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LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Area Committee on Economic Development and Regeneration activity to support communities across the ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes:

1. updates on the Carmondean Underpasses and Bus Shelters project, the Improving Safety project in Eliburn and Livingston Station Public Realm Improvements;
2. details on the opening hours and access at Livingston North Partnership Centre as requested by the LAC; and
3. the recent submission of the Livingston City Status Bid; and
4. update on youth services related actions from the previous LAC.

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)	To be assessed on an individual project basis but it is not anticipated that any proposals will require to be the subject of specific assessments.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	The report sets out specific delegations to the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration.
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V	Relevance to Single	Outcome 1 – We make West Lothian an

Outcome Agreement	attractive place to do business.
	Outcome 10 – We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the services we need.
	Outcome 12 – We value and enjoy our built environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Across West Lothian, a total of £1.826 million was available through this Town Centre Fund for 2019/20 and a further £658,000 has been available for 2020/21.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Not applicable.
VIII Other consultations	Capital Asset Management Board

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

The report updates the committee on the work of the Community Planning and Regeneration Team and its partners to support communities in Livingston North with a particular focus on Knightsridge, one of 13 areas covered by the local plans required by the Scottish Government as part of their Community Empowerment approach and reported through the Community Planning Partnership.

These areas were identified as priority areas due to being within the bottom 20% of data zones in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. The first version of the plan was presented to members in November 2018 following extensive community consultation and development and development by the Knightsridge Regeneration Group.

The report also updates on other activities that the Community Planning & Regeneration team is undertaking to support groups and communities within the ward. Much of the focus of the team over recent months has been regarding the implementation of the Town Centre Fund.

D2 Carmondean Underpass and Bus Shelter Art project – Carmondean Community Council

The artwork has been installed across the four underpasses and six bus shelters. The launch event, facilitated by Carmondean and Deans Community Council was held on Saturday 20 November which include a guided tour of the area and artwork, and a reception at the Saltire afterwards. Attendance at it included the local MP, elected members, community councillors, officers, contractors and residents.

The project was commissioned and led by Carmondean and Deans Community Council with support from Community Arts and Economic Development and Regeneration.

Following the Local Area Committee's allocation of the Recovery and Renewal Fund for the ward in December 2021, lighting will be installed in each of these underpasses.

D3 Improving Safety project – Elburn Community Council

The only outstanding works reported to the previous meeting was the installation of the 'visirail' handrail. This has now been installed therefore the project has been completed.

D4 Livingston Station Public Realm Improvements

It was reported to the previous meeting of the Local Area Committee that the main outstanding works related to the surfacing part of the car park area outside the bowling club. These works have now been completed.

D5 Livingston North Partnership Centre Update

At the previous meeting of the Local Area Committee, members requested that officers confirm details on the public access, opening hours and availability of the Partnership Centre.

The following details are provided in response to this:

General Building Opening Hours

Monday – 9.00am – 5.00pm
Tuesday – 9.00am – 7.00pm
Wednesday – 9.00am – 4.30pm
Thursday – 9.00am – 7.00pm
Friday – 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday – 10.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday - Closed

Carmondean Library/ Council Information Service (CIS)

Monday – 10.00am – 5.00pm
Tuesday – 10.00am – 7.00pm
Wednesday – Closed
Thursday – 10.00am – 7.00pm
Friday – 10.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday – 10.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday – Closed

Ability Centre Support Services + Supported Employment Service

Monday – 9.00am – 4.30pm
Tuesday – 9.00am – 4.30pm
Wednesday – 9.00am – 4.30pm
Thursday – 9.00am – 4.30pm
Friday – 9.00am – 3.30pm
Saturday – Closed
Sunday – Closed

MacMillan Cancer Support

Days and times for this service are still to be confirmed.

Community/Meeting Rooms

There are two meeting rooms located in the building that will be available for let to community groups, organisations and services located in the building. The process for this, and the times that these rooms would be available to be booked, is currently being clarified.

D6 Livingston City Status Bid

As members will be aware, on 7 September 2021, Council Executive agreed that the council would enter Livingston into the competition to obtain city status, as part of the Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours for Queen Elizabeth II.

The Livingston City Status Bid was submitted on 8 December, and the outcome of the bid is expected to be announced in early 2022.

D7 Youth Services

Officers from Community Regeneration and Community Learning and Development – Youth Services are meeting with the Vennie manager in mid-January to discuss provision in the Elburn area. An update on this will be provided to the Local Area Committee.

Similarly, the request from the Local Area Committee to have attendance figures for each of the centre-based youth clubs. These are in the table below, with aggregated figures for each club during each month, covering the latter period of 2021. The Fun Fever club did not start until October 2021 hence no figures are available for September.

Club	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total per club
Carmondean Children's Club (Wednesday, P1-P4)	50	68	94	72	284
Carmondean Youth Club (Thursday, P5+)	33	34	44	37	148
Deans Fun Fever (Tuesday, P7-S2)	N/A	14	125	30	169
Livingston Station Children's Club (Wednesday, P1-P4)	63	52	61	48	224
Livingston Station Youth Club (Wednesday, P5-S2)	23	41	92	48	204
Mosswood Children's Club (Friday, P1-P7)	26	35	62	66	189
Total per month	195	244	478	301	1,218

E. CONCLUSION

Members are asked to note the above activities taking place across the ward and in particular the support to groups to help deliver the Town Centre Fund projects that have been granted funding within the ward.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments: None.

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