

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD
held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 22 FEBRUARY 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
Graham Hope (Chief Executive)	West Lothian Council
Elaine Cook (Depute Chief Executive)	West Lothian Council
Graeme Struthers	West Lothian Council
Craig McCorriston	West Lothian Council
Elaine Nisbet	West Lothian Council
Jonathan Pryce	Scottish Government
Jim Stewart	SESTran
David Sharp	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Brenda Cumming	West Lothian Chamber of Commerce
John Sives	Joint Forum of Community Councils
Karen Morrison	Scottish Natural Heritage
Jackie Galbraith	West Lothian College
Alan McCloskey	Voluntary Sector Gateway
Karen Wernham	West Lothian Leisure
Allister Short	Integration Joint Board

In Attendance –

Diane Cameron	WLSSEN/Mental Health Forum
Declan Harrigan	Smile Counselling
Alice Mitchell	West Lothian Council
Susan Gordon	West Lothian Council
Sharon Houston	West Lothian Council

Apologies –

Donald Forrest	West Lothian Council
Valerie Ormiston	Skills Development Scotland
Neil Christison	Visit Scotland
Heather McNaughton	Historic Environment Scotland
Suzanne Mann	Jobcentre Plus
Gill Jardine	Jobcentre Plus
Tim Dent	West Lothian Leisure

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The Board confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 30 November 2020 as a correct record subject to noting that Scottish Natural Heritage had been rebranded NatureScot.

3. PRESENTATION - 3RD SECTOR MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

The Board received a very interesting presentation from Diane Cameron, WLSN/3rd Sector Mental Health Forum, setting out the journey to the formation of the 3rd Sector Mental Health Forum.

The slides gave the Board an overview of the those leading on the project and the engagement that had been carried out to advance and expand the Forum. It set out what the Forum had achieved so far and detailed their hopes and plans for the future.

On behalf of the Board, the chair thanked Diane for her presentation. The Board was invited to note the presentation.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

4. PRESENTATION - IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON YOUNG PEOPLE

The Board received an informative presentation from Declan Harrigan, Smile Counselling, providing an overview of their establishment and their aims and objectives.

The slides gave the Board with an overview of the positive impact Smile had on the local community since its establishment, set out its links with various groups and the way it had adapted to ensure ongoing support to young people aged between 11-25 during the pandemic. The Board heard that referrals to Smile had increased 130% in 2020.

The Board noted that Smile was delivered through one third of the high schools in West Lothian before it heard of the various initiatives put in place by Smile to ensure it was sustainable. The presentation then concluded with an overview of their future plans for expansion.

Arising from questions during the presentation, Declan agreed to contact West Lothian Leisure and West Lothian College to discuss taking forward their interest in developing links with Smile Counselling.

On behalf of the Board, the chair thanked Declan for his presentation. The Board was invited to note the presentation.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

5. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2020-2023

The Board considered the Children's Services Plan 2020-2023 report.

The report informed the Board of the development of the West Lothian Children's Services Plan 2020 in compliance with the requirements of Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

The Board was invited to note the contents of the West Lothian Children's Services Plan 2020-2023.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. COVID-19 DATA SET

The Board considered the Covid-19 sentinel dataset as at 1st February 2021 which provided an overview of the impact of Covid-19 and set out some ongoing work to improvement the data set in relation to mental health and wellbeing.

Decision

To note the update and agree that the development of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan be kept on hold and revisited in early 2021.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

- Monday 24 May 2021
- Monday 30 August 2021
- Monday 15 November 2021