applied for £15k from West Lothian Development Trust.

The Committee was informed that funding would allow the association to upgrade the parking area at the front of the building, changing the current surface to tarmac or similar, and reducing the drainage, practicality and appearance of the area. Work would also be carried out to reshape the hedges and shrubbery around the hall, other general landscaping, and to remove a tree which was currently a potential danger to vehicles and pedestrians. Some repairs were planned to the exterior of the building and this included the timber cladding, roof trims, access ramps and decking. There was also a plan to fit solar panels to provide an energy efficient heating system. Internally, an induction loop would be fitted and the flooring in the main hall and kitchen would be repaired and upgraded.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee:

1. note that one application had been received for funding;
2. note that the proposal met the eligibility criteria for supported projects;
3. support funding for the project; and
4. agree that the Head of Planning & Economic Development should make an offer of funding as per the details set out in the report.

Decision

1. To note the application and that the proposal met the eligibility criteria for supported projects.
2. To note that the two members present supported funding for the project;
3. To agree to forward the report and application to the Council Executive for approval on 10 March 2015.

9. COMMUNITY REGENERATION - STONEYBURN COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services providing an update on the progress of the changing facility upgrade work and planned renovations at Stoneyburn Community Education Centre.

There were a number of key milestones that had been achieved in relation to the planned works, and these were outlined in the report.

The following milestones were on target to be achieved:-

- Tender documents were being prepared and were planned to be uploaded to the Public Contracts Scotland Tenders Portal in March 2015.
- It was expected that the contractor would be on site in May 2015.

The final piece of work to be carried out as part of the project was the creation of a path directly linking the pavilion to the community centre. The purchase of the land required for the path had been completed and the work would be put out for tender by March 2015.

Finally, it was noted that a report would be brought to the Committee on completion of the works.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee note:

- That the project was on schedule and key milestones had been achieved as per the projected timeline; and
- The purchase of the land needed to create a path from the pavilion to the community centre had now been completed.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10. WEST CALDER EXERCISE REFERRAL PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services providing an update on the performance of the pilot exercise referral scheme currently operating from West Calder Fitness Suite.

The Committee was informed that the pilot programme commenced in April 2014, with patients who were offered access to GP referrals having the option to attend the gym at West Calder Community Centre.

The report went on to advise that fewer clients were being referred to West Calder than had been anticipated. In the eight months from April to December 2014:

- 22 clients had attended for an induction session at West Calder Fitness Suite.
- Of those 22, only 12 attended for their four week review and none attended the 12 week (final) review.

- One client had joined the gym and two were attending on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The evidence from the eight month period indicated that there was not the demand for a local GP referral scheme that had been expected.

There was approximately £1300 of funding remaining (from £2000 Health Improvement Team grant), and it was therefore recommended that the programme continue until such time as the funding was fully spent. At the current referral rate, it would be possible to be able to continue to deliver the programme until December 2015.

It was recommended that the Committee note that:-

- a total of 22 referrals attended West Calder Community Centre Gym in the period April to December 2014.
- the remaining funding would allow the pilot to continue until the end of 2015;
- a further review would be carried out, and a report provided for the Local Area Committee following completion of the pilot.

Decision

To note the terms of the report; and

To endorse the proposal to continue the pilot until the end of 2015 and for a report to be brought to the Committee following completion of the pilot.

11. FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY MULTI-MEMBER WARD QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

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 quarterly performance report aligned 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 continued with the excellent partnership working on Community Safety, which was evident in West Lothian.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

**FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – September 2015
WORKPLAN 2015-2016**

	Issue	Purpose	Lead Officer	Date
1	Housing report	Quarterly update on housing issues	Lorraine Donnelly	September 2015
2	Police/NRT report	Quarterly update on police/NRT activity	Insp. Gregor Forbes	September 2015
3	LBFR report	Quarterly report on activity	Alex Hume	September 2015
4	Community Health Champions	Quarterly report on activity	Angela Jenkins	September 2015
5	School Update –West Calder HS	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Fiona Rowland	September 2015
6	Villages Improvement Fund Applications	To present all applications received to the VIF	Laura Wilson/Alice Mitchell	September 2015
7	NETs Report	Annual update report on NETs activity	Tony Fleming	September 2015
8	Addiewell Prison Update	Report on the activity/achievements of HMP Addiewell	Tony Simpson	September 2015
9	FCDT Report	To update on activity	Julie Smith	September 2015
10	West Calder & Harburn CDT Report	To provide an annual update on activity	Rob Pooley/Alison Wright	September 2015
11	Working Together Report	To provide an annual economic update from partners	Clare Summers	December 2015

12	Ward Action Plan Update	To provide a six monthly update on progress against targets in the Ward Action Plan	Laura Wilson	December 2015
13	Schools Update – Whitburn Academy	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Ian Adair	December 2015
14	GP Referral Scheme Update	To provide a review of the GP Referral Scheme operating at West Calder gym	Laura Wilson/Gordon Connolly	April 2016
15	Schools Update - St Kentigern's	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Andrew Sharkey	April 2016
16	Ward Action Plan Update	To provide a six monthly update on progress against targets in the Ward Action Plan	Laura Wilson	May 2016



WARD 6: FAULDHOUSE & THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

BLACK LAW WIND FARM: HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Local Area Committee about the ongoing improvement works associated with the Habitat Management Plan for Black Law Wind Farm, south west of Fauldhouse.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee note the successful habitat management works overseen by Scottish Power Renewables at Black Law Wind Farm.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; 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)	West Lothian Local Plan (2009) policy ENV 1b seeks, through the planning process, to encourage good practice and responsibility for biodiversity conservation There are no SEA, equality, health or risk issues
III Implications for scheme of delegation	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Outcome 8 - 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)	None
VII Consultations at PDSP	None
VIII Other consultations	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

Construction work on Black Law windfarm south west of Fauldhouse commenced in 2004. Eight turbines were constructed in West Lothian as part of the 124 megawatt 54 turbine development promoted by Scottish Power the was principally constructed in South Lanarkshire.

Phase 1 for an additional 23 turbines north of Black Law was consented in 2011 and work began in 2014. Phase 2 for 11 turbines approximately 3km south of Shotts in North Lanarkshire is awaiting determination.

The West Lothian Local Plan (2009), paragraph 11.87 states:

“The area occupied by any wind farm development will, as a rule incorporate large areas of open land surrounding each turbine. The council considers that positive land management in a manner that enhances its agricultural usage, biomass production, landscape or biodiversity is an important part of the considerations for wind farm projects. Applications will require to be accompanied by method statements setting out the means of land management that will secure biodiversity objectives. A habitat management plan will require to be an integral part of any application for windfarm development and a means of implementing this plan, and monitoring its effects shall be set out in the application”.

Consequently, as part of the planning application process and approval, a Habitat Management Plan for Black Law was drawn up by Scottish Power Renewables.

This development is located in an area extensively damaged by mining, afforestation and drainage of wet heath.

D2 Black Law Habitat Management Plan (HMP)

A HMP may be included in a suite of mitigation measures proposed by the applicant as part of their submitted development proposal, or be required by a condition of planning consent. The HMP sets out what and how works will:

- mitigate or compensate for the impacts caused by the development, or
- enhance the natural heritage interest of the area.

A Habitat Management Group meets once a year on site to oversee the monitoring of the Habitat Management Plan. The group is comprised of 2 ecologists from Scottish Power Renewables, officers from Forestry Commission Scotland and the RPSP and representatives from the 3 local authorities involved e.g.; South Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire and West Lothian.

RSPB work closely with Scottish Power Renewables, to deliver considerable habitat mitigation and enhancement to benefit breeding waders, farmland birds and blanket bog-habitat.

They are of the view that “this was one of the first windfarm developments in Scotland to integrate habitat enhancement with windfarm development, working with key stakeholders throughout the process and as such is a good example of sustainable land use”. In terms of bird interest, it is host to a locally important population of breeding waders and farmland birds with occasional use of the site by hen harrier and merlin.

In 2010, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), along with SEPA, Forestry Commission Scotland and Scottish Renewables, produced a “Good practice during wind farm construction” report.

Within it a case study noted that “at Black Law windfarm, 458Ha of commercial forest plantation was removed as part of an extensive Habitat Management Plan covering 1440Ha. The key objective of removing commercial forestry was to restore priority blanket bog habitat within this area – a key UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitat and important carbon sink.

The Sitka spruce plantations were removed using three techniques depending on the size of the timber crop and ground conditions. Commercial harvesting was used in areas where mature crops existed and immature crops were chipped in-situdepending on the ground conditions”.

A detailed monitoring programme was implemented to determine the rate and type of regeneration post woodland removal. The aim of this monitoring is to ascertain whether the desired blanket bog communities are re-establishing. Since tree removal in 2005, monitoring has indicated that some key blanket bog species are successfully re-colonising the site.

It found that “the percentage cover of Heather and bog cotton species increased on the areas where blanket bog might be expected to re-develop (peat depth generally > 0.5m). The cover of bog mosses (Sphagnum spp.) currently shows a less clear pattern. At the local scale, monitoring indicates that the old ridge and furrow patterns resulting from the legacy of tree planting determines the distribution of bog mosses within the tree clearance areas. More generally, the water table across particular parts of the deforested areas is probably too low to provide the constant waterlogged conditions required for “active” bog to re-develop and persist”.

Consequently, it considered “that successful restoration to “active” blanket bog could require additional intervention, which was predicted as part of the Habitat Management Plan for the site. Additional hydrological monitoring and drain damming trials are now being implemented as part of ongoing research to inform future management measures.”

E. CONCLUSION

Scottish Power Renewables continue to progress the aims and actions contained in the original Habitat Management Plan associated with the development of the wind farm at Black Law that straddles the boundaries between South and North Lanarkshire and West Lothian. Alongside the generation of renewable energy, the developer has sought to restore the blanket bog habitat typical of the area.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES - None

Appendices / Attachments – one: map extract from Black Law wind farm Habitat Management Plan Annual Monitoring report 2014.

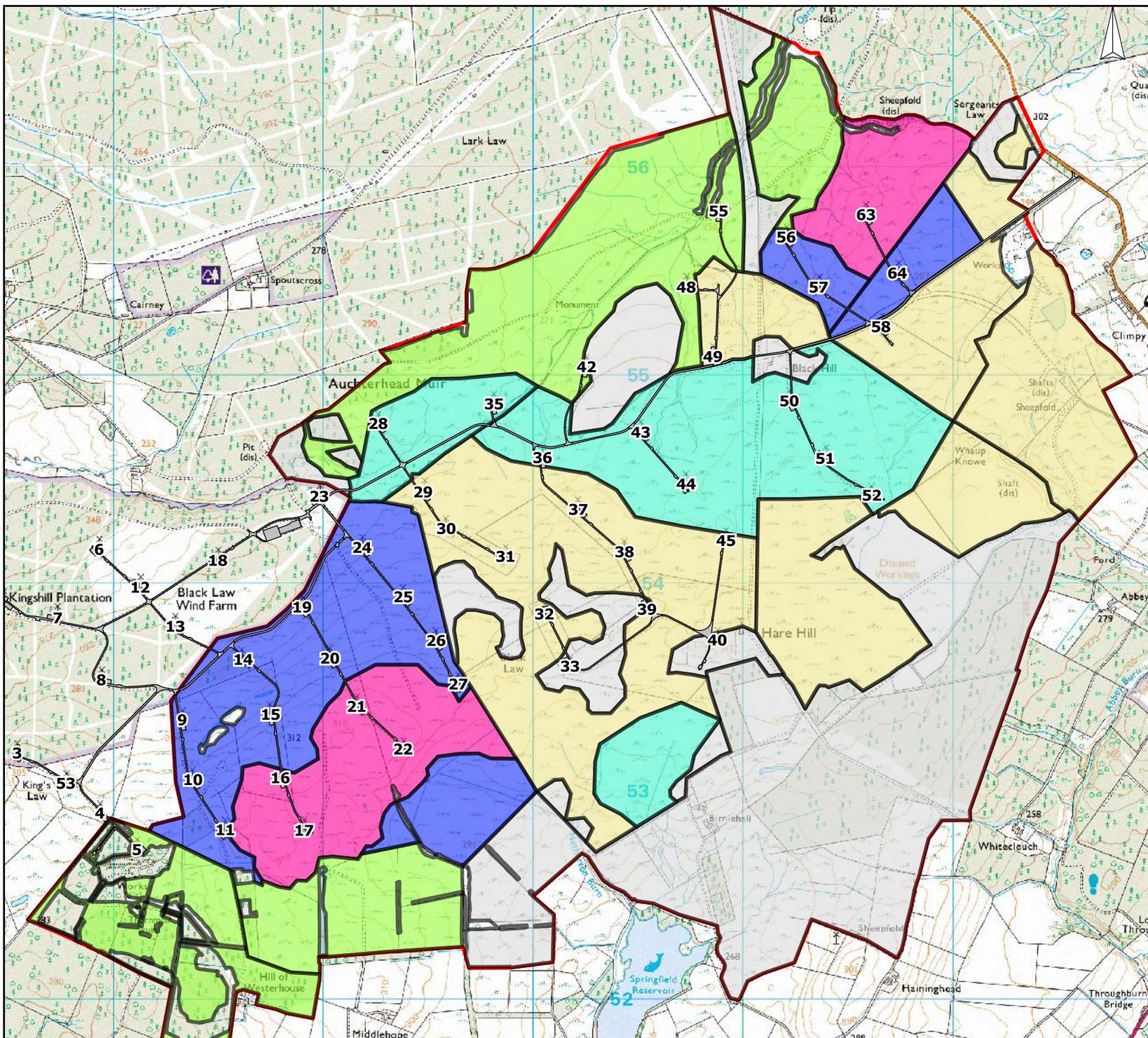
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19 May 2015



