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## Livingston South Local Area Committee

West Lothian Civic Centre Howden South Road LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF

24 February 2017

A meeting of the Livingston South Local Area Committee of West Lothian Council will be held within the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Livingston on Friday 3 March 2017 at 9:00am.

### For Chief Executive

## **BUSINESS**

## **Public Session**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- Declarations of Interest Members should declare any financial and nonfinancial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
- 3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business
- 4. Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of Livingston South Local Area Committee held on Friday 25 November 2016 (herewith)
- 5. St Margaret's Academy Presentation by Headteacher (herewith)
- 6. Ward 4 Livingston South Update Report by Police Inspector Adam Smith (herewith)
- 7. Livingston South Multi-Member Ward Performance Report Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith)
- 8. Housing, Building and Customer Services Report by Head of Housing, Building and Customer Services (herewith)

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- 9. Service Update NETs, Land and Countryside Report by Head of Operational Services (herewith)
- 10. Report on Progress of Regeneration Planning Report by Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration (herewith)
- 11. Workplan (herewith)

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MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 25 NOVEMBER 2016.

Present - Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Danny Logue

Absent – Peter Johnston, John Muir

### In Attendance

Laura Wilson, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council Phyllis McFadyen, Area Housing Manager, West Lothian Council David Cullen, Operational Services, West Lothian Council Christopher Nelson, Advice Shop, West Lothian Council Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland Station Manager Alan Cunningham, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Suzie Young (Headteacher) and Eileen Paxton (Depute Headteacher), Inveralmond Community High School

## 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 2. <u>MINUTE</u>

The Livingston South Local Area Committee noted the minute of meeting held on 30 September 2016.

## 3. INVERALMOND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Suzie Young (Headteacher) and Eileen Paxton (Depute Headteacher), Inveralmond Community High School. Ms Young had been invited to attend the meeting to provide an overview of the school's performance and levels of attainment.

There followed a presentation showing the school's achievement in Session 2015-16. A number of tables within the presentation provided comparative figures for the five year period from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015. Significant improvements were reported in relation to pupils achieving S5 SCQF Level 6.

The Headteacher then highlighted the following success stories:-

Higher PE (45 Pupils) – 17 A's, 12 B's, 13 C's, 3 D's.

Music (14 Pupils) – 11 A's, 2 B's, 1 C.

Higher English (76 passes) -2016 = 20 A's, 2012 = 5 A's (400% increase in A passes). A-C passes in 2012 was 34, compared to 76 A-C passes in 2016 (223% increase).

The Committee was informed that the school had been selected as the high school in West Lothian to showcase the transformational change and improvement in attainment as part of the council's EFQM visit.

The Headteacher then spoke of the tracking and monitoring processes in place and the involvement of parents in performance monitoring. The Headteacher also spoke of the positive effect on pupils of digital learning.

Finally, the Headteacher responded to questions raised by Committee members.

The Chair then thanked the Headteacher for her informative presentation.

## **Decision**

To note the terms of the presentation.

## 4. POLICE SCOTLAND WARD 4, LIVINGSTON SOUTH, UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Sergeant Iain Wells providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to October 2016.

The Committee was informed that Police and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had conducted joint cycle patrols on several dates in the run up to bonfire night where they provided fire safety advice and spoke with numerous youths regarding anti social behaviour. In addition, police resources focused on the Ladywell area thought the period. As a result, there had been a significant decrease in thefts of wheelie bins and antisocial behaviour during the period.

Sergeant Wells advised that, as previously reported, an Action Plan for addressing anti-social behaviour in Ladywell had been instigated. Others involved were local businesses, SFRS, Inveralmond High School Youth Community Officer, PC Paul Corner, education and community. The work in Ladywell was a priority for the Livingston Community Team and would continue into the Winter.

The report went on to examine activity at Livingston Town Centre and Murieston.

Finally, the Committee was updated on the issue of inconsiderate parking around the drop off and pick up times at Inveralmond cluster schools.

The Committee was asked to note the content of the report.

During discussion, Councillor Logue raised an issue concerning inconsiderate/illegal parking at Newyearfield Community Centre. In response, Sergeant Wells undertook to look into the matter and to report back to LAC members.

## **Decision**

To note the terms of the report.

## 5. <u>SFRS LIVINGSTON SOUTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE</u> <u>REPORT</u>

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 30 September 2016.

Station Manager Alan Cunningham presented the report, highlighting improvements across a number of the key priority areas.

It was noted that there had been 36 deliberate fires incidents during 2016-17 year to date reporting period in comparison to 31 during the previous year to date reporting period.

Work was continuing in relation to reducing the number of unwanted fire alarm signals.

The Committee was invited to note and provide comment on the Livingston South Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 6. <u>ADVICE SHOP SERVICE UPDATE</u>

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services informing the Committee of the work undertaken by the Advice Shop Service from April 2015-March 2016.

The Committee was informed that the Advice Shop service was funded through a core council budget, European Social Fund, Macmillan Cancer Support and the Scottish Legal Aid Board. All activity across the service was informed and prioritised by the 'Better Off: West Lothian Anti-Poverty Strategy'. The overall purpose of the strategy was to help minimise the impact of poverty on the people of West Lothian. Its objective was to ensure that people were equipped to cope with the challenges they faced and the impact that this had on their health, education and community involvement, the aim being to help people to obtain and retain employment as a key route out of poverty.

Appendix 1 to the report showed the number of people the service had worked with over the year in the Livingston South area.

Appendix 2 to the report showed the wider work of the Advice Shop and the specific campaigns which are delivered across West Lothian alongside a range of projects which were provided in partnership with key agencies to target the most vulnerable in West Lothian's communities.

