



Livingston North Local Area Committee

West Lothian Civic Centre
Howden South Road
LIVINGSTON
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14 January 2022

A meeting of the **Livingston North Local Area Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **MS Teams Virtual Meeting** on **Friday 21 January 2022** at **9:30am**.

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

Public Session

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declarations of Interest - Members must declare any interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda items and the nature of their interests.
3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business, declarations of interest in any urgent business and consideration of reports for information.

The Chair will invite members to identify any such reports they wish to have fully considered, which failing they will be taken as read and their recommendations approved.

4. Minutes -
 - (a) Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of the Committee held on 19 November 2021 (herewith).
 - (b) Confirm Draft Minute of Special Meeting of the Committee held on 3 December 2021 (herewith).
5. Presentation - St. Margaret's Academy Attainment and Achievement - presentation by Head Teacher (herewith).

DATA LABEL: Public

6. Police Ward Report - report by Police Scotland (herewith).
7. Fire and Rescue Service Ward Report - report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith).
8. Community Regeneration Update - report by Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration (herewith).
9. Workplan (herewith).

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CODE OF CONDUCT AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (2021)

This form is a reminder and an aid. It is not a substitute for understanding the Code of Conduct and guidance.

Interests must be declared at the meeting, in public.

Look at every item of business and consider if there is a connection.

If you see a connection, decide if it amounts to an interest by applying the objective test.

The objective test is whether or not a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard your connection to a particular matter as being so significant that it would be considered as being likely to influence your discussion or decision-making.

If the connection does not amount to an interest then you have nothing to declare and no reason to withdraw.

If the connection amounts to an interest, declare it as soon as possible and leave the meeting when the agenda item comes up.

When you declare an interest, identify the agenda item and give enough information so that the public understands what it is and why you are declaring it.

Even if the connection does not amount to an interest you can make a statement about it for the purposes of transparency.

More detailed information is on the next page.

Look at each item on the agenda, consider if there is a “connection”, take advice if necessary from appropriate officers in plenty of time.

A connection is any link between the item of business and:-

- you
- a person you are associated with (e.g., employer, business partner, domestic partner, family member)
- a body or organisation you are associated with (e.g., outside body, community group, charity)

Anything in your Register of Interests is a connection unless one of the following exceptions applies.

A connection does not exist where:-

- you are a council tax payer, a rate payer, or a council house tenant, including at budget-setting meetings
- services delivered to the public are being considered, including at budget-setting meetings
- councillors’ remuneration, allowances, expenses, support services or pensions are being considered
- you are on an outside body through a council appointment or nomination unless it is for regulatory business or you have a personal conflict due to your connections, actions or legal obligations
- you hold a view in advance on a policy issue, have discussed that view, have expressed that view in public, or have asked for support for it

If you see a connection then you have to decide if it is an “interest” by applying the objective test.

The objective test is whether or not a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard your connection to a particular matter as being so significant that it would be considered as being likely to influence your discussion or decision-making.

If the connection amounts to an interest then:-

- declare the interest in enough detail that members of the public will understand what it is
- leave the meeting room (physical or online) when that item is being considered
- do not contact colleagues participating in the item of business

Even if decide your connection is not an interest you can voluntarily make a statement about it for the record and for the purposes of transparency.

The relevant documents are:-

- [Councillors’ Code of Conduct, part 5](#)
- [Standards Commission Guidance, paragraphs 129-166](#)
- [Advice note for councillors on how to declare interests](#)

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MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 19 NOVEMBER 2021.

Present – Councillors Dom McGuire (Chair), Alison Adamson, Robert De Bold, Andrew Miller

Apologies – Diane Loughlin (Livingston Village Community Council)

In Attendance

Jim Jack, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council

Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

Pauline Allison, Head Teacher, Deans Community High School

Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland

Sergeant Michael Harte, Police Scotland

James Robertson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Beverley Akinlami, Community Learning and Development Youth Services Manager

Nahid Hanif, Financial Inclusion Manager, West Lothian Council

Eirwen Hopwood, Park and Woodland Manager, West Lothian Council

Sandy Ross, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council

Jill Parton, Carmondean Community Council

Stephen Egan – Eliburn Community Council

Julie Henderson – Knightsridge Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 14 - Community Regeneration and Town Centre Fund Update

Stephen Egan declared an interest in relation to the Peel Primary School update. He would participate in the item of business.

2. MINUTES

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on Friday 17 September 2021 as a correct record.

3. DEANS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – PRESENTATION BY HEAD TEACHER

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Pauline Allison, Head Teacher, Deans Community High School. Mrs Allison had been invited to present an overview of the school's performance and levels of attainment.

Committee noted the presentation which included information on attainment and achievements, current challenges and the school's priorities for the year.

Mrs Allison provided information on attainment and achievement which included a breakdown of the attainment achieved for pupils in the senior phases from S4 to S6. The various activities and initiatives the pupils participated in were also highlighted.

Committee were also advised of the challenges experienced by pupils, families and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact to pupils was outlined and Mrs Allison detailed how the school were actively addressing the current challenges mentioned within the presentation. Despite these Mrs Allison advised that students had achieved a lot, showed resilience and she considered them to have become more determined.

The presentation concluded with information on the schools priorities for the year and committee were given the opportunity to ask the Head Teacher questions.