Legend

-  HMP boundary
-  Infrastructure
- Treatment years
-  2013
-  2014
-  2015
-  2016
-  2017
-  None

Scale: 1:25000 @ A4

Status:	Date:	Dr.:	Ch.:	App.:
DRAFT	Oct 2014	SR	PR	LM

Programme of habitat restoration treatments

Black Law Windfarm HMP
Version 2.4

Map 3

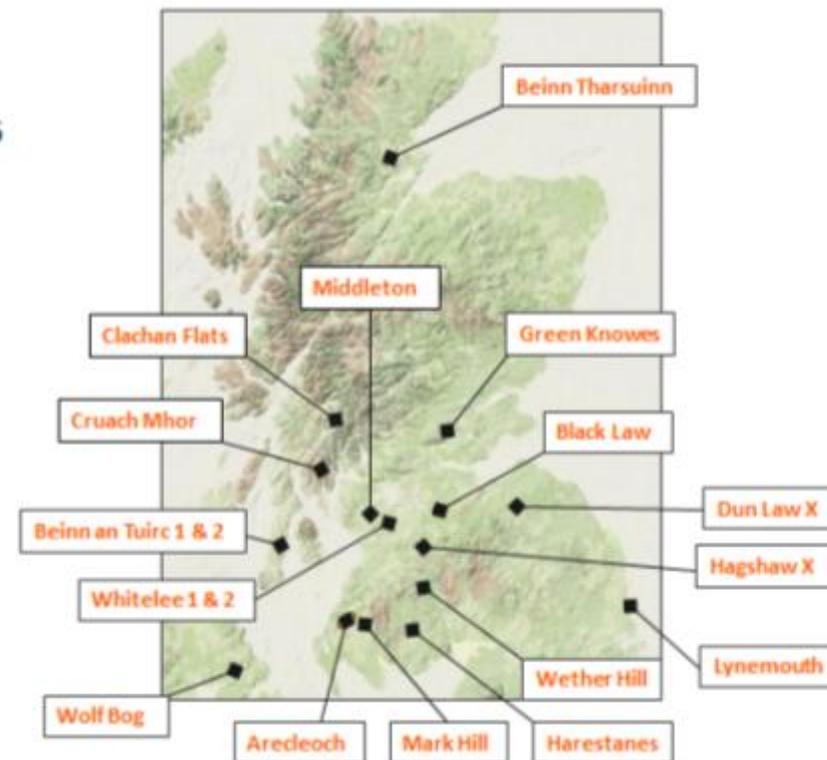


Black Law windfarm HMP

Who we are

- The role of the Ecology team is to implement the ecological requirements of Operational sites to ensure that SPR comply with their Planning obligations
- Knowledge gained from this is used to provide advice on new development projects
- Liaise with stakeholders to share knowledge and participate in industry forums

- Beinn an Tuirc – 2001
- Cruach Mhor – 2004
- Black Law – 2005
- Beinn Tharsuinn – 2006
- Wether Hill – 2007
- Wolf Bog – 2007
- Green Knowes – 2008
- Whitelee – 2008
- Hagshaw X – 2009
- Dun Law X – 2009
- Clachan Flats – 2009
- Arecleoch – 2011
- Mark Hill – 2011
- Lynemouth – 2012
- Beinn an Tuirc 2 – 2012
- Whitelee X – 2013
- Middleton – 2013
- Carland Cross – 2013
- Harestanes - 2014



Why we do it

Planning obligations: Conditions, Lease Clauses, Section 75 Agreements, HMPs
Testing and Research: Developing techniques, understanding impacts

79 Monitoring Requirements (e.g. birds, habitats)

56 Management Measures (e.g. grazing, ditch blocking, tree planting)

25 Research Projects (e.g. regen clearance, bog restoration, black grouse)

22 Reporting Requirements (e.g. annual reports, submitting reports)



Interaction with Local Authorities

- Reporting obligations to Local Authorities
- Demonstrate compliance with our obligations
- Public queries to Local Authorities
- Local Authority can have casting vote on issues

Black Law HMP

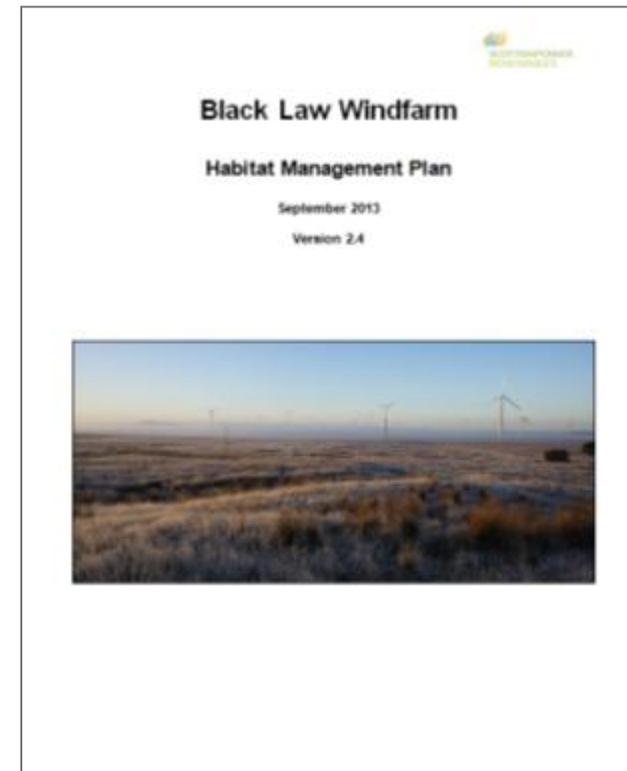
- Windfarm underwent final commissioning in 2005 with an installed capacity of 124MW.
- SPR required to implement a Habitat Management Plan (HMP) under Section 75 Agreement
- Representatives from Local Authorities, SNH and RSPB sit on Habitat Management Group (HMG)



Black Law HMP

Aims:

- Restore condition and quality of deforested blanket mire habitat
- Restore condition and quality of unplanted blanket mire habitat
- Improve quality of heathland/grassland habitat
- Maintain planted woodland and hedgerows



Deforested mire restoration

- Currently no accepted methodology or guidance
- SPR have been researching the issue since 2006
- Low water table levels and conifer regeneration identified as major issues
- Trialled ground-smoothing technique in 2010 and 2011 at Whitelee and Black Law
- Results of monitoring are extremely promising



Deforested mire restoration



December 2011

July 2013



Deforested mire restoration

- 106ha restoration work completed in 2014
- Further 367ha still to be treated at Black Law
- Work spread over 4 years costing >£400 000



Unplanted mire restoration

- More widely understood than deforested mire restoration
- Large scale work to be carried out at Black Law:
 - >150km of drains across the site
 - Hand clearance of regen where appropriate
- Damming study carried out in 2010
- Mechanical methods to be trialled in 2015



Climpy



Tree planting

- Suitable areas were identified for planting on the site
- Initial planting work carried out post construction
- Further maintenance work carried out in 2014



Bird monitoring

- Breeding bird and wintering bird surveys are carried out on an annual basis
- Site has been shown to respond favourably to control site Braehead Moss NNR
- Bird boxes were installed during construction
- Blanket bog restoration anticipated to provide benefit to wading species



Riparian mammals

- Otter and water vole identified during Environmental Impact Assessment
- Abbey Burn reinstated as part of construction
- Surveys carried out post construction to identify presence of water vole and otter
- Presence of both species continued to be confirmed in 2014



Future work

- Apply ground treatment to deforested habitat
- Carry out further ditch blocking where appropriate
- Adapt monitoring to reflect management



Challenges

- Lack of knowledge regarding restoration
- Timescales
- Costs
- Landowners



Questions?





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FAULDHOUSE – LONGRIDGE: MISSING LINK PATH CONNECTIONS

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the local area committee about the provision and funding of the missing link path between Fauldhouse and Longridge and recent provisional grant award from Sustrans to upgrade the surface of the main cycle path between both villages.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee:

1. note the provision of the missing link footpath between Fauldhouse and Longridge with the help of grant aid from The Levensat Trust; and
2. notes the recent provisional award of a grant from Sustrans to upgrade the remainder of the existing path linking Fauldhouse and Longridge.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; 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)	West Lothian Local Plan policy ENV 27 seeks to construct multi-use paths to improve access to and from settlements. There are no SEA, equality, health or risk issues.
III Implications for scheme of delegation	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Outcome 8 - 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)	To secure the £45k grant funding from Sustrans 50% match-funding is required. This £45k can be provided within the existing General Services Capital Programme: Outdoor Access Projects Programme in 2015/16.
VII Consultations at PDSP	None
VIII Other consultations	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Fauldhouse to Longridge missing link path

The delivery of the missing link path between Fauldhouse and Longridge was the subject to various reports to the local area committee (LAC) in 2010/11 and again in 2012. This related to around 300m of missing path from the east edge of Fauldhouse at Lanrigg Road, eastwards towards Longridge and the countryside style path built along the south boundary of the Ecosse Regeneration site in 2013.

While various routes and specification were considered for this short missing section, funding was the key issue.

The Directors of the Levensat Trust were shown the site in Autumn 2011. An application was made to the trust for £160,000 to allow the project to proceed. However, the trustees were of the view that the costs were too high. The significant cost estimate arose from the presence of a gas pipeline in the roadside verge which was the favoured alignment of the route and the work required to safeguard it. However, Levensat Trust subsequently approved a contribution of £47k to the project.

Trial excavations were carried out in early 2014 to ascertain the depth and exact location of the pipeline. This reduced the overall cost estimate to around £96k. Further design work was carried out to reassess the possibility of the path route being moved further north, but this involved land not owned by the council and caused further delay.

An issue then arose with a short section of the north end of the route being in the ownership of a local farmer. Finance and Estates had to become involved to purchase this section at minimal cost, but there were some further delays when this issue was not fully realised when the contractor was appointed and had to be temporarily removed from site in early spring 2015. It is now anticipated they will return to site soon in May / June to complete the project.

D2 Main Fauldhouse to Longridge path

On Ecosse Regeneration's behalf, the former Central Scotland Forest Trust (CSFT), now Central Scotland Green Network Trust (CSGNT) secured a Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) grant for around 7ha of new woodland planting to the north side of the new path provided within their landholding as a planning condition of the Polkemmet redevelopment.

This woodland was planted in 2012/13 to provide shelter for path users and to act as buffer for the future golf courses approved to the north on the reclaimed Polkemmet Site. The approximate 1.1km path was built to a countryside style specification with a rough top surface as accorded with the planning condition, but was recognised as needing the surface upgraded to allow use by bikes and prams.

Transportation colleagues were recently successful in applying to the Sustrans Community Links grant programme and achieved a provisional 50% grant of £45k to the overall estimated cost of £90k towards upgrading this 1.1km path section. While the route is not formally part of the Core Path Plan (CPP) as it was partially built after the CPP consultation, it meets all the core path criteria. As no specific Transportation budget was available, the council's General Services outdoor access capital budget in 2015/16 can supply the remainder of the match funding required to lever out and secure the Sustrans grant.