It was recommended that the Committee notes:

- 1. the Advice Shop provision in the ward; and
- 2. the impact provision was having in terms of supporting the outcomes of the 'Better Off: Anti-Poverty Strategy'.

During discussion, the Chair suggested that officers consider using Inveralment Community High School as a venue for a support session, or for a drop off point for leaflets.

## Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 7. HOUSING, BUILDING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Building and Customer Services providing an overview of the service activities within the ward for the period 1 July to 30 September 2016.

The report examined property void and let performance for both mainstream and temporary tenancies.

The report also provided a table showing the levels of arrears and the number of tenants in arrears in the ward at the year end. At the end of quarter two, the position for the ward was £144,803. This was a decrease of £0,768 on the previous year's position. While there were 17 serious arrears cases, it was noted that 71% of cases were in the lower bands (£300 or less).

The report provided a table showing the number of units planned, and site start date, under the New Build Council Housing programme.

The report went on to provide information in relation to Tenant Participation activity.

Finally, it was noted that in all wards, partnership working continued.

The Committee was asked to note Housing, Building and Customer Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2016.

## Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 8. SERVICES UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated)

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by the Head of Operational Services informing members of the recent activity of the NETs, Land and Countryside Services teams for the period 1 August to 31 October 2016.

The report provided details of the number of Grounds Maintenance enquiries received and dealt with in the period. The report also provided statistical information under the following headings:-

- Garden Maintenance Routine Works
- Street Cleansing Routine Works
- Parks and Woodland
- Open Space and Cemeteries

In addition to the information provided within the report, the Open Space and Cemeteries Manager provided a verbal update concerning projects in the ward to be included in the capital programme.

During discussion, the undernoted issues were raised by Committee members and officers undertook to convey comments to appropriate officers with the Service:-

<u>Manitoba Avenue, Howden</u> – Clear up required in the square area surrounding a sycamore tree at the bottom of Manitoba Avenue.

<u>Dedridge East and Bankton Mains</u> – General rubbish in the location of various Takeaway Food units.

Committee members were requested to:

- 1. note the work carried out to date and future planned work.
- 2. advise of any areas that required further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

## Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 9. <u>PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2016</u>

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing the Committee of the allocations to be made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2016 to groups in the ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

It was noted that, in total eight application forms had been issued to groups across the ward. Eight had been returned. The intention was that the eight groups would be supported. Appendix 1 to the report showed the organisations to be supported and the allocation to each.

In relation to Livingston-wide and West Lothian-wide organisations, it was noted that one application had been sent and returned by a Livingstonwide group. The intention was that this would be supported. Two applications had been issued to West Lothian-wide groups, with two returned. The intention was that these groups would be supported. Appendix 2 showed the organisations and the allocation to each.

Finally, the Committee noted that a full report on the final allocations would be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP in December. Letters had been issued to groups on 31 October advising them of the amount of funding they would receive.

It was recommended that the Committee note that eight groups with Livingston South ward had applied to the fund and would be supported.

### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 10. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REGENERATION PLANNING

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

Appendices 1 and 2 to the report showed the process model and logic model which explained how the Regeneration Team were approaching the development of regeneration plans and working closely with the local community to develop these as community-led action plans.

For Livingston Central, meetings had taken place with the Local Action Group. The local action group currently involved community members from the Livingston South ward, including members of Ladywell and Dedridge Community Councils, Dedridge Good Neighbour Network, Forestbank Management Committee and the Lanthorn Management Committee. Also attending were officers from WLC Housing, CLD Youth Services, Access2employment and Customer and Community Facilities. Other participants included Police Scotland and representatives from Inveralmond CHS, The James Young High School, Harrysmuir Primary School and Dedridge Primary Shool.

The meetings had introduced the Regeneration Planning process, undertaken a visioning exercise to consider what regeneration outcomes the community wanted, and started to map the physical, environmental and social assets within the villages. Appendix 3 to the report showed some of the early work.

In Livingston Central, profiles had been developed for each of the three settlements. An example of one of the Livingston South profiles was attached as Appendix 4 to the report. The profiles were currently available on the council's website and would be refreshed and updated as required.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee note:-

- 1. that a regeneration plan was being developed for the Livingston Central area as part of the Regeneration Framework;
- 2. that a process and logic models had been developed to support the regeneration planning approach;
- 3. that structures were in place to work with the local communities of Ladywell and Dedridge to develop plans;
- that a steering board, to develop and oversee the delivery of actions and interventions supporting the Regeneration Framework, was continuing to meet; and
- 5. the development of statistical profiles for the Livingston central communities of Ladywell and Dedridge.

## **Decision**

To note the terms of the report.

## 11. WORKPLAN

A copy of the Workplan had been circulated for information.

## **Decision**

To note the Workplan.

# ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY

Attainment and Achievement Session 2015-2016



## S4 Attainment 2016

Year	5@ Level 4	1@ Level 5	3@ level 5	5@ Level 5
2016	80	86	69	48
2015	73	78	61	41