The committee praised the school's efforts during the difficulties faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the work that had been undertaken to identify and address the challenges detailed within the presentation.

4. POLICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 3 October 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note the content of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5. FIRE SERVICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service updating on the activity within Livingston North Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 September 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note and provide comment on the Livingston North Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) updating on Community Learning and Development (CLD) Youth Services community-based youth work provision that existed in the ward prior to the COVID-19

pandemic in March 2020, and the provision being delivered linked to recovery, from September 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note the progress made by CLD Youth Services and partners in resuming community-based youth work provision in the ward.

The report was presented and committee were asked to note a correction in that the time for the Mosswood Children's Club should read 1-2.30pm. Committee also queried the date detailed for the Carmondean Arts Project event which was noted as taking place on 29 November. Members advised the event was taking place on 20 November and officers undertook to confirm to members whether the date should read 20 November or if an additional event was taking place, specifically for youths, on the date detailed within the report.

The youth work provided in the ward was noted with committee querying potential opportunities for the Eliburn and Livingston Village areas. It was explained by officers that provision was concentrated in areas of need and regularly reviewed. Details of a future opportunity at The Centre were provided where it was suggested that youths from Livingston Village could be involved and may wish to attend. Officers undertook to discuss potential opportunities for the Eliburn area with The Vennie.

Committee requested that officers give consideration to the inclusion in future reports of the numbers attending each provision once these opportunities were established.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report;
2. To note the youth club provision for Mosswood Children's Club detailed in D.3 should read 1-2.30pm;
3. To ask that officers clarify whether the date detailed for the Carmondean Arts Project event should be that which is being held on 20 November or whether 29 November is an additional date for youths.
4. To ask that officers discuss with The Vennie possible provision for the Eliburn area; and
5. To request that the numbers using each provision are included in a future report to committee.

7. ANTI-POVERTY SERVICE UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services informing of the work undertaken by the Anti-Poverty Service from April 2020-March 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. the Anti-Poverty Service provision in the ward; and
2. the impact provision was having in terms of supporting the outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership's Anti-Poverty Strategy 2018-23.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8. LIVINGSTON NORTH BALLCOURTS, MULTI USE GAMES AREAS (MUGAS) AND KICK PITCHES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing information on the availability of Ballcourts, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and Kick pitches within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note the report.

Committee highlighted the inclusion of the Ladywell and Howden in the report, which was not in the ward and queried a possible omission of striker goals at Barn Place. Officers undertook to establish the ownership of these goals and would advise members accordingly.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report;
2. To note the information for Ladywell and Howden should not be included in the Livingston North ward report; and
3. To ask that officers establish the ownership of the striker goals at Barn Place and confirm to members whether these should have been included in the report.

9. SERVICE UPDATE - OPERATIONAL SERVICES)

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services appraising members of the Operational Services activities for Livingston North from 1 July 2021 – 30 September 2021.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. note the work carried out by the service within the local area; and
2. advise of any areas that required further information or investigation.

Following a question from committee on the reasons surrounding the requests for replacement bins, officers undertook to contact colleagues and circulate this information to members.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To ask that officers confirm to those members of the committee the circumstances leading to the requests for new bins.

10 HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within the Livingston North Ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period Quarter 21 July 2021 – 30 September 2021.

Discussion followed with a number of queries raised with regards to Deans South. Officers undertook to discuss these with colleagues and circulate responses to ward members.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To request officers provide responses to the queries raised with regards to Deans South.

11. PENSIONERS GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2021/22

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing of the final allocations that were made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2021-22 to groups in the Livingston North Ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups. The committee were asked to note the continuing impact that COVID – 19 had on the application and allocation process regarding the fund. The panel were also asked to note that applicants were offered, as they were in 2020, an additional option of a pre-prepared meal as an alternative to a direct grant award.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. the effect of COVID-19 on the arrangements regarding the Pensioners Groups Christmas Fund in 2021-22;
2. the continued inclusion of a pre-prepared meal option; and

3. three groups in Livingston North ward were being supported through the Pensioner's Christmas Fund 2021-22.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

12. COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND TOWN CENTRE FUND UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration updating on Economic Development and Regeneration activity to support communities across the ward.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. an update on The Vennie activity;
2. updates on the Carmondean Underpasses and Bus Shelters projects, the improvement Safety project in Eliburn and Livingston Station Public Realm Improvements;
3. updates on the Business Gateway and access2employment services;
4. updates on activity at Livingston North Partnership Centre; and
5. raising awareness and community engagement activity regarding the bid for city status for Livingston.

Decision

To agree the terms of the report.

13. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

1. To note the workplan; and
2. To agree that the following reports be added to the workplan:
 - A report on Deans South which should include information such as that highlighted during discussion of Item 10; and
 - An update on the old Deans library.

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 3 DECEMBER 2021.

Present – Councillors Dom McGuire (Chair), Alison Adamson, Robert De Bold, Andrew Miller

Apologies – Diane Loughlin (Livingston Village Community Council)

In Attendance

Graeme Struthers, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
Andy Johnston, Service Manager, West Lothian Council
Ronnie Fisher, Design Engineering Manager, West Lothian Council
David Metcalf, Commercial Property Portfolio Manager, West Lothian Council
Jill Parton, Carmondean Community Council
Stephen Egan – Eliburn Community Council
Julie Henderson – Knightsridge Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 4 - COVID-19 Local Recovery and Renewal Fund

Councillor Alison Adamson declared an interest in that she lived in the area where work was proposed within reference LN6 of the appendix. She would participate in the item of business.

