

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
held within VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 30 AUGUST 2021.

Present –

Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan (Chair)	West Lothian Council
Councillor Tom Conn	West Lothian Council
Councillor Chris Horne	West Lothian Council
Councillor Andrew McGuire	West Lothian Council
Councillor Moira Shemilt	West Lothian Council
Elaine Cook (Depute Chief Executive)	West Lothian Council
Graeme Struthers	West Lothian Council
Elaine Nisbet (substituting for Donald Forrest)	West Lothian Council
Marjory Mackie	West Lothian Council
Alice Mitchell	West Lothian Council
Tim Ward	West Lothian Council
Beverley Akinlami	West Lothian Council
Fiona Williams (substituting for Alison White)	Integration Joint Board
Katie Dee	NHS Lothian
Chief Inspector Alun Williams	Police Scotland
Debra Forrester	Police Scotland
John Sives	Joint Forum of Community Councils
Jackie Galbraith	West Lothian College
Jim Stewart	Sustran
Dave McCallum	Skills Development Scotland
Jonathan Pryce	Scottish Government
Tim Dent	West Lothian Leisure

In Attendance –

Ashley Goodfellow	NHS Lothian
Susan Gordon	West Lothian Council
Laura Murray	West Lothian Council
Greg Stark	NHS Lothian
Pamela Roccio	West Lothian Council
Julie Whitelaw	West Lothian Council
Gillian Amos	NHS Lothian

Apologies –

Alan McCloskey	Voluntary Sector Gateway
Karen Morrison	NatureScot
Gill Jardine	Jobcentre Plus
Alison White	Integration Joint Board
Craig McCorrison	West Lothian Council
Donald Forrest	West Lothian Council
Lynne Cooper	Scottish Enterprise
David Sharp	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Graham Hope (Chief Executive)	West Lothian Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

John Sives declared that in addition to being Chair of the Joint Forum of Community Councils in West Lothian, he was also a trustee of Mind Mental Health Charity.

2. MINUTE

The Board confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 subject to correcting Scottish Natural Heritage to NatureScot. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

### 3. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE STRATEGY

The Board considered a report on the West Lothian Gender Based Violence Strategy 2021-24 which it was invited to provide comment on.

It was recommended that the Board:-

- Note that the Chief Officers Group was due to approve the strategy on 9 September 2021.
- Note that comments were invited in advance of that meeting.
- Notes that the strategy and associated improvement plans would be taken forward by the West Lothian Gender Based Violence Committee.
- Note that a 'plan on a page' had been developed to make the plan more accessible.
- Note that the plan had been developed by and consultation with service users.

As suggested by the Board, Tim Ward would include consent in the sentence related to secondary school age children under the 'How will we know we have achieved them' section of the strategy. He would also ensure coercive control and psychological abuse were included in the strategy.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

### 4. WOMENS SAFETY IN PUBLIC PLACES AND SPACES

The Board considered a report on the work being undertaken by the council to conduct a consultation with women in West Lothian on Women's West Lothian Gender Based Violence Strategy 2021-24 which the Board was invited to provide comment on Women's Safety in public places and spaces and to seek support from the Board in taking forward the consultation and the review of good practice in the recording and analysing of incidents relating to violence against women in public places and spaces.

It was recommended that the Board:-

- a. Note that a consultation would be carried out asking women in West Lothian for their views on their safety in public places and

spaces

- b. Note and provide comment upon the terms of the draft consultation questions.
- c. Consider how best to promote and publicise the consultation to ensure maximum response rate.
- d. Consider how to support the recording of incidents of violence against women in public places and spaces.
- e. Consider what support could be provided in the review of good practice in terms of policy interventions to alleviate or prevent violence against women in public places and spaces.
- f. Consider any other actions which would support women's safety in public places and spaces.
- g. Agree that an event would be held to report back on the finding of the consultation, hear from external speakers and agree actions.

As a result of the discussions, the Head of Corporate would incorporate a question into the consultation on whether someone had suffered violence in an outdoor space and if so, whether they had reported it. She would also ensure that female students would be invited to take part in the consultation via schools.

The Chair welcomed the many offers from partners to promote and share the consultation with their customers and groups.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report and agree that an event be held to report back on the findings of the consultation, hear from external speakers and agree actions.

### 5. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION GROUP UPDATE

The Board received a report providing an update on the work of the West Lothian Mental Wellbeing & Suicide Prevention Group.

It was recommended that the Board:-

- (i) Note the publication of "Probable Suicides" by Public Health Scotland and the West Lothian context.
- (ii) Note plans for Suicide Prevention Day and future staff training.
- (iii) Note developments in the tiered approach to Mental Health Services.

Partners who wished to get involved with the Group were encouraged to

contact Greg Stark or Gillian Amos. A report would be brought back to the Board for partners to identify key staff who could receive training to support the aims of the Group.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. COVID-19 DATA SET

The Board considered the Covid-19 sentinel dataset as at August 2021 which identified a handful of indicators in order to track the impact of Covid-19 on communities. The dataset was updated monthly and provided an early indication of changes to West Lothian society.

The Board heard that additional indicators focussed on Violence against Women, Child Protection, Anti-social Behaviour, Homelessness and fire crew resilience levels would be included in the dataset.

It was recommended that the Board note the dataset.

Decision

To note the Covid-19 dataset update.

7. DRAFT LOIP AND LOCALITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020/21

The Board considered a report inviting approval of the draft LOIP and Locality Plan Annual Report 2020/21.

It was recommended that the Board approve the draft LOIP and Locality Plan Annual Report 2020/21 and note that it would be published by the end of September required deadline.

Decision

To approve the recommendation.

8. COMMUNITY JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT

The Board considered a report which provided an awareness of the annual report on the progress of the Community Justice Strategic Plan 2019-24. The Strategic Plan also acted as the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan Annual Report which would be submitted to Community Justice Scotland in September 2021.

The Board was invited to:-

- A. Note the Annual Report for the Community Justice Strategic Plan 2019-24, including the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.

- B. Note that a report would be submitted to the Board each year on the annual report submitted to Community Justice Scotland.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9. ANTI-POVERTY ACTION PLAN 20/21 & DRAFT ACTION PLAN 21/22

The Board considered a report informing (a) of progress made towards the aims of the West Lothian Anti-Poverty Strategy during the 2020/21 period and across the lifetime of the strategy so far and (b) planned activity to address key concerns and recover from the impact of Covid-19 during 21/22.

The Board as asked to:-

- I. Note the range of activity carried out in the 2020/21 period to mitigate the impact of poverty and deprivation in West Lothian.
- II. Approve the action plan for the 2021/22 period.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

10. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2021-2024

The Board considered a report setting out the West Lothian Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership Plan for 2021-2024, which met the statutory requirement for all local authorities to have a three-year CLD Partnership Plan.

The CLD Youth Services Manager undertook to ensure West Lothian Leisure were recognised as a key partner in the plan moving forward. She would also ensure alternative wording to “health improvement projects” to reflect the move away from short term projects.

The Board was invited to note the CLD Partnership Plan 2021-2024.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The note the dates of future meetings of the Board; these being:-

- Monday 15 November 2021

- Monday 21 February 2020