## Numeracy

	Level 4	Level 5
2016	90	62
2015	84	61

## Literacy

	Level 4	Level 5
2016	96	80
2015	91	65

## **Higher Attainment 2016**

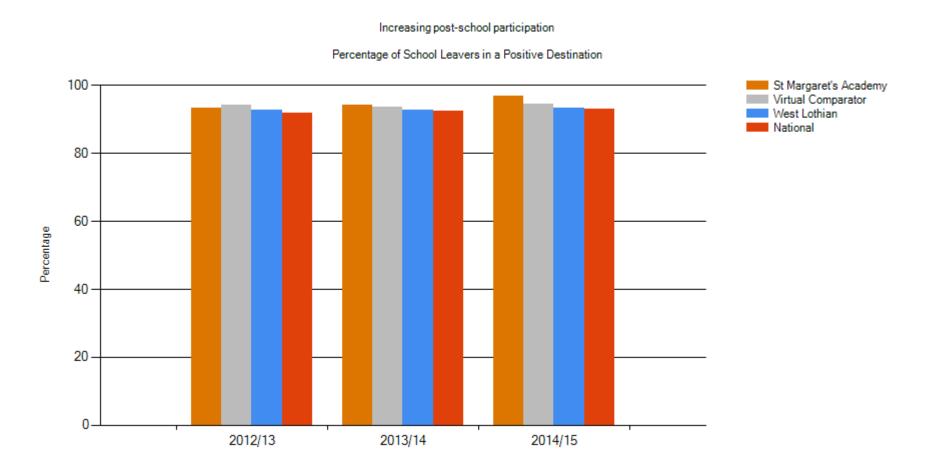
Year	1+@ level 6	3+@ level 6	5+@level 6
2016	62	44	27
2015	69	44	19
2014	60	35	19
3yr ave	64	41	22

## **Advanced Higher 2016**

Year	% achieving 1+ @ level 7 Advanced Higher
2016	16
2015	21
2014	27
3 year average	21

## **SLDR 2012-2015**

Consistently performing above National Comparator and West Lothian Average 2014/15 figure highest on record (97%) – highest in West Lothian and ranked in the top performing schools nationally



## Areas of focus for Improvement

- To review and develop high quality learning experiences for young people throughout the curriculum.
- To further develop the curriculum through the junior and senior phase supporting young people to make successful transitions at each stage of their learning journey.
- Progress in achieving equity in attainment and achievement for all improving attainment in numeracy.
- Thematic and faculty reviews- Self Evaluation.

## **Achievements**

- Education Scotland Curriculum Visit January 2016
- International visitors- Belgian Parliament
- Australian authorities and schools
- Fife, Edinburgh, Midlothian- sharing practice

## **Sporting Achievements**



## Chaplaincy



## **Burns Competition**



## Remembrance Day



## Glasgow Science Centre Robotics Challenge



## S4 Celebration of Learning & S6 Graduation





## **Senior Curriculum Evening**



## **Chef's Visit**





## **Christmas Concert**



## St Margaret's Community





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## LIVINGSTON SOUTH, LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

## **WARD 4, LIVINGSTON SOUTH, UPDATE**

## POLICE INSPECTOR ADAM SMITH

### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

## B. RECOMMENDATION

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

### C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values Focusing on our customers'

needs;

being honest, open and

accountable;

making best use of our resources;

and working in partnership

II Policy and Legal (including Strategic None.

Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues,

**Health or Risk Assessment)** 

III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to None.

**Officers** 

IV Impact on performance and performance Performance relative to the same

**Indicators** period

period in 2015; set out in the

report.

V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement We live our lives free from crime,

disorder and danger;

we take pride in a strong, fair and

inclusive society

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property) None.

VII Consideration at PDSP None.

VIII Other consultations None.

### D. TERMS OF REPORT

## NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

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

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

## WEST LOTHIAN PRIORTIES

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

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

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORTIES**

Livingston South

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

## **PERFORMANCE**

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

## http://www.scotland.police.uk/forces-welcome

Livingston South Ward						
Month	Nov-16	Nov-15	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	21	29	-28%	373	300	24%
All ASB Calls	96	109	-12%	1217	1036	17%
Hate Crime	5	3	67%	37	24	54%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	19	12	58%	186	161	16%
Fire-raising	2	2	0%	11	14	-21%
Public Space Assaults	23	16	44%	186	134	39%

Livingston South Ward						
Month	Dec-16	Dec-15	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	17	20	-15%	390	320	22%
All ASB Calls	121	101	20%	1337	1137	18%
Hate Crime	9	3	200%	46	27	70%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	20	14	43%	206	173	19%
Fire-raising	3	1	200%	14	15	-7%
Public Space Assaults	29	21	38%	216	155	39%

Livingston South Ward						
Month	Jan-17	Jan-16	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	17	18	-6%	407	338	20%
All ASB Calls	120	113	6%	1457	1250	17%
Hate Crime	6	2	200%	53	29	83%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	20	23	-13%	226	199	14%
Fire-raising	3	0	*	17	15	13%
Public Space Assaults	16	13	23%	241	172	40%

Community Officers: PC Alan James & PC Alan Hodge

Youth Community Officer: PC Bob Cochrane

- Youth calls continue to decline on a monthly basis.
- Anti-social behaviour incidents are slightly above last year on a month-tomonth comparison, but significantly improved compared to the previous quarter.
- A significant proportion of hate crimes and public space assaults are cases in which an on duty police officer is the victim and the suspect is a prisoner at or en route to the Livingston Custody Facility from West Lothian or Edinburgh. Most other public space assaults are committed by a perpetrator known to the victim.

## **Operation Jigsaw- Festive Initiative**

The Community Policing team undertook a month long initiative over the Festive Period across all of West Lothian, but with a particular focus on the retail premises located within Livingston South. This involved 796 hours of directed patrols, while 77 people were arrested or subject to a prosecution report. 241 road traffic tickets were issued and 126 licensed premise visits were undertaken. The team also undertook 135 intervention visits, where violent, domestic and youth offenders were visited at home to disrupt criminal activity.

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

## **Livingston Town Centre**

There has been a significant decrease in youth incidents and disorder in the town centre following work with the retails security staff at The Centre, Livingston Designer Outlet, McDonalds and Asda. All premises are communicating in relation to youths causing disorder, supported by the Community Policing Team.

## Murieston

Plain-clothes initiatives have been carried out in relation to reported antisocial behaviour concerns in the West Bankton Place and Murieston Bowling club areas, carried out jointly by funded Police officers and West Lothian Council SNT officers.