Stephen Egan declared an interest in that he had proposed projects included in the appendix to the report. He would participate in the item of business.

2. COVID-19 LOCAL RECOVERY AND RENEWAL FUND

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration inviting the committee to consider and agree the allocation of the £150,000 budget from the COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Fund for Livingston North Ward as set out in the report.

It was recommend that the committee:

1. consider the list of proposed and potential expenditure as set out in the report;
2. agree what work should be delivered from the list to the value of £150,000; and
3. note that any balance remaining, in that ward would be reported back to Council Executive for a decision.

Decision

To agree that the sum of £150,000 be allocated to the following projects (in accordance with the appendix to the report):-

1. Project LN3 to be increased and funded by £12000;
2. Projects LN6 and LN11 to be partially funded to the sum of £17000 each;
3. Project LN10 to be partially funded to the sum of £33600; and
4. Projects LN13 and LN15 to be fully funded.



ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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ATTAINMENT 2021

2018	2019	2020	2021
S ₅ SCQF 1@6			
71.4%	76.5%	79.0%	85.5%
S ₅ SCQF 3@6			
53.2%	60.7%	64.5%	69.5%
S ₅ SCQF 5@6			
35.0%	43.4%	42.0%	50.0%

ATTAINMENT 2021

S₄ SCQF 5@5

2018	2019	2020	2021
62.2%	60.4%	70.0%	64.5%

S₆ SCQF 1@level 7

2018	2019	2020	2021
19.5%	15.8%	24.6%	25.1%

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- Recovery focus
- West Lothian Council improvement framework
- Excellence and Equity
- Engagement in learning and teaching
- Digital learning

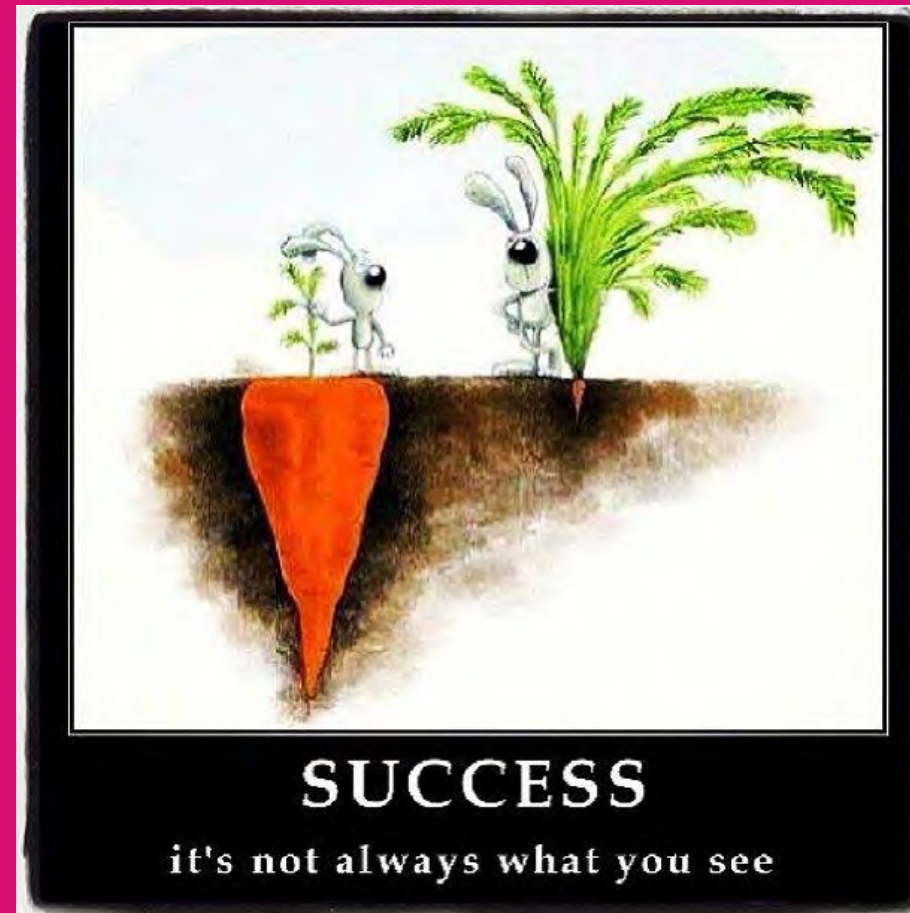


SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

- Engagement of pupils, parents and staff
- Well being- universal and targeted support
- Numeracy and Literacy recovery
- Care for creation
- LEARN Self evaluation model
- New curriculum offers