The detail specification now requires to be worked up and agreed with Sustrans and Ecosse Regeneration, along with agreement on future maintenance, to allow the improvement works on site within 2015/16.

E. CONCLUSION

The provision of a safe walking route between Fauldhouse and Longridge has been a long standing desire for both local communities and after several years of difficulties securing a budget, alongside some problematic design and utilities location issues, the main missing link has now been started on site, while the upgrade for the remaining lengthy section should be completed in 2015/16 with Sustrans grant funding.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices / Attachments – one: map of the routes

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BEICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

POLICE SCOTLAND - WARD 6 UPDATE

REPORT BY – INSPECTOR GREGOR FORBES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Police Scotland activity in the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee notes the contents of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values

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

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

III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers

IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators

V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)

VII Consideration at PDSP

VIII Other consultations

D. TERMS OF REPORT

To update the Local Area Committee on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 27th April 2015.

POLICE SCOTLAND NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

The force has identified its seven high priorities for 2014-2015 as:

- Reduce violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- Protect the public
- Increase road safety and reduce road crime
- Tackle serious and organised crime and terrorism
- Effectively police major events and threats
- Maintain high levels of public confidence in policing
- Deliver our equality and diversity outcomes

WEST LOTHIAN PRIORTIES

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

- Protecting people
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Reducing violence
- Tackling substance misuse
- Making our roads safer
- Tackling serious and organised crime

WARD PRIORITIES

Priorities identified by the Fauldhouse & the Breich Valley Community

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Substance misuse
- Road Safety
- Acquisitive Crime

PERFORMANCE

Fauldhouse & Breich Valley Ward						
Month	Mar-15	Mar-14	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	15	22	-32%	232	255	-9%
All ASB Calls	76	75	1%	1063	1113	-4%
Hate Crime	0	1	-100%	21	13	62%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	4	10	-60%	134	170	-21%
Fire-raising	0	0	0%	7	6	17%
Public Space Assaults	3	3	0%	81	88	-8%

Groups 1-5	March			This YTD			Last YTD			Difference this/last YTD	
	Rec	Sol	%Sol	Rec	Sol	%Sol	Rec	Sol	%Sol	%Rec	%Sol
Total Groups 1-5	31	16	51.61%	588	205	34.86%	675	315	46.67%	-13%	-11.8%

Antisocial behaviour is down across the ward area with the exception of hate crime, which has increased over the past year. As highlighted in previous reports this can be attributed to a number of factors including an increase of reporting such offences at Addiewell Prison. It is once again highlighted that there is no significant increase in the wider ward community.

There have been just under 100 less recorded crimes in the past year demonstrating a 13% decrease in the period. Solvency has improved over the previous reporting period and whilst this figure is down on the previous year this should be considered within the context of falling crime and the solvency rates for 2013/14 being higher than the previous 3 years.

PREVENTION

- **Activities**

The Community Policing Team has carried out a number of activities in relation to the local ward priorities, as follows:

Anti-social behaviour

On Wednesday 04 March 2015 the new Policing Model for West Lothian was implemented, the new model places Community Policing at its very heart.

The changes that have been delivered ensure that there is a greater focus on officers working with partners in the local community, with each Ward area now having community officers on shift 7 days a week. The Community Policing Team's deployments will be driven by local community needs and the expectation that Community Policing will be the cornerstone of the policing model.

Tackling anti-social behaviour continues to be a primary focus of the community Policing Team with a number of strands of work in recent months focusing on improving quality of life issues for residents.

There has been a reported increase regards youths causing annoyance in Polbeth, with a number of reports received regards large groups of youths being in various streets shouting and swearing. Community Officers were tasked with carrying out extra patrols in the identified areas and it is of note that there have been no like incidents in the past two weeks.

Addiewell has previously been highlighted as having ongoing issues with youth disorder close to the shops. Over the past few months there has been a decrease in report complaints regards youth disorder and the Community Policing Team will continue to monitor trends in the area in order to ensure that the problem has not moved elsewhere in the area. One incident of note relates to the recovery of a crossbow and bolt, which was found in the possession of a youth, a 16-year-old male has subsequently been reported for the matter and will appear at court at a later date.

In order to build on the success of using ASBO's in curtailing anti-social behaviour; work is underway with in liaison with COPFS to promote the use of ASBO's on conviction (CRASBO's) within the West Lothian courts services. CRASBO's have been used to good effect in the Scottish Borders but their uptake within west Lothian to date has been limited. Whilst reported anti-social behaviour is decreasing in the area the effective use of CRASBO's will assist further in improving quality of life issues.

Substance Misuse

The Community Team has continued to engage with the local community in gathering intelligence related to drug supply in the area, as a result a number of successful operations have been run in the past 3 months leading to the recovery of £15,500 worth of drugs. Three of the recoveries related to cannabis cultivations within residential properties and as highlighted in the previous report these cultivations continue to be a concern due to the potential danger posed to neighbouring properties through the bypassing of electric meters.

Road Safety

The implementation of the new policing model has provided new opportunities for addressing road safety, with all Community Officers within the ward now receiving training in the use of hand held speed detectors. Once trained, officers will be tasked with carrying out speed checks in areas which have been identified by the local community as causing concern.

As part of the Beat Door Step Crime campaign local officers were involved in carrying out a number of road checks in the area. Whilst the campaign was primarily focused on targeting bogus workmen, rogue traders and cold callers operating across the region, the tactics used ensured that a number of un-roadworthy vehicles were taken off the roads.

Acquisitive Crime

In the past month a new crime trend has been developing regards the theft of exhausts, which are being stolen for scrap metal. Thieves are targeting easily accessible exhausts with large vans or vehicles with a large ground clearance being particularly vulnerable. Following protracted enquiries a 25-year-old male has been reported for a number of offences within the ward and will appear at court at a later date.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Community Action Days

The Community Policing Team is committed to keeping the residents of the ward safe. To this end they will carry out 'Community Action Days' at identified periods during which a number of proactive activities will be undertaken to target offenders, address local priorities and to 'Keep People Safe'.

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FAULDHOUSE AND BREICH VALLEY 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 Fauldhouse & Breich Valley 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 Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Ward

Property Void & Let Performance: Mainstream Tenancies

Void Period	Jan 2015	%	Feb 2015	%	Mar 2015	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	4	50%	5	45.5%	7	70%	65%
2-4 weeks	0	0	2	18.2%	2	20%	25%
4+ weeks	4	50%	4	36.4%	1	10%	10%
Total Lets	8	100%	11	100%	10	100%	100%

Property Void & Let Performance: Temporary Tenancies

Void Period	Jan 2015	%	Feb 2015	%	Mar 2015	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	2	40%	4	66.7%	2	100%	70%
2-4 weeks	1	20%	1	16.7%	0	0	20%
4+ weeks	2	40%	1	16.7%	0	0	10%
Total Lets	5	100%	6	100%	2	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.

In the year to date there have been 118 mainstream tenancies and 53 temporary tenancies let by the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Team. We have seen a slight increase in property turnover as a result of the transfer led Allocation Policy for the New Build housing that creates secondary lets. This will mean more stock availability to help house more applicants from the waiting list.

There are currently 49 Policy Voids in the ward. This figure includes the 18 Bents regeneration properties. Reasons include properties unable to be let due being used for decant (Garibaldi Row), positive asbestos, electrical and water penetration.

Arrears Performance

2013/2014	Total £Value	2014/2015	Total £Value
April 13	£185,134	April 14	£238,113
May 13	£226,515	May 14	£257,512
June 13	No figure available	June 14	£259,064
July 13	£279,374	July 14	£254,197
August 13	£300,833	August 14	£268,425
September 13	£315,378	September 14	£269,614
October 13	£310,724	October 14	£298,336
November 13	£317,926	November 14	£292,768
December 13	£295,871	December 14	£250,985
January 2014	£307,221	January 2015	£266,452
February 2014	£319,978	February 2015	£264,624
March 2014	£210,464	March 2015	£212,458

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 have been significant improvements, in both value and volume of arrears cases over this period.

Arrears Banding	Balance 27 Sept 13	Tenants in Arrears	Balance 31 March 2015	Tenants in Arrears
£0.01-£49.99	3036.37	154	1612.59	87
£50.00-£149.99	20307.16	217	10894.50	121
£150.00-£299.99	40523.92	186	18183.22	81
£300.00-£499.99	58453.00	150	24850.52	65
£500.00-£749.99	46950.64	77	37433.46	60
£750.00-£999.99	44338.85	52	16089.71	19
£1000.00-£1999.99	77545.26	59	74568.50	54
£2000.00+	15074.29	6	28925.91	11
Total	£306,229.49	901	£212,458.41	498

The Arrears Task Group will continue meeting through the financial year 2015-16 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.

Fauldhouse & Breich Valley Area Team Activity

Officers in the team have a number of tenancies under supervision for issues such as child & adult protection, anti-social behaviour and poor tenancy conditions. Our officers' work with a range of services and agencies to ensure tenants and residents are fully supported, tenancies 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. At times dealing with tenants with circumstances that are complex and can take time to get a positive outcome, with some cases not resolved due to lack of tenant engagement. The Housing staff work very closely with the local Police & Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer.

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

Capital Programme and New Build Council Housing

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 Build

A planning application has been submitted for the site at Eastfield, Fauldhouse. Forty homes are planned for this site and Lovell Partnership will be carrying out the work.

Local Capital Upgrades

A sizeable element of the Capital Programme is expended in this ward due to the large number of council houses, the exposure and the condition of some houses.

Blocks of flats in Bents at Burnlea Place and Meadow Place have been demolished. The last block at Redcroft Place will be demolished this month (April).

The works in the Moorelands area of Addiewell have been finished. This means that the Addiebrowhill, Loganlea and Moorelands areas of Addiewell have all been upgraded in the last few years making a massive impact on the appearance of the area and the condition of the council housing throughout the village.

The ongoing large contracts in the Lanrigg and Cuthill areas of Fauldhouse continue for another few years and again, will make a sizeable impact on the look of the area and the condition of the council houses.

The houses are also drier and warmer thanks to the upgraded insulation. All houses have their insulation checked before the works and cavity fill extracted and replaced where necessary and loft insulation fitted or topped up as required. This all adds up to warmer homes and reduced fuel bills.

Tenants in the ward can, if required by assessment, benefit from the heating upgrade and replacement contract and from major repairs identified as being required under the Planned Reactive contract. Failed kitchen and bathrooms can be addressed under the Kitchen & Bathroom Replacement Programme. Loft and cavity insulation can be fitted or renewed as required under the Insulation and Energy Efficiency Programme.

Tenders have been received for the major upgrades of the Garibaldi Row in Main Street, Fauldhouse. As this report is being written the tenders are being evaluated. This work will make a significant improvement to the street and to the comfort of the tenants. The houses will be designed to be fully appropriate for people with mobility needs.

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 Councils 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 Fauldhouse & Breich Valley ward partnership working sees the local housing team, youth worker, council officer within the SNT and Police officers all working together to tackle anti-social behaviour in the ward.

WLC Officer based in SNT January – March 2015

Joint work has been carried out with Police to support a couple in Fauldhouse who have been suffering from a range of different antisocial, criminal and tenancy issues for a number of years despite the fact that the majority of this has gone unreported. A number of joint visits have been carried out to improve the communication, encourage reporting of issues and improve tenancy conditions. Referrals have been made to Housing, Animal Welfare Officers and Victim Support. Police intelligence on criminal behaviour continues to be collated, and action against the perpetrator has begun re his antisocial behaviour.

A number of visits have taken place between two neighbours involved in a long term neighbour dispute in Polbeth. Complaints have been numerous but minor in nature, and work was carried out to try and organise a mediation between the parties. However, one of the parties has recently decided not to go ahead with the mediation. During the discussions, a number of issues were addressed, and there have been no new complaints.

A case in Stoneyburn was closed after Joint work with Police and support agencies. Complaints involved regular shouting and fighting from a neighbouring property, which, after investigating appeared to be between partners. Joint visits were carried out with all complainants, as well as the perpetrators, who were spoken to both individually and together. Warnings were served and referrals were made to Victim Support and Social Work. After a further call, the male was arrested and held for court, where he was given bail conditions not to return to the property. The female was given support in moving away from the property, and neighbours are currently getting a rest from the ASB they have experienced.