Off road trail bikes have been reported in the Oakbank /Murieston trail areas, extra Road Policing patrols have been carried out.

As the summer approaches, Operation Monarda will focus on doorstep and bogus workman crimes, raising awareness amongst local residents through community inputs, social media and letter drops.

## Ladywell

In response to antisocial behaviour and in line with the West Lothian Council work on community regeneration, a multi-agency week of action was undertaken in Ladywell in early December 2016. Sergeant lain Wells was the lead officer and worked with partners within WLC, SFRS, Education, SNT and Regeneration with the vision of providing community reassurance and generate local interest and community ownership.

Police activity was conducted in the area to address the main Community Safety Partnership priorities in relation to Substance Misuse, Violence, ASB, Road Safety and Financial Harm:

- Financial Harm Police and SFRS provided an input on home and personal safety as well as fire safety to a retired ladies group at Forrestbank Community Centre. This was extremely well received and has led to several requests for home fire safety visits.
- Arrest warrants numerous addresses visited, resulting in 7 warrants being resolved.
- Intervention visits domestic, violent and antisocial behaviour offenders visits were conducted to ensure compliance with court bail conditions and remind

- them that the police were aware of their circumstances and for them to behave during festive period and beyond
- Drug enforcement activity a property in the Ladywell was searched under a
  Misuse of Drugs warrant and a drugs recovery made. A letter drop was also
  conducted to neighbouring properties encouraging the community to report
  any suspicions. Further pro-active stop and searches were made with
  several further drugs seizures and 4 persons charged with offences.
- Antisocial behaviour Houses 2 problematic tenancies that were known for antisocial behaviour in the Ladywell area were visited on several occasions and the occupiers notified of concerns. The details of these properties are already subject to continued partnership interventions through housing and the SNT.
- Road Safety Inveralmond cluster Parksmart Scheme the schools in the cluster took the lead on this initiative supported by the police. Letters were sent to all parents highlighting the road safety concerns at school drop off and pick up times. This activity was supplemented by the Youth Community Officers and CAT team providing a visible presence at the relevant times and providing suitable advice letters to several motorists. In addition there were 5 mobile and static road checks during the week, resulting in 2 vehicles being seized for document offences (acting on community intelligence) 7 speeding tickets issued and numerous other drivers advised regarding road safety issues.
- Crime Prevention advice 2 bookmakers in the area were visited and provided with robbery prevention advice
- Licensed premises checks all on and off sales premises were visited and provided advice and posters regarding the safety of customers during the festive period
- High visibility patrols officers were deployed in known problematic areas to address concerns from local residents. In addition joint cycle patrols were conducted with Police and SFRS and street briefings provided to several groups of persons highlighting the issues of antisocial behaviour in the area.

## Community and activity with partners included:

- Community clean up Pupils from Inveralmond Community High School and Harrysmuir Primary School accompanied by staff and Sergeant Wells, were provided with litter pickers and conducted a litter pick on the main paths in Ladywell and school environment. This resulted in 30 bags full of litter being collected and a visible improvement to the area. In addition there were numerous positive comments made by members of the local community. Suzie Young, head teacher ICHS and Susan MacKenzie, head teacher Harrysmuir Primary have given a commitment to co-ordinate pupils from both schools continuing this activity every month.
- In addition to the schools commitment a further community clean up is scheduled to take place in early March 2017. Ladywell Community Council, schools and various other community groups will provide resources to extend the work already undertaken by the schools.
- Bulky uplifts due to the ongoing programme with the distribution of the new black bins by waste management, they were unable to support a bulky uplift scheme during the Pinpoint dates, however it is in hand in March 2017, for skips to be deposited in strategic areas in the Ladywell area for residents to get rid of any unwanted bulky items. These skips will be deposited and uplifted on the same day to prevent any secondary fires being started. The

- dates and places for the uplifts will be publicised through the schools, community groups and also through social media.
- NETS/ Land Services a Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) took place with the Police and WLC Land Services. Following this audit Land Services and Tree Surgeons lifted tree canopies (improving existing street lighting provision), cleared overgrown bushes and secondary growths round the bases of trees along the Loan Path and Peel Path. The result was improved sight lines, improved lighting, enhancing the general appearance and thereby enhancing community safety. addition WLC Environmental Enforcement Officers provided additional patrols in the area to address issues of littering and dog fouling.
- Community Public Arts project WLC Community Arts are currently working towards repainting and providing public art at the underpasses at Thymebank, Pinebank, Burnbank and Heatherbank. They will be utilising pupils from Inveralmond High School and Harrysmuir pupils to assist with the design and painting of underpasses. Further consultation is ongoing regarding the lighting provision in these underpasses.

## Making Our Roads Safer

Parking issues have been highlighted in the Alba centre area of Livingston. To date community officers have primarily concentrated on the education side of this problem and have attended at the local businesses and requested that staff are informed of the situation and requested that it cease immediately. The situation is being monitored and should the education approach fail then fixed penalty notices will be issued.

PC James continues to work with Williamston Primary School to resolve long standing parking issues to ensure the safety of all road users and pedestrians at this location.

In order to address drivers who repeatedly park inappropriately at Bellsquarry Primary, PC James has implemented a pilot scheme in which the school notify him of persistent offenders and police undertake education then enforcement action against those drivers.

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## **LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

### LIVINGSTON SOUTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

### REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Livingston South Local Area Committee on the activity within Livingston South Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

That Committee Members are invited to note and provide comment on the Livingston South Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

## C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

1	Council Values	<ul> <li>Being honest, open and accountable</li> </ul>
•	Ocarion Values	

- Focusing on our customers' needs
- Making best use of our resources
- Working in partnership

II	Policy and Legal (including						
	Strategio	e Env	ironn	nental			
	Assessn	Equality					
	Issues,	Health	or	Risk			
	Assessment)						

Quarterly reports on the Multi-member Ward Operational Plans are being produced to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan, which is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers

None.

IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators

WL CPP SOA Performance indicators.

V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement SOA1304\_13 Number of deliberate fires per 100,000 population

SOA1304\_14 Number of accidental dwelling

fires per 100,000 population.

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)

The council contributes to directly and in partnership to the delivery of the Ward Plan

VII Consideration at PDSP None

VIII Consultations West Lothian Citizen's Panel Survey, July 2014.

### D. TERMS OF REPORT

## D.1 Background

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

## D.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Livingston South Multi-member Ward Quarterly Report

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

The seven key priorities within the Livingston South Ward area are as follows:

### **Continuous Priority**

Local Risk Management and Preparedness.

## High Priority

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

## Medium Priority

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

### E. CONCLUSION

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

## F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Stuart Watson Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Appendix 1 - Livingston South Multi-Member Ward Performance Report



# West Lothian Council Area Ward Performance Report

Year to Date October to December 2016

### Livingston South

#### **DISCLAIMER**

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

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

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

#### Introduction

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

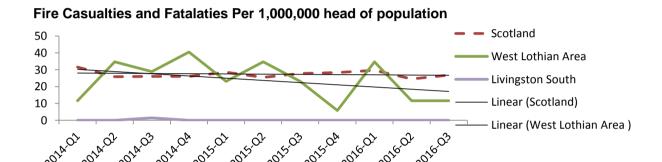
In addition to historical ward based activity, this performance report provides information on the historic activity in the West Lothian Council area and Scotland. To allow benchmarking to be undertaken, the units of measurement in the performance graphs in the report are based on incidents/events per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

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

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

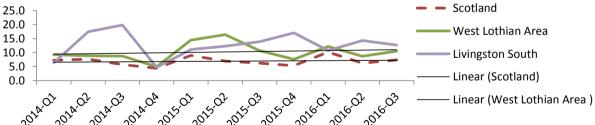
# Accidental Dwelling Fires Per 10,000 head of population 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 Anhad anhad

During the 2016-17 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 7 accidental dwelling fire in comparision to 2 during 2015-16 year to date reporting period.



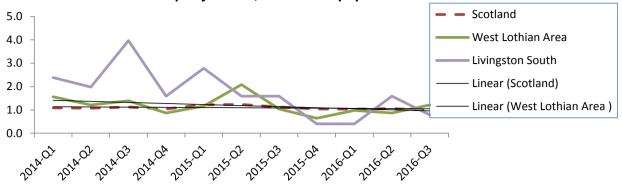
During the 2016-17 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 0 casualties due to fire in comparision to 0 during 2015-16 year to date reporting period.

# Deliberate Fires Per 10,000 head of population 25.0 ¬



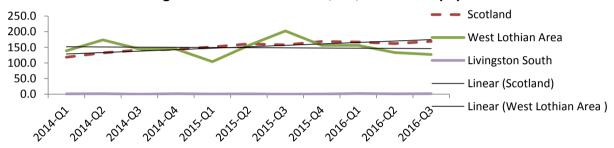
SFRS have dealt with 34 deliberate fires incidents during 2016-17 year to date reporting period in comparison to 35 during 2015-16 year to date reporting period.

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



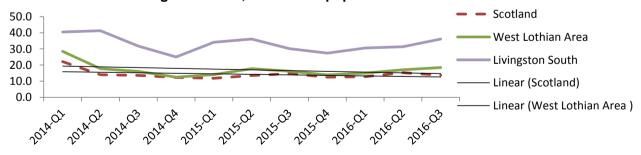
SFRS have dealt with 2 non domestic fires incident during 2016-17 year to date reporting period in comparison to 4 during 2015-16 year to date reporting period.

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



SFRS have dealt with 3 casualties from non-fire emergencies during 2016-17 year to date reporting period in comparison to 0 during 2015-16 year to date reporting period.

#### Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Per 10,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 93 UFAS incidents during 2016-17 year to date reporting period in comparison to 76 during 2015-16 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).

**DATA LABEL: PUBLIC** 



#### **LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

#### **HOUSING BUILDING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

#### REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, BUILDING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

#### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

#### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

The Local Area Committee is asked to note Housing, Building and Customer Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

#### C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

VIII Other consultations

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.
I	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental	Housing (Scotland) Act 2001
	Assessment, Equality Issues Health or Risk Assessment)	Housing (Scotland) Act 2010
I	II Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
ľ	V Impact on performance and performance Indicators	There is no impact
١	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
١	/I Resources - (Financial,	None
	Staffing and Property)	
١		Yes

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, Building and Customer Services, specific to the Livingston South Ward.

#### **Property Void & Let Performance: Mainstream Tenancies**

Void Period	Oct 2016	%	Nov 2016	%	Dec 2016	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	2	66.6%	1	33%	1	20%	55%
2-4 weeks	0	0.0%	2	67%	2	40%	30%
4+ weeks	1	33.4%	0	0%	2	40%	15%
Total Lets	3	100%	3	100%	5	100%	100%