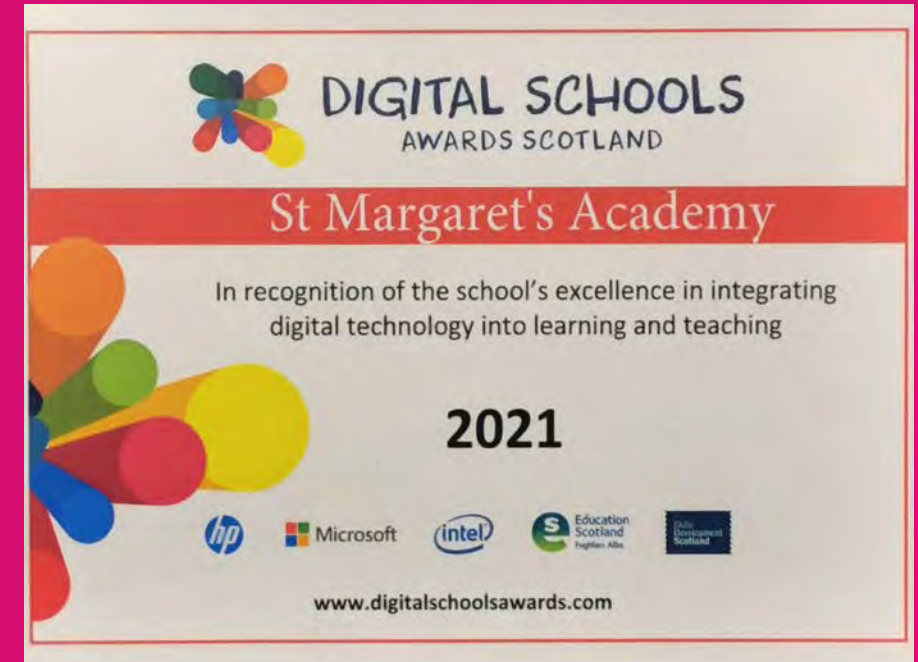


COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS



ACHIEVEMENTS

- First West Lothian Secondary school to receive the Digital Schools Award
- Sky Edit winners
- Social Enterprise Start Up
- COP 26- The Solution to Pollution finalists
- Laudato Si School (caring for creation)
- Bikeability programme



ACHIEVEMENTS

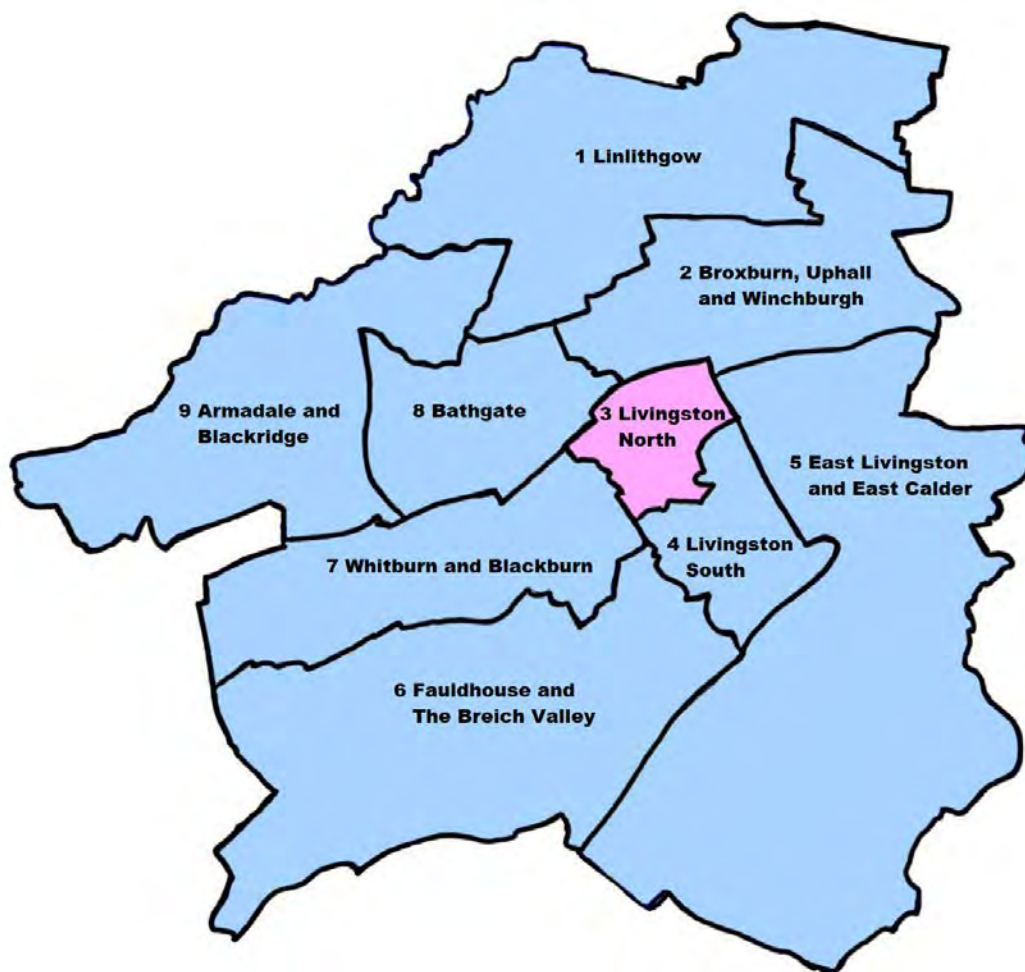


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West Lothian Area Command

Lothian and Scottish Borders



Ward 3 Livingston North Multi Member Ward Report

Quarter 3 – 2021/2022

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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 31st December 2021.

