

#### 4. LOCALITY UPDATE

A report had been circulated by the Director providing an update on the development of Localities and the key themes emerging from the development event held on 10 June 2016.

The report recalled that the Integrated Joint Board Plan 2016-2026 defined two localities across which health and care services would be planned in West Lothian. In order to ensure appropriate local engagement, locality groups were being formed to including health and social care professionals, representatives of the housing sector, representatives of the third and independent sectors and care and patient representatives.

On 7 April 2016 the Strategic Planning Group agreed that a development day for the two locality groups would be held to provide background for the work of the groups and to develop work plan priorities for each locality, with an initial focus on activity in 2016-17.

The development event went ahead on 10 June 2016 and included an introduction to health and care integration and locality planning; care group commissioning; regeneration plans and work in progress with the Community Planning Partnership.

The report then provided details of the priorities emerging from the locality group discussions and whilst it was noted that there was a variety of themes emerging the one key theme that was consistent across both groups was support for GP Services. It was also noted that another key theme emerging was ongoing housing development in West Lothian which would have a significant impact on health and social care functions, such as access to GP and hospital services.

The group continued to be advised that following the event Action Plans for both locality groups would be devised and meeting schedules had been agreed so that both groups met in the same week. Those leading the two locality groups would also meet on a regular basis.

A summary of the discussions and output from the Locality Groups were provided in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

#### Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To note that the two locality groups had recently met and that a schedule of meetings for both had now been agreed;
3. To note the key themes emerging from the locality groups first meeting including support for GP practices and ongoing pressures new house building; and
4. To note that Action Plans for both locality groups had still to be developed.