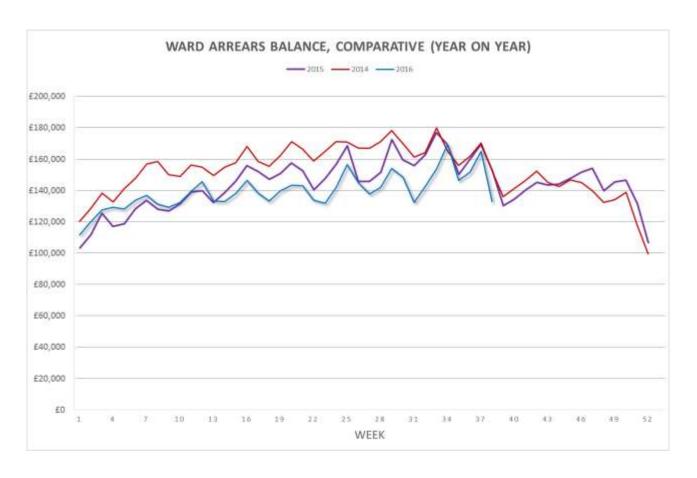
#### **Property Void & Let Performance: Temporary Tenancies**

Void Period	Oct 2016	%	Nov 2016	%	Dec 2016	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	1	100%	0	0.0%	1	50%	55%
2-4 weeks	0	0.0%	1	100%	0	0.0%	30%
4+ weeks	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	50%	15%
Total Lets	1	100%	1	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 and time taken ensuring that vulnerable persons are supported through the viewing and Sign up process. Some of our applicants have specific support requirements which require detailed planning and co-ordination by both social work and housing services prior to tenancy commencement.

There is currently 5 policy void properties in this ward.

#### Arrears Performance Livingston South Ward.



	20	)15/16 (WK38)	2016/17 (WK38)		
Arrears Banding	Balance Tenants In Arrears		Balance	Tenants In Arrears	
£0.01 to £99.99	£16,325	324	£10,967	217	
£100.00 to £299.99	£36,840	195	£32,343	171	
£300.00 to £499.99	£25,610	67	£30,493	81	
£500.00 to £749.99	£18,170	30	£18,622	45	
£750.00 to £999.99	£12,242	14	£13,045	15	
£1000.00 to £1999.99	£23,820	18	£19,408	15	
£2000+	£19,655	7	£8,134	3	
Total	£152,662	655	£133,012	547	

The Ward position for Q3 of 2016/17 is £133,012. This is a decrease of £19,649 on last year's position.

The West Lothian overall position has decreased by £245,116 from last year and at week 38 was £152,662

While there are 18 serious arrears cases (£1,000+) it should be noted 71% of cases are in the lower bands (£300 or less)

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

• Arrangements to pay - increase the visibility of tenants with arrangements within the performance model to identify trends in missed payments for follow up action.

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

#### **Livingston South Team Activity**

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

Officers in the team have a number of tenancies under supervision for issues such as child protection, antisocial 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.

#### **Capital Programme and New Build Council Housing**

#### **Livingston South Ward**

Ward 4 Livingston South	Site	No of units	Site Start	No of Houses Handed Over	Site Completion
	Almond Link	20	Feb-16	0	
	Lammermuir	44	Jun-16	0	
	Almondvale		To be	0	
	Stadium	37	confirmed		

#### **Tenant Participation Updates**

The TP team have been very busy over this period and have been working alongside other parts of the service reviewing processes, visiting teams improving communication and joint working. We have undertaken local events including a session at the Regal in Bathgate and the Joint housing network had their festive event with 20 members attending including the homeless network.

**Queue Busters** sessions to support awareness and use of the new online Tenants Self-Service Portal took place during October, November and December. These sessions were arranged over peak periods to offer customers the opportunity to set up an account on site. The sessions were facilitated by members of the performance and change team and took place Bathgate, Strathbrock, Whitburn, Armadale and Livingston with contact made with over 770 customers.

**Digital Inclusion Sessions -** Three pilot sessions were held during October to encourage tenants to access and use the internet. This is a joint venture between Adult Basic Education and the Tenants Participation Team. The sessions were also used to promote the Tenants Self-Service Portal, the Tenants Facebook Group and to raise awareness of the tenant participation opportunities available. Evaluation in November will determine the benefit of further sessions.

**The Tenant Facebook group** continues to provide customers with an online area where they can receive important information, keep abreast of TP events and be consulted on housing matters. With 208 members it remains the largest group of customers linked to TP. We are looking to continue to increase membership and the use of this method of consultation.

**Good Neighbour Awards 2016** took place during October. The awards were held under a new format this year, enabling more of the finalists, their families and nominators to attend a formal reception hosted by Councillor George Paul within the Civic Centre. This was the seventh year of the awards, recognising local community activism and support. The overall award winner for 2016 was Louise Kelly from Livingston.

**TIS AGM Showcase -** The team were asked to present to the Tenants Information Service (TIS) AGM on the development of our tenants financial scrutiny model, following the successful application to the TIS Awards in June. The Service Development Officer delivered the presentation jointly with Alison Kerr from the Tenants Panel. The input was well received and may potentially generate benchmarking requests from other landlords and tenants groups.

**Scottish Housing Regulator Visit Feedback -** The Scottish Housing Regulator visited the council in September. Formal feedback on our ARC processes received in October was very positive, with no recommendations for improvement identified.

**Tenants News & Landlord Report -** Following changes, the autumn edition of Tenants News and Landlord Report were updated and issued during October.

The TPAS Awards 2016 took place 18th November at the Fairmont Hotel in St Andrews. Dyann Evans, Quality Development Officer, was awarded Runner-Up for the category of Tenant Participation Champion of the Year.

**Annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey (ATSS) focus groups** took place from September – December in various locations with approximately 30 tenants taking part. This formed part of the 2015 improvement plan and their views have been noted and will be taken on board when making recommendations. Feedback will be given to those who participated to inform them of how their opinions have helped influence changes to service delivery.

#### Safer Neighbourhood Team

#### Ward 4 – Livingston South - SNT ward information

There has been a focus around wilful fire-raising to and vandalism of wheelie bins. Significant time was been spent in patrolling targeted areas of the ward to reduce the incidence of such behaviour.