A case in West Calder involved a long running neighbour dispute where both parties were reporting noise and verbal abuse from the other. The neighbours had previously been friendly, but over the last couple of years had not been on speaking terms, and were both looking to be moved. One of the parties has mental health issues, and work was carried out jointly with the Support Worker to organise and carry out informal shuttle mediation between the neighbours. As a result they are no longer reporting any issues. They are now on speaking terms, and both are happy to remain in their properties.

A vulnerable woman in West Calder had been experiencing noise problems over a number of months from her neighbour. She had people coming to her door in the early hours, and there had been verbal altercations with visitors to the neighbouring property. She was looking to get moved from her property and due to fear, would not leave the house. Referrals were made to Victim Support, and housing support to help assist the lady remain in her property. Evidence was gained against the neighbour, and two warning notices were served over the period of a week. There have been no new complaints since the 2nd warning was served in January, and the complainant has reported a vast improvement in the noise and number of visitors. The case is now closed with her agreement.

In January, February and March, 59 calls to the Night Noise Team were received, 4 verbal warnings were issued and 4 written warnings were issued by the Night Noise team for noise nuisance.

Youth Worker based in SNT January – March 2015

During the reporting period the Youth Worker has had no cases in the ward involving youths causing antisocial behaviour.

E. CONCLUSION

To note the contents of the report.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments: None

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPIONS

REPORT BY DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Local Area Committee takes 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 six elected members, five lead officers and three 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 ward action plans, 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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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

WEST LOTHIAN VILLAGES IMPROVEMENT FUND - APPLICATIONS

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise the Local Area Committee of the applications received from within the local area committee area seeking funding from the West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund (WLVIF) in 2015/16.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee:

1. notes that three applications have been received for funding;
2. notes that the proposals meet the eligibility criteria for supported projects;
3. supports funding for the projects; and
4. agrees that the Head of Planning & Economic Development should make an offer of funding as per the details set out in this report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; Making best use of our resources; Working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	The project meets the funding eligibility criteria. There is no requirement for a strategic environmental assessment and the projects do not raise any equality or health issues.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Our economy is diverse and dynamic, and West Lothian is an attractive place for doing business. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	A total of £1.65m capital fund is available for projects and the proposal can be met from within this budget.
VII Consideration at PDSP	This project has not been considered by a PDSP. The overall Villages Improvement Fund was considered by Development & Transport PDSP.
VIII Other consultations	Area Services.

D TERMS OF THE REPORT

D1 Background

In 2012 the Council Executive agreed the eligibility criteria for a West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund (WLVIF). Funding of £1.65m is available to support eligible schemes with the funding phased over five years. The fund has the following two work streams:

1) A shop frontage/shop improvement scheme, to which local independent retailers can apply. This operates in a similar way to the shop frontage improvement schemes for traditional town centres i.e. a grant of up to £750 and no more than 50% of the cost of the shop front improvement.

2) Small scale village improvements and initiatives, this can include a number of types of investment, including both physical improvements to the streetscape and investment in community provision:

- Provision of street furniture such as seating, cycle stands and direction signs.
- Improved village gateways (e.g.; through planting, landscaping and/or signage).
- Improved sense of place in village centres through hard landscaping, planting and soft landscape improvements.
- Tidying and landscaping of gap sites within villages.
- Access improvements in and around villages.
- Investment in projects that engage and support young people.
- Investment in other local community facilities.

Eight villages in the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward are eligible under the scheme.

Distribution of funding is based on village size. Total allocations per village are as follows, with the remaining budgets in brackets:

Fauldhouse	£125,000 (£91,514)
West Calder	£125,000 (£123,000)
Longridge	£55,000 (£47,500)
Stoneyburn	£55,000 (£13,278.56)
Addiewell	£55,000 (£53,000)
Polbeth	£55,000 (£51,518)
Breich	£20,000 (£20,000)
Harburn	£20,000 (£0)

D2 Applications

The following applications have been received for this round of funding:

West Calder & Harburn CDT – Main Street/Union Square Improvements

The application seeks funding to install hanging baskets between the shops on Main Street and Union Square and to locate six planters on the main street. The total amount applied for is £5108. This includes the cost of the hanging baskets, watering equipment, planters, plants and soil and installation. The baskets and planters will be planted up with help from the local primary schools and the maintenance and upkeep will be carried out by the local businesses and the CDT.

West Calder & Harburn CDT – Path Feasibility Study

This application will allow a feasibility study to be carried out to determine if and where a suitable path could be created between West Calder and Harburn. The path would be suitable for walking and cycling, creating both a leisure and active travel route. The total cost of the study would be £8117 and this includes engineer fees and topography costs.

Addiewell Community Action Team – Environmental Improvements

This application requests funding to purchase and install four planters and four benches in the village of Addiewell. The planters would be filled by the local primary schools and located throughout the village. The benches would be installed in and around the memorial park. The planters will be maintained by ACAT. The total cost of the project is £3300 and includes the cost of the benches, planters, plants and soil, and the installation costs.

E. CONCLUSION

Eight villages within the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward are eligible to apply to the Villages Improvement Fund. The applications detailed above meet the eligibility criteria of the Village Improvement Fund and the Local Area Committee is asked to support them.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Reports to Development and Transport PDSP (April 2013), Council Executive (May 2013 and April 2014) and Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Area Committee (August and November 2013; February, June and November 2014, February 2015).

Appendices/Attachments: Three

Appendix 1: West Calder & Harburn CDT – Main Street/Union Square

Appendix 2: West Calder & Harburn CDT – Path Feasibility Study

Appendix 3: Addiewell Community Action Team – Environmental Improvements

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17 February 2015

Appendix 1

West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund

Application form

- Please refer to the guidance notes when completing this form
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1. Applicant Organisation Details

Organisation Name	West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
Project title	Improvements to Main Street and The Square, West Calder
Contact person	Rob Pooley
Position	Chairman
Address	6 Harburn West Calder EH55 8RP
Telephone number	
Email Address	R.J.Pooley@hw.ac.uk
Type of organisation	Community Development Trust
What date was your organisation formed?	8 th April 2013
Are you a charity, please quote your number	SC043914
What are the main activities of your organisation? (please answer in no more than 100 words)	Following consultation with residents of West Calder and Harburn, the Community Development Trust was formed with our aim being to create: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A safe and welcoming place- A superb range of social, educational, shopping and economic opportunities and facilities for recreation, sports and events for people of all ages- A network of paths and trails connecting the village to towns and the countryside- A bright, well kempt, colourful and cheerful natural environment- A townscape that cherishes our fine architectural heritage and encourages first class new buildings- Well connected modern transport links- A rural community with city-class IT communications

Do you have an equal opportunities policy or statement? If yes please provide a copy	Yes / No
Does your organisation take account of equality issues around age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief?	Yes / No

Are you applying for other funding, if so, please detail N/A	Approved	Anticipated
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2. Project details

Council Ward	Ward 6 Fauldhouse & Breich Valley
Project location	West Calder Main Street, and West Calder Square
Project start date	June 2015
Project finish date	Early 2016
Estimated Outcome	We will have a brighter Main Street and Square improving the experience of living in or visiting West Calder for shopping or leisure activities.

<p>Project description Describe fully the project for which grant is being sought (background and context of the project, description of works).</p> <p>From research conducted in 2012 and 2013, a Community Action Plan for 2013 to 2018 and Urban Realm Study identified ten key projects that the community of West Calder and Harburn wish to complete. One of the projects that the Community Development Trust is now focusing on is to improve Main Street and The Square aiming to "improve the experience of living in or visiting West Calder and raise the profile of the town" and "to provide a new high quality civic space".</p> <p>The projects to improve Main Street and The Square are in themselves large projects which will be expensive to implement fully. The Trust has decided to focus on splitting these Projects into smaller sub-projects that are easily visible by the community and will have an impact on improving the space for residents and visitors. This is the first step towards achieving some of the main project's outcomes as identified in the research. The next step will be to make other improvements which will be identified through consultation with the Trust, Community Council,</p>

Business Association and West Lothian Council.

The initial improvements are planned to start in June 2015 with the first job being installation of hanging baskets.

The building and installation of the planters will be a larger job, and will involve Polbeth Community Gardens, local school children and the Community Payback Scheme. This is expected to be a longer-term project starting in the winter of 2015 and being completed in Spring 2016. Please note that quotes for materials, compost and plants for these planters are based on large installations; as the project is developed it is possible that these plans will be revised, with their size being reduced therefore resulting in lower materials costs.

Partners involved (other local organisations you are working with)

Polbeth and West Calder Community Gardens Project; St Marys RC Primary School, Polbeth; Parkhead Primary School, West Calder; West Calder Business Association; West Calder & Harburn Community Council; West Lothian's Community Payback Scheme; local retailers and businesses with shops and premises on Main Street and the Square.

Other partners will be introduced when this Project develops to make other improvements to the Main Street and Square. These improvements will include lighting, signage and larger landscaping projects.

Evidence of need

What evidence is there that your project is needed? It is vital that you show that you have identified the need for your project, eg letters of support, or local survey.

From the research conducted in 2012 and 2013, the project to carry out works to Union Square was the top priority for local residents.

Research showed that 35% people feel that the village is in a good strategic location with good rail and bus links, close to cities, motorway networks and airports but only 19% said amenities are within walking distance. When asked what they didn't like, 27% said anti-social behaviour, litter, vandalism and under-age drinking was an issue and 25% of people said the village centre appeared run-down with dull unpleasant parks, and poor quality public spaces. Comments included "West Calder High Street lacks interest to attract visitors from outside"; "Union Square does not present a welcoming feel"; "Union Square needs a good clean then needs to be kept clean".

The Community Action Plan identified 5 Themes, with main priorities relevant to this Project being to:

- Underpin the revival of the community – Destination West Calder
- Improving the look of Main Street and the public spaces of the village

The Project aims to make "West Calder and Harburn a thriving, family-friendly, lively and enterprising community with its own unique rural identity".

Outcomes

Describe what your project will deliver.

Village Improvements; e.g Number of sites improved
Area of landscaping

The Project will make the centre of West Calder a brighter and better place, making West Calder more of a destination for shopping and recreation. This will be achieved by:

- Installing 2 hanging baskets outside each shop (those retailers wishing to take part) 76 baskets in total – including the old CIS building. All shopkeepers and local businesses in the Main Street and The Square have been consulted, with most shops wishing to have 2 outside their premises. 4 baskets are suggested outside Scotmid due to the size of the building and its position on The Square, and 4 baskets being suggested for the old CIS building in the Square and onto Main Street, again to make best use of the empty wall space in that area.
- Introducing 6 large planters located on the Main Street and The Square – these will be large heavy duty planters made using railway sleepers to ensure they last several years, and are not easy to vandalise or move

Community Facilities: e.g number of facilities improved
-Projected usage

This project focuses on improving the look of all shops in the Main Street, with baskets being hung outside 76 shops, including the old CIS building. Planters will be situated in the Main Street where the trees are but are planned for removal, and the Square. The planters will be sturdy and robust enough to make a big impact on the area, whilst being too large to kick over.

We have visited each shop and business on the Main Street and in The Square, speaking to them about how to improve the area. They are all enthusiastic about having a brighter and more attractive Main Street and Square and have committed to maintaining the hanging baskets and planters outside their shops or businesses. We are also planning to recruit volunteers with the help of Polbeth and West Calder Community Gardens to maintain the planters in particular, over the coming years.

3.Project Costs

Amount of funding requested	£5108
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Item of expenditure	Cost
Supply and Fitting of Hanging Basket Brackets 76 @ £22 each (quote from local joiner firm)	£1672
Hanging Baskets and linings 76 @ £6 each	£456
Compost for hanging baskets	£40
Flowers/plants for hanging baskets	£338
Wood for planters – 6 large heavy duty planters made using railway sleepers – 36 sheets @ £22 each	£792
Compost for planters	£300
Flowers/Plants for planters	£910
Watering equipment x6	£600
TOTAL	£5,108

Project management

Describe how your project will be managed and administered including details of any:

- Design / plans
- Implementation arrangements e.g contract tenders
- Planning Approval

To try to work with a number of local community projects, we will source wood from Beecraigs Sawmill and have asked West Lothian Community Payback Scheme to construct them. Due to their size, wood will be stored at the Council's Depot on Eagle Brae and will be constructed over the Autumn months and moved to site one planter at a time for planting up. This is a large scale project for the Payback Scheme and the Polbeth Gardens Project and due to the seasonality of the growing nature of the project, we aim to start the planter aspect of the project towards the end of 2015, completing in Spring 2016.