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 Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance relative to the same period in 2020; 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

Introduction:

This document is intended to provide a summary of the performance of West Lothian Area Command for the reporting period of Quarter 3 2021/2022. The report references the police priorities within the Local Police Plan for West Lothian 2020-2023, namely:

- Protecting The Most Vulnerable People
- Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reducing Acquisitive Crime
- Improving Road Safety
- Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

Livingston North Community Engagement Priorities:

- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
- Substance Misuse
- Road Safety

Livingston North Community Officers

PC Gillian Minshull

PC Hayley Cunningham

Executive Summary:

Officers in West Lothian have been focused on delivering, with our key partners, our Local Policing Priorities, and meeting our commitment to Keep People Safe.

Foreword:

J Division Commander, Chief Supt McKenzie and Supt Forrester have retired and have now been replaced by Chief Supt Cat Paton and Supt Steve Hazlett who has the Partnerships Portfolio.

Covid update – Like all other public services there has been a significant impact of the Omicron variant with high level of Covid cases and requirement to self-isolate due to close contact. This is challenging however, as highlighted in national media, Police Scotland have agreed to re-deploy officers from Specialist departments to assist local policing and this will be further supported by probationer officers.

- **Protecting the most vulnerable people**

Domestic abuse continues to be a focus with continued strong links with internal and external partners to encourage confidence to report and comprehensive victim support. Specialist detectives undertake professional investigations, pursue perpetrators and manage offenders. Follow up bail condition compliance checks are regularly undertaken which, on occasion, result in offenders being reported for further offences. During the reporting period Police Scotland supported the 16 Days of Action and are seeking the assistance of West Lothian College in delivering the ASC Ask Support Care to their students where it is hoped that they will become trainers in delivery of ASC.

As has been described in previous papers, our officers have had cause to deal with an increasing number of people who have been experiencing mental health crisis. With thanks to our partners in NHS Lothian, since 2020 we agreed protocols allowing operational officers to access the Acute Care and Support Team (ACAST) in West Lothian, a Mental Health Community Triage System. The ACAST system frees up capacity at A&E/Out of Hours, whilst ensuring that those people who met the criteria, receive the most appropriate support at source. During this process, officers remain with the individuals ensuring support is provided throughout.

Locally we have also developed a scheme called "No Agenda" which involves dropping into West Lothian College to be visible, approachable and connect with students, building relationships and normalising contact with the Police as part of their community. This is also replicated through our work with Residential Care Homes and through our School Campus Officers.

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019. This is new legislation which has recently been implemented. Under the Act, no child under the age of 12 can be referred to a children's hearing for a criminal offence, be convicted of a criminal offence or receive a criminal record. Significant training for police officers has been undertaken and also by all partners involved in youth services.

- **Reducing Violence and Anti-Social behaviour**

As reported to elected member separately, there have been 3 murders in the ward area in the reporting period. Specialist resources from the Major Incident Team are leading the investigations. These two incidents are not linked and we continue to monitor any impact of the local community.

Recent patterns relating to Anti-Social Behaviour continue with incidents of Vandalism and Fireraising continuing to decrease. Bonfire season took place during the reporting period with significant planning with other Community Safety Partners (SFRS, WLYAP, WLC) resulting in a decrease in secondary fires, firework and ASB calls. A debrief has already taken place and planning already underway for 2022.

This was another example of the strength of a strong Community Safety Partnership where, through weekly meetings, partners identify emerging trends, problematic areas, repeat ASB locations and establish strategies to deal with them.

We are planning further "pop-up" engagement events, where officers attend at various locations across West Lothian which allow communities the opportunity to approach and engage with officers about any concerns they have.

There continues to be concerns raised about the use of off-road bikes in both urban and rural settings. This is an issue across the whole of Scotland. This is being assessed at the Community Safety Partnership to identify an overall partnership approach to address the issue. There has been a number of media requests to identify those responsible however there has been very little community intelligence coming through naming the persons involved.

- **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

Dealing with Acquisitive Crime to Protect People by reducing the financial and personal pressure on individuals and communities remains a priority.

There has been an overall decrease in acquisitive crime over the 5 year average. This includes Domestic and Business Housebreakings, thefts from and of vehicles and common theft. The vast majority of these types of crimes are investigated by specialist detectives, with a focus on ensuring that all forensic opportunities are explored. We continue to utilise social media to highlight these types of crimes and to share preventative messages.

Fraud has increased with the main issues continuing to be individuals purporting to be from a bank or company using details of accounts without permission and failing to deliver or pay for goods. We will continue to issue media messages warning the public of such scams.

Rural Crime - West Lothian Partnership Against Rural Crime (WLPARC), in conjunction with Police Scotland continue to develop their membership to highlight rural crime, partnership approaches, reporting methods in relation to suspicious activities within rural and urban areas and sharing of prevention messages. This has been extremely well received and they will be developing their remit further over the coming months.

West Lothian Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV), have assisted in providing prevention advice in West Lothian across various policing priorities, including off-road bikes, inconsiderate parking and rural crime. They have recently recruited 25 new members who meet on a regular basis and have plans to support community events throughout the year.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is increasing in numbers with 1500 members. Police Scotland continue to utilise social media to encourage members of the community to sign up for regular updates. <http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/>. Police Scotland provide regular updates for the online alerts, to highlight crime trends and local issues.