Complaints received show a slight rise in ASB issues and joint work continued with Community Housing Officers with regards to neighbour issues and complaints of antisocial behaviour. There was one warning served in the ward for ASB as part of an on-going case and further investigation work is continuing into this matter.

A joint police visit and 1<sup>st</sup> warning was issued on a council tenant in Dedridge after reports of ongoing violent domestic incidents. Since this, no further reports were received.

A group of youths had been causing Antisocial Behaviour in a supermarket and out in the street they later assaulted a male. An investigation was carried out by Police and SNT and Community Police which led to the parents becoming aware of their children's behaviour and the possible consequences on them as parents. No warnings were served as the youths concerned were being cautioned and charged by the police.

Joint visits to a Tenancy were carried out where there were social issues, working with the local Housing Officer and Tenancy Sustainment Officer to resolve the situation and provide support where necessary.

A joint visit was carried out with the police and SNT in the Ladywell area following a report passed from the police. A warning was issued on the owner occupier due to their behaviour during a police visit to another property within the building. Further complaints have since been received from both parties involved and are currently being investigated.

A noise complaint concerning antisocial behaviour in a block in Livingston identified an unusually high level of antisocial behaviour from some residents within the one block. This will be monitored by SNT and the Police more closely over the coming months.

Joint visits carried out concerning complaints by vulnerable persons within the area concerning a tenant who was frequently being involved in ASB within and around the property. Both the perpetrator and victim received visits carried out from the SNT officers and CBOs with reassurance given to the residents.

#### **E CONCLUSION**

To note the contents of the report.

Appendices/Attachments: None

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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017



#### **LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

#### SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND & COUNTRYSIDE

#### REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members of the recent activity of the NET's, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

#### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

The Local Area Committee is asked to:

- 1. Note the work carried out by service within the local area.
- 2. Advise of any areas that require further information or investigation.

#### C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

		Focusing on our customers' needs; making best
I	Council Values	use of our resources; working in partnership

II	Policy a	None			
	Strategio	e Env	ironn	nental	
	Assessn	nent,	Ec	uality	
	Issues,	Health	or	Risk	
	Assessn	nent)			

Ш	Implications for Scheme of	None
	<b>Delegations to Officers</b>	

IV	Impact on performance and	None
	performance Indicators	

V	Relevance	to	Single	Relates to items 9 - We live our lives free from
	Outcome Agr	reement		crime, disorder and danger & 12 – We value and
				enjoy our built environment and protect it and
				enhance it for future generations

VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	In line with ave budgets	vailable revenue and capital

VII	Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII	Other consultations	None

#### D1 Terms of Report

Report on activity for period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

#### D2 Grounds Maintenance Routine Works

Winter routine maintenance ongoing: All hedge cutting in the ward has been completed for the year. The pruning and cleaning out of shrub beds is ongoing and on schedule for completion by the end of March.

NETs team continues to deal with enquiries as they come in.

#### **Grounds Maintenance Enquiries**

In total 26 grounds maintenance related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

Bonfire Enquiries - 1
Fencing Enquiries - 1
Grass Area Damaged - 1
Grass Cutting Enquiries - 1
Hedge Cutting Enquiries - 4
Illegal Adverts/Estate Signs - 1
Shrub Bed Enquiries - 3
Shrub Bed Overhanging Path - 10
Shrub Beds Obscuring Sightline - 1
Sports Facility Enquiries - 1
Weeds General Enquiries - 2

#### D3 Garden Maintenance Routine Works

Garden Maintenance Scheme to start April 2017

#### **Garden Maintenance Enquiries**

In total, 5 garden maintenance related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

Garden Maintenance General Enquiries – 1
Garden Maintenance Grass Not Cut – 1
Garden Maintenance Hedge Cutting - 2
Garden Maintenance No Longer Required - 1

#### **D4** Cleaner Communities Routine Works

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

#### **Cleaner Communities Enquiries**

In total 202 cleaner communities related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

Dead Animals – 14 Dog Fouled Grass/Open Space – 2 Dog Fouling on Paths/Roads – 9

No Dog Fouling Sign Request - 1 Dog Waste Bin Overflowing – 3 Glass on Paths or Open Spaces - 10 Graffiti Racist/Offensive - 3 Illegal Fly Posting - 1 Illegal Fly Tipping/Dumping – 76 Litter Bin Burnt/Damaged - 1 Litter Bin Full Overflowing – 4 Litter Bin General Enquiries – 7 Litter in Grass/Open Spaces – 1 Litter in Shrub Beds - 1 Litter on Paths/Road Verges – 27 Needle/Syringe Abandoned - 1 Street Sweeping Enquiries – 20 Trolleys Dumped - 7 Vehicle Abandoned - 6 Env. Enforcement Officers - 8

All enquiries regarding fly-tipping if suitable evidence is found are investigated and pursued by Enforcement Officers. Dog fouling patrols are also carried out in an effort to identify anyone failing to clean up after their dog.

During the period 1 fixed penalty notice for dog fouling was issued.

#### **Environmental Community Involvement**

Environmental wardens are continuing to work with colleagues from Public Transport checking bus routes and carrying out taxi checks for Public Transport and Social Policy.

#### D5 Parks and Woodland

#### **Tree and Woodland Routine Works**

Out of nearly 200 jobs carried out by the Arb/Forestry teams 40 were carried out within Livingston South

There have been no big projects or high impact works

#### **Tree and Woodland Enquiries (32)**

Tree Blocking Light – 1

Tree Branches Overhanging – 8
Tree Dangerous or Unsafe – 2
Tree Enquiries General – 8
Tree Leaves Causing Problems – 11
Tree Preservation Orders – 1
Country Park Forestry or Woods - 1

#### D6 Open Space and Cemeteries

#### **Open Space Capital Programme**

Bankton Mains Park - final designs have been drawn up, these will be going out to tender in February

Clement Rise – final designs are out to tender

Froggy Park – a successful 'opening' event in October marked the completion of improvements to the pond. Approx 30 people attended – several families – who all helped to plant spring bulbs in the park. Although there is no existing Friends group (and no tangible desire for a group) there is a strong feeling of community ownership for the park.