The planters will be planted up using plants and flowers provided by Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden Project who will assist the Trust to recruit volunteers to manage this project. Children from Parkhead Primary and St Mary's RC Primary School in Polbeth will work with volunteers from Polbeth and West Calder Community Gardens to nurture the plants and then plant them into the baskets and planters. This will be used by both schools as part of their eco-programme .

We will use a local joiner to safely hang the hanging baskets. The price quoted for this is relatively high but we need to ensure strong brackets are used and securely and safely hung on walls, in places which will be low enough for maintenance and watering, whilst being high enough to ensure they are not an obstacle or can be tampered with.

4. Declaration

We wish to apply for a Village Improvement Capital Grant. The above is an accurate outline of the proposed project. We have read and understood the guidance notes for applicants and agree to the conditions therein. We understand that the grant may be modified or withdrawn, if all the

conditions are not adhered to. We are willing to co-operate in the monitoring of the grant scheme and to meet with their representatives if required to do so. We will acknowledge the support of the Fund in any related PR activities.

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Position	Chairman
Organisation	West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
Date	29 th April 2015

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Constitution or Articles and Memorandum	x
Committee Members or Directors List	x
Bank Statements - three statements	x
Annual accounts	x

Appendix 2

West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund

Application form

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3. Applicant Organisation Details

Organisation Name	West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
Project title	Linking Harburn to West Calder – Paths Feasibility Study
Contact person	Matt Pearce
Position	Committee Member
Address	Torr Whitie Harburn West Calder EH55 8RP
Telephone number	
Email Address	Mattjp72@yahoo.co.uk
Type of organisation	Community Development Trust
What date was your organisation formed?	8 th April 2013
Are you a charity, please quote your number	SC043914
What are the main activities of your organisation? (please answer in no more than 100 words)	Following consultation with residents of West Calder and Harburn, we aim to create: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A safe and welcoming place- A superb range of social, educational, shopping and economic opportunities and facilities for recreation, sports and events for people of all ages- A network of paths and trails connecting the village to towns and the countryside- A bright, well kempt, colourful and cheerful natural environment- A townscape that cherishes our fine architectural heritage and encourages first class new buildings- Well connected modern transport- A rural community with city-class IT communications

Do you have an equal opportunities policy or statement? If yes please provide a copy	Yes / No
Does your organisation take account of equality issues around age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief?	Yes / No

Are you applying for other funding, if so, please detail N/A	Approved	Anticipated
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4. Project details

Council Ward	Ward 6 Fauldhouse & Breich Valley
Project location	Path linking Harburn to West Calder
Project start date	June 2015
Project finish date	September 2015
Estimated Outcome	A technical feasibility study will be completed to inform the future development of a paths network linking West Calder to Harburn.

Project description Describe fully the project for which grant is being sought (background and context of the project, description of works).
<p>In 2012 consultation was conducted which lead to West Calder and Harburn Community Action Plan 2013 to 2018; this research was supported by an Urban Realm Study completed in 2013. Ten projects were identified and the Community Development Trust has focused initially on five projects, including this project to improve links between Harburn and West Calder. The aim of this project is to "improve the connectivity and material quality of the surrounding path network" and to make the path network fit for purpose.</p> <p>A steering group will be formed to include local landowners affected by the existing right of way, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Paths for All and other key</p>

stakeholders who are being identified.

We are seeking funding to employ a specialist consultant to conduct a Feasibility Study which will:

- Review the existing right of way from West Calder and advise on how best to improve this making it fit for purpose
- Advise whether the existing right of way can be developed or improved to become a multi-use path enabling access by all including wheelchairs, buggies, and bikes
- Look at other options making use of the B7008 road running between West Calder and Harburn
- Advise on resources required to complete the path or paths, depending on outcome of Feasibility Study
- Advise on best use of materials, way-markers, styles, gates etc. ensuring access for all
- Advise on how best to integrate and accommodate local biodiversity and wildlife into the path network making it an enjoyable walk whilst also looking at how to make it an educational resource for local schools
- Advise on costs associated with the above
- Advise on how best to link to other path networks in the area, including that path network from Cobbinshaw and Pirrieland which is being completed by the WatIf Project to link the villages of Tarbrax, Auchingray and Woolfords to West Calder.

The completed Feasibility Study will inform the Trust on what option to take, the timescales to complete the project and costs associated with the project. The Trust will then move on to secure funding to complete the path construction.

Partners involved (other local organisations you are working with)

Woolfords, Auchingray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation; Parkhead Primary School, West Calder; St Marys RC Primary School, Polbeth; Paths for All; Polbeth and West Calder Community Gardens. We will also be approaching Scottish Wildlife Trust, West Lothian Access Forum and local landowners to be part of this Group.

Evidence of need

What evidence is there that your project is needed? It is vital that you show that you have identified the need for your project, eg letters of support, or local survey.

Consultation carried out in 2012 and 2013 to inform the Community Action Plan 2013 to 2018 identified five themes, one of which was "Roads, paths, traffic and transport". Main Priorities from this theme included "to develop a better path network for walking and cycling".

From research conducted, only 21% of those questioned stated they had good access to surrounding countryside and hills, whilst 28% said they didn't like the inconsiderate driving along rural roads, and "not being able to cycle safely with my children" and "the number of HGV vehicles and others not keeping to speed limits".

<p>Outcomes Describe what your project will deliver.</p> <p>Village Improvements; e.g Number of sites improved Area of landscaping</p>
<p>This project will focus on completion of a technical feasibility study. This will include consultation with local residents and engagement with local groups and organisations that have already shown an interest in being part of this study and the development of the paths network which we hope will be started, based on the outcomes of the feasibility study.</p> <p>One option may be to develop the existing right of way which runs from West Calder through farmland, over Harwood Water, runs past Hermand Birchwood Wildlife Reserve, terminating at Coalheughead near Broadmeadow, leading to Harburn Golf Club.</p> <p>The second option will focus on improving the B7008 between West Calder and Harburn.</p>
<p>Community Facilities: e.g number of facilities improved -Projected usage</p>
<p>A key part of the Feasibility Study will be to gauge expected usage of an improved path network and this will be done by speaking with local school children and families and residents of both West Calder and Harburn to see how many people would use such a path network and how they would use it – walking, cycling, running etc. In addition research will be done through the existing cycle groups (with membership around 300 local cyclists) which use West Calder as a departure point every Tuesday evening (weather permitting) to access cycling routes into the Pentlands and North Lanarkshire (organised through Pedal Power based in West Calder).</p> <p>The feasibility study will advise the Community Development Trust on the best option to pursue, the costs that will be incurred as a result of this, what partners will bring to the development of the paths network project, other resources needed and the timescale for completion of the paths project.</p>

3. Project Costs

Amount of funding requested	£8117
Item of expenditure	Cost
Feasibility Study	£5913
Engineer	£1016
Topography Survey	£1188
TOTAL (inc VAT)	£8117

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<p>Project management</p> <p>Describe how your project will be managed and administered including details of any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design / plans - Implementation arrangements e.g contract tenders - Planning Approval
<p>The project will be managed by a Steering Group which is being established at present, including landowners, Paths for All, Scottish Wildlife Trust and other local stakeholders who have expressed an interest in becoming involved in this project (previously mentioned).</p> <p>A firm experienced in landscape feasibility projects will conduct the Study and will sub-contract engineering and topography surveys as required.</p> <p>We will work with Paths for All throughout this Project, seeking their advice and guidance about the feasibility study, as well as then moving onto the clearing and construction of any new paths or improvement of the existing pathway and the tender stages for contractors as well as seeking funding.</p> <p>We are keen to incorporate local school children already involved with Polbeth and West Calder Community Gardens Project, to engage with them about how they would like to use the paths around the theme of biodiversity and wildlife, and what educational elements could be included through use of way-markers, information boards and making use of hands-on educational resources.</p>

5. Declaration

<p>We wish to apply for a Village Improvement Capital Grant. The above is an accurate outline of the proposed project. We have read and understood the guidance notes for applicants and agree to the conditions therein. We understand that the grant may be modified or withdrawn, if all the conditions are not adhered to. We are willing to co-operate in the monitoring of the grant scheme and to meet with their representatives if required to do so. We will acknowledge the support of the Fund in any related PR activities.</p>	
Name	Matt Pearce
Position	Committee Member
Organisation	West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
Date	29 th April 2015

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Appendix 3

West Lothian Villages Improvement Fund

Application form

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5. Applicant Organisation Details

Organisation Name	Addiewell Community Action Team (ACAT)
Project title	Environmental Improvements
Contact person	Julie McMahon
Position	Member of ACAT President of Addiewell Gala Committee
Address	
Telephone number	
Email Address	
Type of organisation	Community Group
What date was your organisation formed?	2013
Are you a charity, please quote your number	No
What are the main activities of your organisation? (please answer in no more than 100 words)	ACAT is a partnership of local services/agencies, community groups and schools. Its purpose is to work for the benefit of the village of Addiewell. ACAT meetings are attended by reps from the community council, gala day committee, Pitstop, WLYAP, local primary schools, CLD and, Public Health and Community Regeneration officers.

Do you have an equal opportunities policy or statement? If yes please provide a copy	No
Does your organisation take account of equality issues around age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief?	Yes

Are you applying for other funding, if so, please detail	Approved	Anticipated
NO		

6. Project details

Council Ward	Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley
Project location	Addiewell
Project start date	July 2015
Project finish date	September 2015
Estimated Outcome	Improvement to the look of the village

Project description

Describe fully the project for which grant is being sought (background and context of the project, description of works).

At recent meetings of Addiewell Community Action Team (ACAT) the group discussed potential improvements which could be made to enhance the appearance of the village.

The group were approached by West Calder High School and offered a planter for the village to celebrate the schools 50th birthday. In addition to this the group decided it would enhance the village if additional planters and benches were positioned at key locations.

Funding is now sought from the Village Improvement Fund to allow us to purchase four benches and four planters. The planters and benches will bring immediate visual impact and brighten up the village.

Partners involved (other local organisations you are working with)

- The Pitstop
- West Lothian Youth Action Project
- Addiewell Gala Day Committee
- Local Primary Schools
- West Lothian Council

Evidence of need

What evidence is there that your project is needed? It is vital that you show that you have identified the need for your project, eg letters of support, or local survey.

The ACAT meeting, which is chaired by Angela Jenkins, Public Health Nurse within the WL Council Community Regeneration Team brings

together representatives from all of the local groups listed above. The Village Improvement Fund has been discussed at recent meetings of ACAT and it was at these meetings that the above project was suggested and agreed. The groups mentioned above are all supportive of this application.

Outcomes

Describe what your project will deliver.

Village Improvements; e.g Number of sites improved
Area of landscaping

The project will bring a noticeable, visible improvement to the village of Addiewell. It will be delivered in partnership with local community groups and the primary schools.

Community Facilities: e.g number of facilities improved
-Projected usage

3.Project Costs

Amount of funding requested	£3300
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Item of expenditure	Cost
4 Anti Vandal Steel Benches	£1800
4 Planters	£600
Plants/Soil	£400
Installation	£500

Project management

Describe how your project will be managed and administered including details of any:

- Design / plans
- Implementation arrangements e.g contract tenders
- Planning Approval

The project will be managed and administered by ACAT. It is a small scale project which will require minimal input from our members but provide a valuable facility for the village.

Initial planting will be carried out by the schools and maintenance will be organised by ACAT. All groups are aware of the requirement to maintain the planters on an ongoing basis.

6. Declaration

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY REGENERATION – WARD ACTION PLAN

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 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley 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 November 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 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward area.

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

Significant achievements include:

- The appointment of a part time development worker with West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust (WC&HCDT). This post has been funded by West Lothian Development Trust for a period of two years and will allow WC&HCDT to implement the actions in their five year community plan and to deliver the projects developed as part of their recent Urban Realm Study.
- Securing funding from West Lothian Development Trust and Coalfields Regeneration Trust to allow Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group to employ a part time development worker. The recruitment process is currently underway and the new member of staff should be in post mid-summer 2015. This will enable to group to deliver a number of local projects, including working with Stoneyburn Juniors to better promote their club and working with the bowling

club to secure funding and refurbish the pavilion.