- **Improving Road Safety**

Officers in the West Lothian area work closely with partners in the local authority to address road safety issues and educate the public to prevent incidents from occurring.

During Q3, Roads Policing officers continued with Local and National Campaigns including the Festive Drink/ Drug Driving Campaign.

In relation to 20 mph speed limits, Police Scotland will continue to monitor this trial with WLC. Such limits should be 'self-enforcing' and sustainable, either as a result of the current road layout, existing vehicle speed data or through the addition of appropriate physical speed reduction measures. Deployment of resources must prioritise sites which represent the greatest risk and should only be undertaken where considered necessary and in the interests of casualty reduction.

There is no data around pre/post 20 mph in relation to accident statistics or enforcement, however Roads Policing officers work closely with the highways department to identify "hotspots" for them to consider road engineering solutions to improve safety.

Consultation is continuing with partner agencies regarding the delivery of Westdrive, however due to Covid restrictions, final decisions are still to be made as to what format this may take.

- **Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**

Reducing drug supply, production and cultivation linked to Organised Crime is a policing priority for the West Lothian local authority area and the wider Lothian & Scottish Borders Division of Police Scotland.

During Q3, Misuse of Drugs Act Warrants were executed which resulted in multiple drugs seizures and a substantial amount of money recovered. Seized cash usually forms part of criminal cases and further investigation under Proceeds of Crime legislation to disrupt organised crime. If applicable, police will disclose information with registered social landlords in relation to MDA enforcement action at their properties to enable follow up in relation to breaches of tenancies.

During Q3, on the back of intelligence focusing on a group, specialist officers executed several warrants resulting in the seizure of £110,000 of drugs and £140,000 with several persons charged with multiple drugs offences.

Also within the reporting period, one of the biggest drugs factories in Scotland was recovered in the West Lothian area, which was capable of producing millions of illegal tablets every day. This was a significant recovery and will undoubtedly prevent further illicit tablets reaching vulnerable people. In addition, a firearm was also recovered which indicates the violence and threats often used in this type of criminality and serious organised crime. Three persons have been charged in relation to this operation.

Any drug supply/possession offences are due to proactive police work which is greatly assisted by intelligence from local residents. This can be reported to the police via 101 or anonymously via the charity "Crimestoppers" on 0800 111 555.

We continue to developed drugs intelligence from the local community. Drugs enforcement requires information from sources to build a picture and fill in the pieces of the jigsaw and the use of community intelligence in this cannot be underestimated.

Reporting Period April 2021 – December 2021			
Livingston North	Recorded		
Crime Type	YTD	LYTD	% Diff
Robbery	2	3	-33%
Serious Assault	4	10	-40%
Sexual Crimes	44	33	+33%
Housebreaking dwelling	7	11	-37%
Housebreaking non-dwelling (sheds/garages)	2	8	-75%
Housebreaking Other Premises	0	13	-100%
Theft of motor vehicle	8	18	-56%
Theft from motor vehicle (OLP)	6	3	+100%
Vandalism	68	76	-11%
Total drugs supply	8	2	+300%
Possession of Drugs	36	40	-10.0%
Common Assault	124	126	-2%
Common Assault - emergency worker	7	5	+40%
Total Crimes and Other Offences	917	1011	-9%

Through local engagement we will continue to work with communities and partners to deliver a quality service which responds to their needs.

Together we can increase community resilience and prevent crime.

Data Label: Public



**West Lothian
Council**

LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

LIVINGSTON NORTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Livingston North Local Area Committee on the activity within Livingston North Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31st December 2021.

B. RECOMMENDATION

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

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being honest, open and accountable• Focusing on our customers' needs• Making best use of our resources• Working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, 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 2018, which is a requirement under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Section 41E.

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

Following the publication of the Livingston North 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 North 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 Special Services (excluding RTC's).
- Reduction in RTC Fatalities and Casualties

E. CONCLUSION

The Livingston North Multi-member Ward Performance Report aligns to the key priorities of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2018, 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.

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January 2022

Appendix 1 - Livingston North Multi-Member Ward Performance Report



West Lothian Council Area

Ward Performance Report

Quarter 3 2021

Livingston North

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

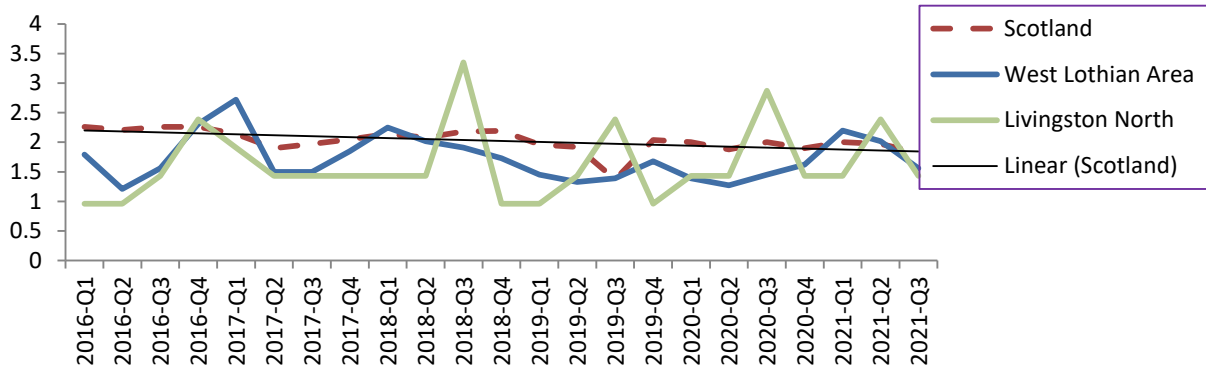
Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to ward based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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.