#### **Open Space Enquiries (6)**

Children Play Enquiries – 1
Play Area Property Vandalised - 1
Safety Issues in Play Areas – 1
Public Park Enquiries – 3

#### **Cemeteries Routine Works**

Xmas wreath removal ongoing Leaf removal ongoing Lair re-instatement ongoing

#### **Cemeteries Enquiries (9)**

Cemeteries General Enquiries – 5 Lair Enquiries – 4

#### **E CONCLUSION**

Routine works for all areas are currently progressing as scheduled.

Staff have received and dealt with a number of customer enquires relating to various service areas throughout the period. They aim to maintain our strong performance dealing with enquiries within our target timescales

#### F. BACKGROUND REFERENCE

None

Appendices/Attachments: None

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#### LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

#### REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REGENERATION PLANNING

#### REPORT BYHEAD OF PLANNING, **ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT **AND REGENERATION**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION** B.

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes:

- 1. that two local regeneration groups have been established; and
- 2. community engagement activity commenced in February 2017.

#### C. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**Council Values** ı

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

Ш Policy and Legal (including **Environmental** Strategic Assessment. Equality Health or Issues, Risk Assessment)

Community regeneration reinforces the council's commitment to community planning at a local level.

Ш Implications for Scheme of None. **Delegations to Officers** 

IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators

Performance indicators relating to the activity within the plans are captured within the set of Regeneration key performance indicators.

V Relevance to Single **Outcome Agreement** 

- 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

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of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)

Activities will be funded from existing budgets or

external sources.

VII Consideration at PDSP

Annual updates on regeneration plans will be presented to Partnership and Resources PDSP.

VIII Other consultations

None.

#### D. TERMS OF REPORT

#### D1 Background

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

The Regeneration Framework, which was approved by Council Executive in February 2014, contains a commitment to develop regeneration plans in key areas of deprivation in West Lothian. Eight regeneration areas have been identified, based on the data zones within the bottom 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. At present, this process has started in five of the eight regeneration areas, including Livingston Central which covers the Livingston South communities of Ladywell and Dedridge, as well as Knightsridge in Livingston North.

#### D2 Progress

The Livingston Central Local Action Group was established in June 2016 and met on two occasions before the decision was taken by the members to meet at individual settlement level. The smaller groups have now met a number of times and the progress of the Livingston South communities is detailed below.

#### **Ladywell**

The Ladywell steering group has met five times in Forestbank Community Centre. The core group consists of members from the community council, community centre management committee, Newyearfield management committee, The Elderberries, Inveralmond High School (teachers, senior pupils and parent council), Harrysmuir Primary School, Police Scotland and West Lothian Council officers from Access2employment, Housing and Youth Services.

At the last meeting of the group it was agreed that community engagement would be undertaken throughout February and March and that H-diagrams would be the preferred method. In order to maximise the opportunities for engagement, steering group members have been trained in the use of the H-diagram and will be able to carry out engagement with their own groups and committees.

The group is now keen to widen its reach and the planned engagement will provide an opportunity to recruit new members. People who take part in the engagement exercise will be asked to get involved with the group or to sign up to a wider distribution list which will keep them up to date with progress and achievements.

Early themes emerging from discussions of the group include community safety, the environment and potential plans for local disused buildings and facilities.

#### Dedridge

The regeneration group in Dedridge has also met five times and is making good progress. The group has representation from the community council, community centre management committee, DEEP, The James Young High School and local primary schools, Police Scotland, Dedridge Health Centre and Dedridge Good Neighbour Network as well as council officers from Customer Services and Housing. This group is also keen to grow its membership and to ensure that it is representative of the whole community. Community engagement, also using the H-diagram, will commence this month and as well as gathering community views, will provide an opportunity to encourage new members to join the steering group.

Early themes emerging from the discussions of the group include child development, early years and early intervention, health, community spirt and communication.

#### E. CONCLUSION

The process for developing regeneration plans is underway within the Livingston Central area. Local action groups have been established and have begun the process of evidence gathering and statistical analysis. A programme of community engagement is currently underway.

A further update will be brought to the next meeting of this committee.

#### F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

West Lothian Regeneration Framework 2014-2034

Appendices/Attachments: None

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03 March 2017



## LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – JUNE 2017 WORKPLAN 2017-18

Issue	Purpose	Lead Officer	Date	Referral
Housing report	Quarterly update on housing issues	Sandy Ross	June 2017	No
Police report	Quarterly update on police activity	Insp. Adam Smith	June 2017	No
Operational Services report	To provide a quarterly update report on activity	David Lees	June 2017	No
Fire and Rescue	To provide quarterly update report on activity	Alan Cunningham	June 2017	No
Community Regeneration Report	Update on Regeneration Plans	Laura Wilson	June 2017	No
James Young High School	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Catrina Hatch	June 2017	No
Bankton Mains District Park	To provide update on the upgrade of the play area	Becky Plunkett	June 2017	No
Inveralmond Community High School	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Suzie Young	September 2017	No
Advice Shop Update	Annual update on performance in Livingston South ward	Elaine Nisbet	November 2017	No
Livingston South Blue Green Network	To provide update on project	Graeme Hedger	TBC	No
St Margaret's Academy	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Siobhan McGarty	March 2018	No