- The development of Fauldhouse Employability Group has brought together key agencies and services working in the area. This has enabled better co-ordination of service delivery, joint promotion of services and joint planning of client training sessions and programmes.
- The establishment of a planning group for West Calder Learning Community and the initial work undertaken by partners to inform a baseline plan. This approach is being piloted in the West Calder Learning Community before being rolled out to other areas.
- Achievement of four national and local awards for the children of Fall Hill Primary School and their tobacco project. This project has developed over three years and culminated in the creation of a DVD which will now be used by West Lothian schools as an educational resource.

D3 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 Fauldhouse and the Breich valley 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:

- A campaign by pupils at Falla Hill PS, Fauldhouse, to make their local play parks smoke free. The pupils will work with WLC NETs service to create signage for each park and will engage with the local community through a variety of events to raise awareness of their campaign.
- Working with communities to develop Village Improvement Fund projects. Numerous projects have been funded so far but significant funding remains for villages within the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward. Support will be provided to local community groups to develop eligible projects which will have a positive impact on the local area.
- Further support to the delivery of employability services throughout the ward area. This will be achieved through Access2Employment surgeries, work clubs

and training sessions and the co-ordination of partner services to ensure maximum benefit for local residents.

D4 Reporting

Progress on the plans will be reported back to the Local Area Committee in six and 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 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward.

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

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments: Two

Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward Action Plan 2013 - 15

Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward Action Plan 2015 - 16

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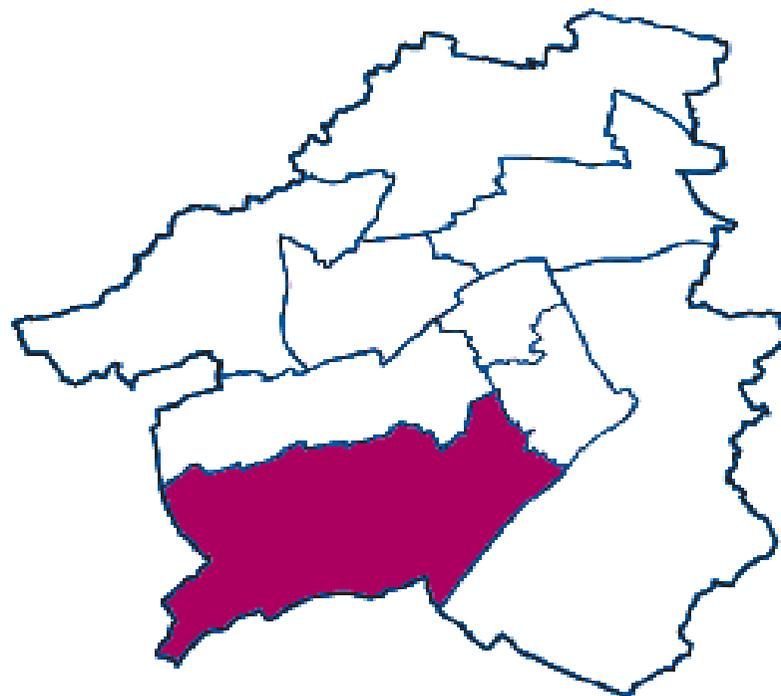
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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY
WARD ACTION PLAN 2013-15



FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY WARD ACTION PLAN 2013-15

Introduction

The following action plan details the key partnership activity within Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward planned in 2013 -15.

Purpose

The purpose of the plan is to show what partners across the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley area will be working together to achieve over the coming 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 this please contact the service provider directly.

The plan feeds into 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.

Priority areas

Priority areas for the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward Action Plan are:

- Employability and Financial Inclusion
- Young People and Antisocial Behaviour
- Health
- Community Development

These priority areas have been identified through statistical analysis and consultation with the local community. Actions for each area are contained within the tables in this plan.

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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, particularly where we are working to supporting our key community organisations, 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 any new initiatives added to the plans, as appropriate.

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Employability and Financial Inclusion

Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
					Target	Actual					
'Knock Knock' door knocking campaign	We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people	More residents are able to access employability and financial inclusion support	No. of services delivered in areas of high unemployment	Door knocking campaigns targeting areas with high number of benefit claimants and multiple deprivation	3 large door knocking campaigns arranged per year	3 campaigns carried out.	1 st April 2013	31 st March 2015	Existing resources	Regeneration & Employability	Two campaigns have been delivered in Fauldhouse and one in Polbeth
			No. of one off campaigns to support employability		40 employability referrals per year	19 employability referrals				Intowork	
			Increase in interaction with employability and financial inclusion services by residents targeted by the campaign		50 advice shop referrals per year	22 Advice Shop referrals				Advice Shop	
									Business Gateway		Referral numbers are lower than expected. This may be due to the wide range of employability services available now in the ward area.
									Fauldhouse CDT		
									Financial Inclusion Network		

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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To reduce unemployment in the ward through development of Fauldhouse Employability Group	We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people	Local people have access to high quality advice and support	No. of people accessing employability services	Fauldhouse Employability Group to meet six times per year	Six meetings held per year	Exceeded	1 st April 2013	On-going	Existing	Regeneration & Employability	The Fauldhouse Employability Group is meeting regularly and good progress has been made. Data sharing between A2E and JCP has been established and a customer survey carried out. Additional partners have joined the group.
			Reduction in number of people claiming out of work benefits	Delivery of five training sessions locally	Five training sessions delivered	Customer service training delivered				JCP	
				Carry out community survey to identify barriers to employment	100 people surveyed	85 completed surveys.				Advice Shop	
										CLD	
									Business Gateway		
									SDS		
									MCMC		
									Capability Scotland		
									FCDT		
									WLFIN		

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
					Target	Actual					
Support the development of alcohol diversion programmes	Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens We live longer, healthier lives We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger	Young people are more aware of the issues around alcohol A range of diversionary activity is available for young people in each village	No. of drop-ins/activities set up for young people	Polbeth Youth Drop-In	75% of participants in awareness raising sessions report that they are more aware of alcohol issues	Achieved	1 st April 2013	31 st March 2014	Strategy for tackling underage drinking funding Polbeth £5500 Addiewell £7000 Stoneyburn & West Calder £6500 Fauldhouse/Longridge £11,000 WL Youth Action Project External Funding	West Lothian Youth Action Project CLD Youth Services Lothian and Borders Police Regeneration & Employability West Calder Community Centre Mgmt. Committee Stoneyburn Community Centre Mgmt. Committee Housing	Polbeth youth drop in continuing well.
			Addiewell Girls Group	150 young people participating in youth groups per year	Achieved	Addiewell girls and boys groups well established.					
			Addiewell Boys Group	50 young people engaged with through street work per year	Achieved	Inter-community projects taken place with girls groups from Craigshill and Stoneyburn.					
			Summer Programmes in West Calder and Stoneyburn			Chance2Change project continuing well in Fauldhouse. New interventions delivered in respect of sexual health and knife crime. Also, a youth committee has been established with four members of the group participating.					
			Street work across F&BV								
			Floorwalks								
		% of young people reporting raised awareness of alcohol issues									
		Reduction in underage drinking calls to Police									
		% reporting a behaviour change									Joint work continuing on the Community Garden.

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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Support the development of an alternative 'Wee Croft' facility in Stoneyburn	Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens	Young people are able to access support for personal development	Alternative facility identified and established	Support the development of proposals for an alternative facility	1 new facility identified and established	Complete	1 st April 2013	31 st March 2015	Existing resources	Regeneration & Employability WL Youth Action Project Housing, Construction & Building Services CLD Youth Finance & Estates	Young people at the Wee Croft have been consulted and their feedback has been incorporated into the revised plans. The project is now complete.
			Number of young people accessing support at an alternative facility	Engage with young people on their needs for a new facility	Young people consulted and happy with proposed new facility	Complete					
			Number of young people reporting that their development needs are being met	If required support funding application development	25 young people accessing support at new facility	Achieved					

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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Develop and facilitate a youth providers forum for West Calder High School	Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens	Partnership working is increased in the West Calder Learning Community Young people are able to access support for educational and personal development	Number of meetings held	Develop a West Calder youth providers forum	Youth providers forum developed	Learning Community Planning Group established	1 st Sept 2013	On-going	Existing resources	Regeneration & Employability CLD Youth WL Youth Action Project Business Gateway West Calder High School Community Facilities Active Schools West Lothian College	Initial meetings have been held with DHT Lisa Grub at WCHS and Snr Youth Worker Gary Sneddon. A Learning Community Planning Group has been established. Extensive work has been undertaken and a baseline plan drafted.
			Number of partners attending	Forum to meet bi-monthly	6 meetings per year held	Achieved					
			Number of young people supported	Develop a learning community action plan	Action plan developed	A baseline plan has been drafted					

Health

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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Support to be provided for the alcohol reduction (Do More, Drink Less) project running in Addiewell and Stoneyburn	<p>We live longer, healthier lives</p> <p>We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others</p>	Residents of Addiewell and Stoneyburn are aware of the effects of alcohol	Number of people reporting reduction in alcohol consumption	Arrange a fun run	Fun Run arranged	Fun Run delivered 2013	1 st April 2013	31 st March 2015	Do More Drink Less budget	Regeneration & Employability	Spring cleans carried out in both villages May 2013
		Alcohol consumption is reduced	Number of people engaging in additional activities	Support spring clean-up in Stoneyburn	Stoneyburn spring clean-up supported	Completed 2013				Education CLD Adults	Two successful Santa Parades held Dec 2013 and 2014.
		People take part in healthy lifestyle activities		Support spring clean-up in Addiewell	Addiewell spring clean-up supported	Completed 2013	400 people participating in additional activities	1500 people participated to date.			WL Youth Action Project Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group Addiewell Management Committee Stoneyburn Management Committee Stoneyburn & Bents Children's Gala Committee

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress	
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No Smoking Day Campaign	We live longer, healthier lives	Residents of Fauldhouse are aware of the negative health effects of smoking Children in Fauldhouse are educated about the negative health effects of smoking	Number of people engaged with on the day	Large scale event held in Fauldhouse on No Smoking Day 2014 and 2015	Event held	Achieved	1 st March 2014	31 st March 2014	Existing Public Health budget	Regeneration & Employability NHS Education Fauldhouse Partnership Centre Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Land Securities	The P6 pupils from Falla Hill have created an exhibition which has been staged in The Centre and Fauldhouse PC. The pupils engaged with over 200 adults to educate them on the dangers of smoking. The pupils worked with Firefly Arts to develop an educational resource for use across all WL schools.	
			Number of referrals made to smoking cessation services	Smoking brief interventions delivered.	30 brief interventions carried out	42 brief interventions carried out		1 st March 2015				31 st March 2015
			Number of brief interventions carried out	Referrals made to smoking cessation services.	10 people referred to smoking cessation services	42 referrals made						
			No. of pupils attending awareness sessions	No. of pupils attending awareness sessions	100 pupils educated about the effects of smoking	26 P6 pupils involved in programme	Entire roll of Fall Hill PS educated about the effects of smoking.					
										NETS T4H	Four national and local awards have been won by the project. The pupils are now working to make all Fauldhouse play parks smoke free.	

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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Cooking Bus delivers ten sessions in the ward over one week	We live longer, healthier lives	Parents have more confidence when cooking for their families Children have the ability to cook	Number of community groups/people attending sessions Number of children and adults reporting increased confidence around food and cooking	Cooking and teaching sessions delivered to various community groups and individuals throughout F&BV ward	10 sessions delivered over one week 100 people report increased confidence around food and cooking	10 sessions delivered Over 50 people participate in sessions.	1 st Sept 2013	31 st March 2014	Cooking Bus Existing	Regeneration & Employability CLD Adults CLD Youth Health Improvement Team MCMC Pitstop Fauldhouse CDT	The Cooking Bus delivered 10 sessions from 9 – 12 December 2013. Positive feedback was received from participants and further health/cooking work is planned in partnership with the Health Improvement Team and Addiewell Community House.