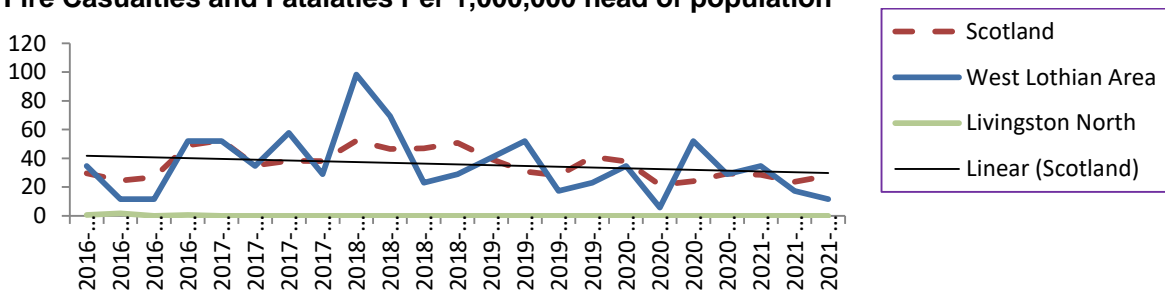
However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Accidental Dwelling Fires Per 10,000 head of population



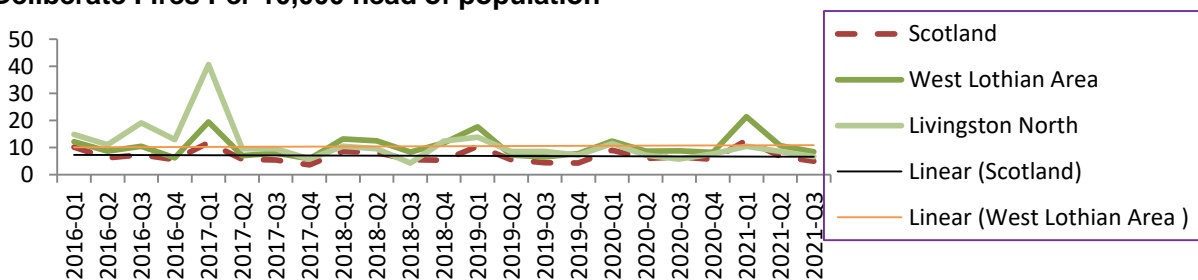
During the 2021-22 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 3 accidental dwelling fires in comparison to 6 during 2020-21 year to date reporting period.

Fire Casualties and Fatalities Per 1,000,000 head of population



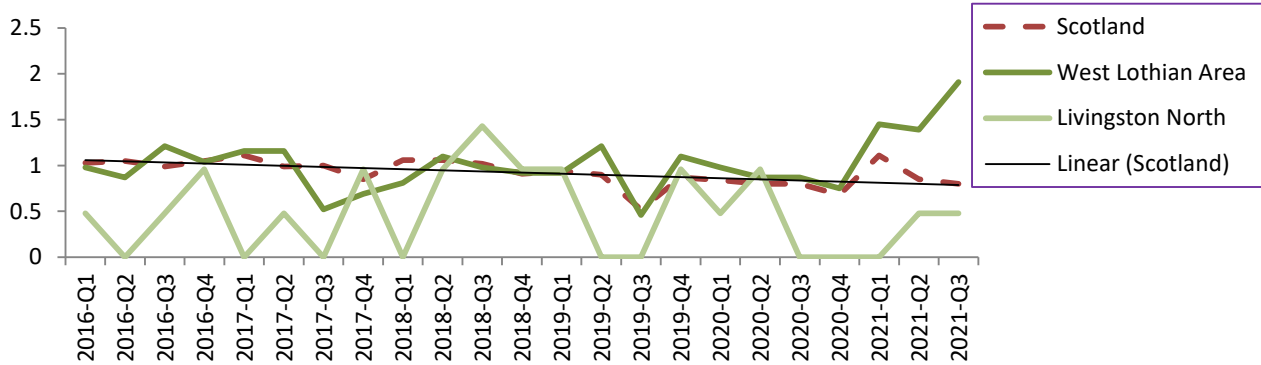
During the 2021-22 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 0 Casualties and Fatalities due to fire in comparison to 1 Casualties and 0 Fatalities during 2020-21 year to date reporting period.