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Community Development

Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
					Target	Actual					
Support the Pitstop to increase trading income and sustainability	We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others	<p>The organisation is supported towards long term sustainability</p> <p>Local people have access to a high quality community facility</p>	<p>% increase in trading income</p> <p>Number of people accessing services within The Pitstop</p>	<p>Identify additional income streams</p> <p>Maximise income from existing services</p> <p>Promotion and marketing of The Pitstop</p>	<p>15% increase in trading income over previous year</p> <p>15% increase in numbers accessing services</p>	<p>Figures not available from The Pitstop</p>	1 st April 2013	On-going	<p>External People & Communities Fund</p> <p>Arise</p>	<p>Regeneration & Employability</p> <p>The Pitstop</p> <p>CLD Adults</p> <p>Business Gateway</p> <p>WL Youth Action Project</p> <p>Addiewell CC Management Committee</p> <p>Addiewell Community Council</p> <p>Addiewell Gala Committee</p> <p>Jobcentre Plus</p> <p>St Thomas PS</p> <p>Addiewell PS</p>	<p>Change in personnel – New Manager and Admin/Finance Officer recruited.</p> <p>Work Club established in partnership with Jobcentre Plus.</p> <p>Café well established and made profit in April 2014</p> <p>£1000 funding from Arise to enhance the soft play facility</p> <p>New board members recruited.</p>

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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Provide support to West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust to deliver their community action plan	<p>We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others</p> <p>We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations</p> <p>We live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the services we need</p>	<p>The organisation is supported towards long term sustainability</p> <p>Local people are involved in making positive changes to their community</p>	<p>The organisation is generating income</p> <p>The actions within the community plan are carried out</p>	<p>Support delivery of Fairs in the Square</p> <p>Identify suitable office space for delivery of services in year one</p> <p>Employ one member of staff in first year</p> <p>Create heritage trail within the village</p> <p>Support organisation to apply for funding</p> <p>Support CDT to carry out Public Realm Study</p>	<p>Four Fairs in the Square to be held</p> <p>Office space acquired and set up</p> <p>Staff member employed</p> <p>Heritage trail created</p> <p>Four funding application submitted with 50% success rate</p> <p>Public Realm Study complete, evaluated and actions developed</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Funding secured</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>No progress</p> <p>Two applications made, one successful</p> <p>Study complete, actions being developed.</p>	1 st April 2013	On-going	<p>Existing External funding</p> <p>Coalfields Regeneration Trust</p> <p>WLDT</p>	<p>Regeneration & Employability</p> <p>West Calder & Harburn CDT</p> <p>West Calder Community Centre</p> <p>West Calder Business Association</p> <p>West Calder & Harburn Community Council</p>	<p>A funding application to WLDT for a staff member and other running costs was successful.</p> <p>Public Realm Study is complete with ten potential projects being developed.</p> <p>A part time Development Worker has been appointed.</p>

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
					Target	Actual					
Support FCDT to increase trading income and sustainability	<p>We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others</p> <p>We live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the services we need</p>	<p>The organisation is supported towards long term sustainability</p> <p>Local people have access to a high quality community hub</p>	<p>% increase in trading income</p> <p>Number of people accessing services within The Hub</p>	<p>Identify additional income streams</p> <p>Maximise income from existing services</p> <p>Promotion and marketing of FCDT</p> <p>Develop a new three year business plan</p> <p>Recruit and train a volunteer pool</p>	<p>25% increase in trading income over previous year</p> <p>25% increase in numbers accessing services</p> <p>New business plan developed</p> <p>Volunteers recruited and trained</p>	<p>No figures available from FCDT</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Timebank project established.</p>	1st April 2013	On-going	<p>Existing</p> <p>External funding</p> <p>Trading income</p>	<p>Regeneration & Employability</p> <p>Fauldhouse Community Development Trust</p> <p>Business Gateway</p> <p>Regeneration & Employability</p> <p>BIG Lottery</p> <p>Fauldhouse Partnership Centre</p>	<p>Significant external funding secured.</p>

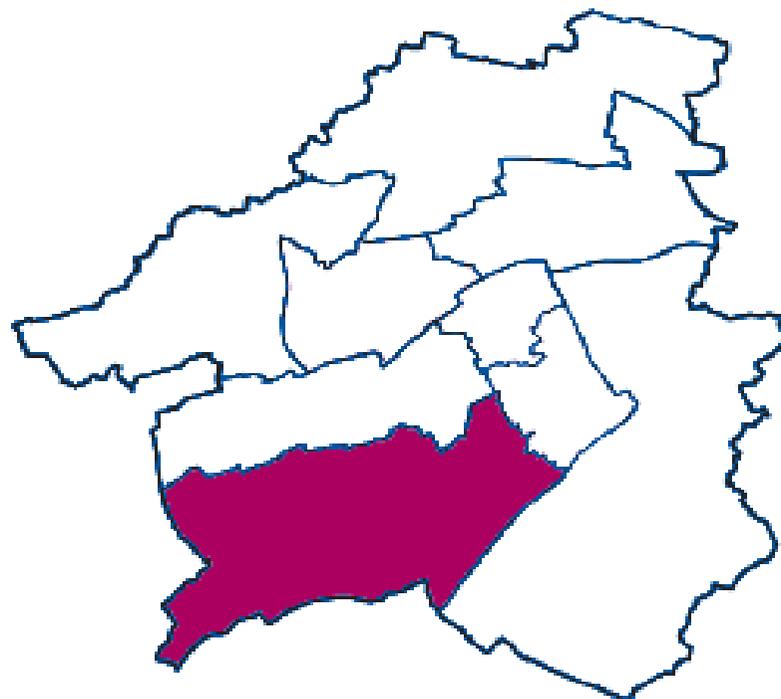
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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
					Target	Actual					
Support Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group to deliver local improvements	<p>We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others</p> <p>We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations</p>	<p>The organisation is supported towards long term sustainability</p> <p>Local people are involved in making positive changes to their community</p>	Improvements are made to local services and the environment	<p>Carry out a community survey</p> <p>Develop a community action plan</p> <p>Develop additional youth activities in the village</p> <p>Carry out environmental enhancements</p>	<p>Community survey complete</p> <p>Community action plan developed</p> <p>2 new youth activities developed</p> <p>Spring clean up and bulb planting carried out</p>	<p>Completed Sept 13</p> <p>Two community planning sessions held</p> <p>Lego Tech club being developed</p> <p>Completed</p>	1 st April 2013	On-going	Existing External funding	<p>Regeneration & Employability</p> <p>Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group</p> <p>Stoneyburn Community Centre</p> <p>Stoneyburn Community Council</p> <p>The Wee Croft</p> <p>Rural Connect</p>	<p>A community survey was carried summer 2013 and a report has been published.</p> <p>A spring clean took place.</p> <p>Three 'Medal Route' walks have been identified as part of a Ramblers Assoc. project related to the Commonwealth Games. A leaflet has been produced and distributed in the village.</p> <p>Two community action planning sessions have been held and a five year action plan is now being developed.</p> <p>Funding has been secured from WLDT and Coalfields RT to employ a part time development worker.</p>

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Action	SOA outcome	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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Support local communities to access the Villages Improvement Fund	<p>We live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the services we need</p> <p>We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations</p>	Local people are involved in making positive changes to their community	Improvements are made to local services and the environment	<p>Promote the fund to eligible villages</p> <p>Work with local organisations to develop projects and proposals</p> <p>Work with communities and local groups to secure match funding</p> <p>Support communities and organisations to deliver successful projects</p>	<p>Eligible villages spend their allocated allowance each year</p> <p>Each village is supported to develop funding applications</p> <p>Projects are delivered on time and on budget</p>	<p>£21692.56 from a first year budget of £135k</p> <p>Officers have been working with local groups to develop applications</p>	June 2013	March 2015	<p>£125k for West Calder and Fauldhouse</p> <p>£55k for Addiewell, Stoneyburn, Polbeth and Longridge.</p> <p>£20k for Breich and Harburn</p>	<p>Regeneration & Employability</p> <p>The Pitstop</p> <p>Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group</p> <p>Fauldhouse Community Development Trust</p> <p>West Calder Community Development Trust</p> <p>Local Community Councils</p> <p>Other local community groups</p>	<p>Village meetings have been held in Stoneyburn, West Calder, Polbeth, Addiewell and Fauldhouse.</p> <p>Polbeth Community Council meeting has been attended.</p> <p>Seven applications have now been submitted and approved by the LAC to the value of £21692.56</p>

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY 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 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward in 2015 -16.

Purpose

The purpose of the plan is to outline Regeneration, Employability and partner activity across the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley 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 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward Action Plan are:

- Employability and Employment
- Early Years and Family Learning
- Health and Wellbeing
- Economic Development
- 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.

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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 be flexible about responding to needs as they arise.

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Employability and Employment

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 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	A2E surgeries held in villages throughout the ward and accessible to all Training courses delivered as per client demand	1200 new West Lothian registrations 50% of clients achieve a positive destination		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	A2E Regeneration Advice Shop CLD DWP WLFIN	
Deliver a large scale job fair in Fauldhouse	Local people have access to high quality employment advice and support. Residents are more able to access financial inclusion services	Number of people accessing employability and financial support services Reduction in number of people claiming out of work benefits	Job fair held in FPC attended by employers, training providers and financial support services Marketing of events to ensure uptake	150 attend the job fair		Oct 2015	Oct 2016	Existing	Regeneration & Employability JCP Advice Shop Business Gateway Capability Scotland FCDT WLFIN	

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Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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To reduce unemployment through development of Fauldhouse Employability Group	Local people have access to high quality advice and support	No. of people accessing employability services Reduction in number of people claiming out of work benefits	Develop training courses based on identified needs Design an Employability Directory and distribute throughout Fauldhouse	Three training courses delivered Employability Directory produced and distributed.		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Regeneration & Employability JCP Advice Shop CLD Business Gateway SDS MCMC Capability Scotland FCDT WLFIN	

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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 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					
Support the development and implementation of a Learning Community Plan for West Calder	Partnership working is increased in the West Calder Learning Community Young people are able to access support for educational and personal development	Number of meetings held Number of partners attending Learning plan produced and implemented	The Learning Community Planning Group meets six times per year Partners contribute to the development of a Learning Community Plan	Six meetings held Learning Community Plan produced and implemented		1 April 2015	31 March 2015	Existing	Regeneration Community Youth Services West Calder High School Community Facilities Active Schools West Lothian College	

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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 Fauldhouse Tobacco Project to make the local play parks smoke free	Residents of Fauldhouse are aware of the negative health effects of smoking Children in Fauldhouse are educated about the negative health effects of smoking	Play parks in Fauldhouse are smoke free	Signage designed and installed in three local play parks Events held to raise awareness of the campaign	Signage installed Three events held 300 people engaged with						
Promote Fauldhouse Together 4 Health	Local residents are able to make healthy lifestyle choices Residents of Fauldhouse increase their levels of physical activity	More people are participating in healthy lifestyle activities Healthy lifestyle events delivered	Promotion of T4H project in Fauldhouse Establish a Run for Fun Hold a Fauldhouse Santa Parade	500 people engaged with Run for Fun delivered Santa Parade held		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing T4H budget	Regeneration FCDT FPC Fauldhouse Utd Community Youth Services Education	

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Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
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Support to be provided for the alcohol reduction (Do More, Drink Less) project running in Addiewell and Stoneyburn	Residents of Addiewell and Stoneyburn are aware of the effects of alcohol Alcohol consumption is reduced People take part in healthy lifestyle activities	Number of people reporting reduction in alcohol consumption Number of people engaging in additional activities	Organise the annual Addiewell Family Fun Run Support local groups to organise and deliver Santa Parades/events in Addiewell and Stoneyburn	Fun run delivered in Addiewell Santa Parades take place in Addiewell and Stoneyburn 500 people participating in additional activities		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Regeneration Education WL Youth Action Project Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group The Pitstop Addiewell Community Action Team Stoneyburn Management Committee Stoneyburn & Bents Children's Gala Committee	

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Economic Development

Our economy is diverse and dynamic, and West Lothian is an attractive place for doing business

Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Work with Economic Development to increase the uptake of the Shop Front Improvement Grant	Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley is an attractive place to shop	Number of shop front grants approved Value of shop front grants approved	Promote the grant to local business and traders associations	Five new applications approved.		1 April 2015	31 March 2015	Shop Front Improvement Grant	Regeneration Economic Development/ Business Gateway West Calder Traders Association FCDT	