Deliberate Fires Per 10,000 head of population



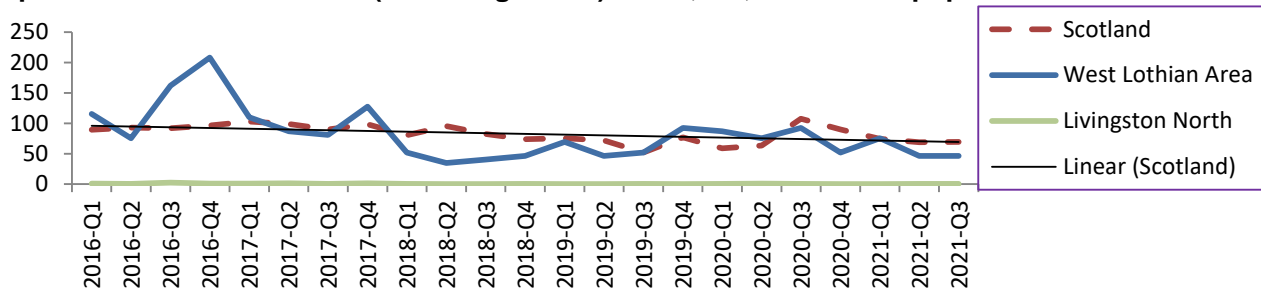
SFRS have dealt with 14 Deliberate fire incidents during 2021-22 year to date reporting period in comparison to 12 during 2020-21 year to date reporting period.

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



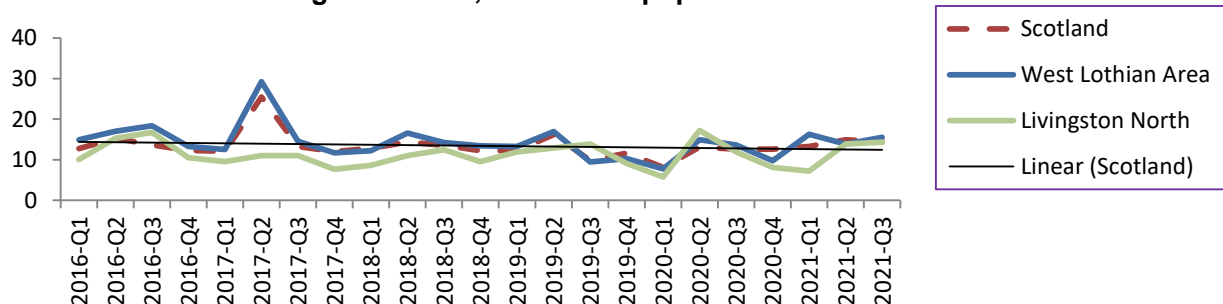
SFRS have dealt with 1 non domestic fire incidents during 2021-22 year to date reporting period in comparison to 0 during 2020-21 year to date reporting period.

Special Services Casualties (excluding RTC's) Per 1,000,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 1 casualties from Special Services during 2021-22 year to date reporting period in comparison to 1 during 2020-21 year to date reporting period.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Per 10,000 head of population

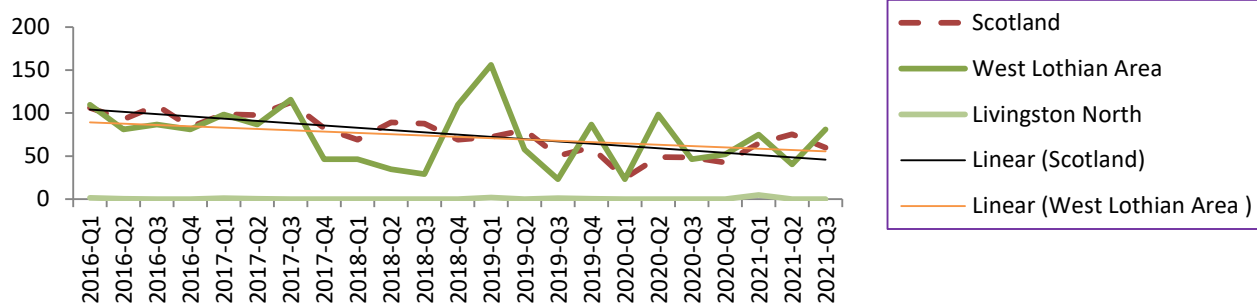


SFRS have dealt with 31 UFAS incidents during 2021-22 year to date reporting period in comparison to 26 during 2020-21 year to date reporting period.

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).

RTC Casualties and Fatalities Per 1,000,000 head of population



During the 2021-22 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 0 Casualties and Fatalities from RTC's in comparison to 0 Casualties and Fatalities during 2020-21 year to date reporting period.

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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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**Craig McCorriston - Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration,
21 January 2022.**

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LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 21 JANUARY 2022

Report	Purpose	Lead Officer	Meeting
Economic Development and Regeneration	To update on regeneration activity within the ward	Craig McCorriston	18 Mar 2022
Housing Report	Quarterly update on Housing Services activity	Julie Whitelaw	
Operational Services Report	To provide a quarterly update report on activity	Jim Jack	
School presentation	To inform members of the attainment and activity of schools.	Various	
Deans South	Update report on Deans South developments.	Julie Whitelaw	
Property Services	To update members on the old Deans library building.	Donald Forrest	
Economic Development and Regeneration	To update on regeneration activity within the ward	Craig McCorriston	03 June 2022
Housing Report	Quarterly update on Housing Services activity	Julie Whitelaw	
Operational Services Report	To provide a quarterly update report on activity	Jim Jack	
Police Report	Quarterly update on police/NRT activity	Sgt Iain Wells	
Fire and Rescue	To provide an update on Operational Services activity	Gordon McCaig	