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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 Number of local people involved Number of people who feel they can influence decisions	Establish a regeneration partnership Undertake a local mapping exercise Develop a Regeneration Plan	Regeneration partnership established 20 community members and local workers involved Mapping exercise completed Final plan available		Sept 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Regeneration & Employability Key community organisations Housing 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					
Support local communities to access the Village Improvement Fund	Local people are involved in making positive changes to their communities	Improvements are made to local services, infrastructure and the environment	<p>Promote the fund to eligible villages</p> <p>Work with local organisations to develop proposals and projects</p> <p>Work with local organisations to secure match funding where appropriate</p> <p>Support communities to deliver successful projects</p>	<p>Promotion of fund to all community councils</p> <p>All eligible villages spend a proportion of their allocated budget</p>		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Village Improvement Fund	<p>Regeneration</p> <p>Community Councils</p> <p>The Pitstop</p> <p>West Calder & Harburn CDT</p> <p>Fauldhouse CDT</p> <p>Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group</p> <p>Other local community groups</p>	

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Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
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 One third of ward community councils attend training 90% of participants rate the training good/excellent		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	Existing	Regeneration Committee Services	
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	

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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 West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust to deliver their community action plan	The organisation is supported towards long term sustainability Local people are involved in making positive changes to their community	The actions within the community plan are carried out Number of local improvements made Value of external funding secured	Support organisation to apply for funding Provide support to deliver community projects	Two successful funding applications achieved Two local projects completed		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	External Funding	Regeneration West Calder & Harburn CDT West Calder Community Centre West Calder Business Association West Calder & Harburn Community Council	
Support FCDT to increase trading income and sustainability	The organisation is supported towards long term sustainability Local people have access to a high quality community hub	Increase in trading income Number of people accessing services within The Hub Number of new services delivered	Identify additional income streams Maximise income from existing services Promotion and marketing of FCDT Support to develop Falla Hill project	Two successful funding applications supported Land at Falla Hill is acquired		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	External Funding	Regeneration FCDT Business Gateway BIG Lottery Fauldhouse Partnership Centre	

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Action	Local Outcome	Outcome Indicator	Activity	Performance		Start date	Finish date	Resource	Partners involved	Results / Progress
				Target	Actual					
Support Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group to deliver local improvements	The organisation is supported towards long term sustainability Local people are involved in making positive changes to their community	Improvements are made to local services and the environment Development Worker employed	Support the development of additional youth activities in the village Support the group to recruit a Development Worker Support the group to carry out environmental enhancements Work with other local groups to co-deliver projects	Two new youth activities developed Development Worker employed Two environmental projects delivered Projects developed with Stoneyburn Juniors and Stoneyburn Bowling Club		1 April 2015	31 March 2016	External Funding	Regeneration WLYAP Education Stoneyburn Community Council Stoneyburn Community Centre Management Committee Stoneyburn Bowling Club Stoneyburn Juniors	



FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Area Committee on the activity within Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31st March 2015.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that committee members note and provide comment on the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being honest, open and accountable• Focusing on our customers' needs• Making best use of our resources• Working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Quarterly reports on the Multi-member Ward Operational Plans are being produced to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan, which is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None at this stage.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	WL CPP SOA Performance indicators: 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 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) Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Report

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

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

Continuous Priority

- Local Risk Management and Preparedness.

High Priority

- Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires
- Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties
- Casualties from Non Fire Emergencies

Medium Priority

- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction of Fires in Non-Domestic Property
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

E. CONCLUSION

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

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Alex Hume
Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
May 2015

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



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Ward Performance Report

Year to Date January - March 2014/15

Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley

DISCLAIMER

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

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

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

Introduction

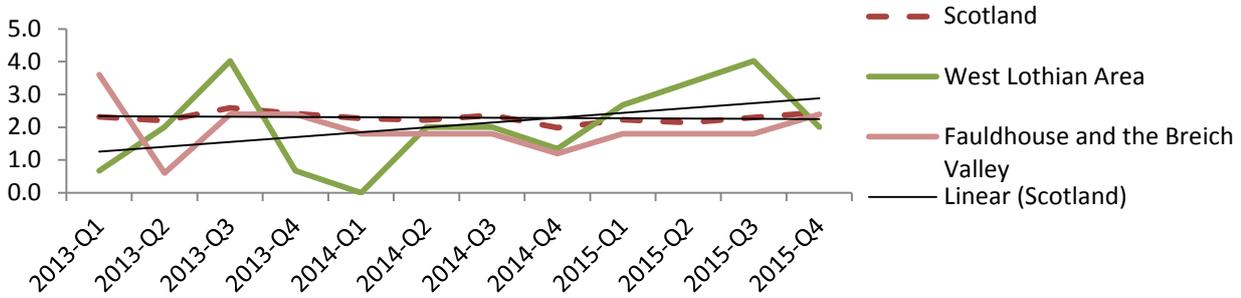
Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to ward based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

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

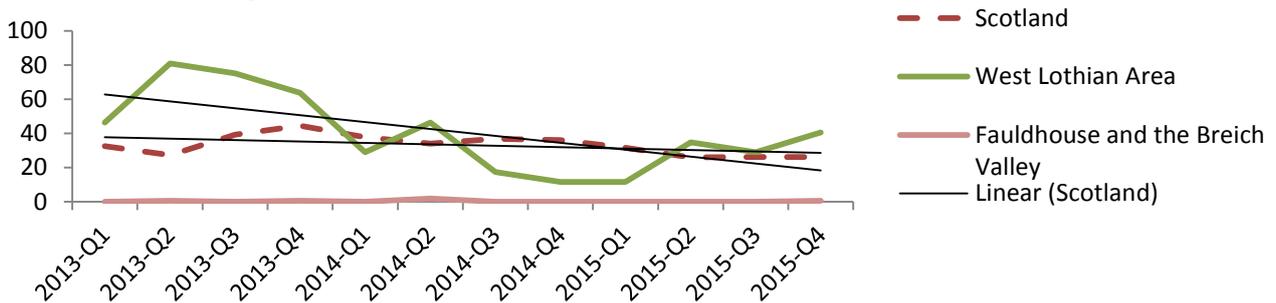
However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Accidental Dwelling Fires Per 10,000 head of population



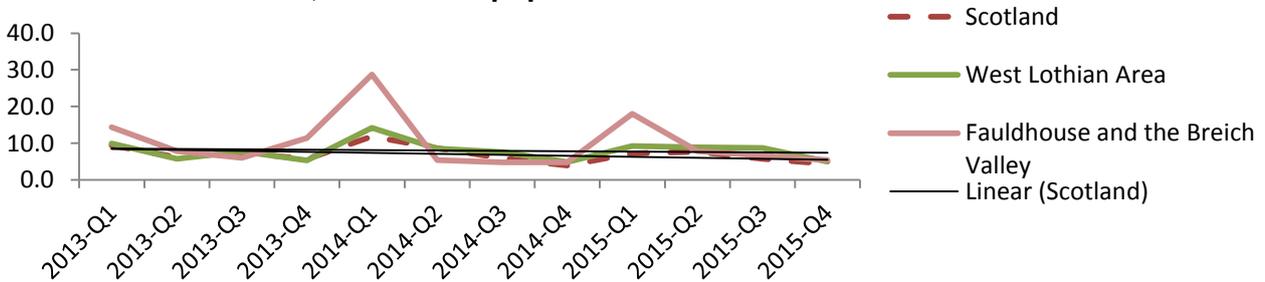
During the 2014-15 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 4 accidental dwelling fires in comparison to 2 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

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



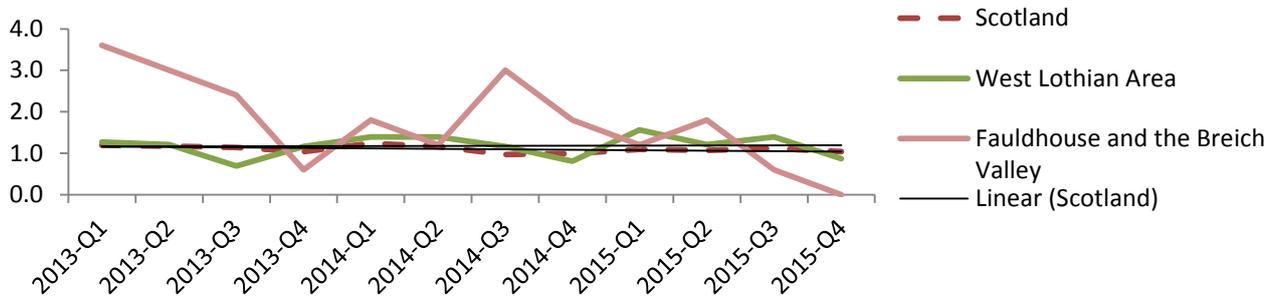
There were no reported Fire fatalities in the reporting period. During the 2014-15 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 1 casualty due to fires in comparison to 0 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

Deliberate Fires Per 10,000 head of population



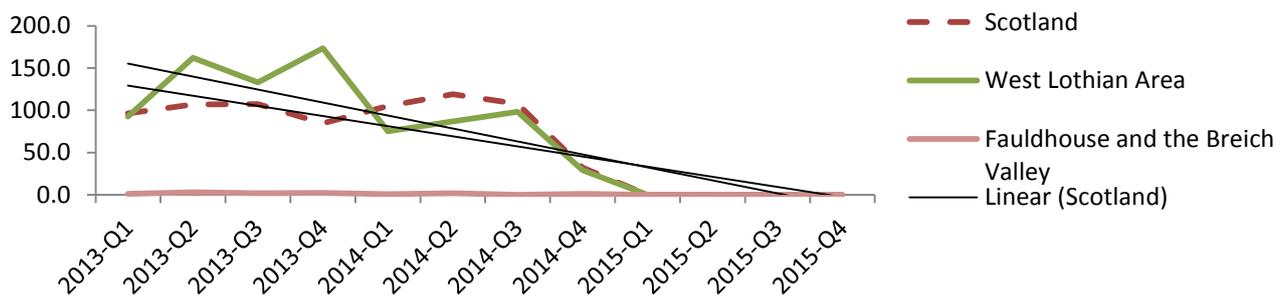
SFRS have dealt with 9 deliberate fire incidents during 2014-15 year to date reporting period in comparison to 8 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

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



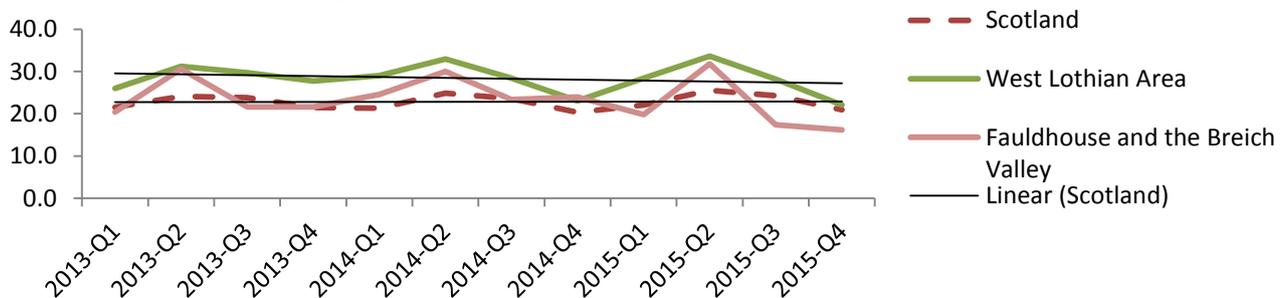
SFRS have dealt with 0 non domestic fire incidents during 2014-15 year to date reporting period in comparison to 0 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

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 2 during 2013-14 year to date reporting period.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Per 10,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 27 UFAS incidents during 2014-15 year to date reporting period in comparison to 40 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).



FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY 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

It is recommended that Committee Members 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.

Alex Hume

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



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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.

FAULDHOUSE & THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2015-16

Agenda Issue	Meeting Date	Room
Fri 11 Sept 2015	Thursday 17 September 2015	To be confirmed
Fri 11 Dec 2015	Thursday 17 December 2015	To be confirmed
Fri 1 April 2016	Thursday 7 April 2016	To be confirmed
Fri 17 June 2016	Thursday 23 June 2016	To be confirmed

All meetings will be held at 8.30 am unless otherwise advised