

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING, on 21 JANUARY 2022.

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

In Attendance

Jim Jack, Lead Officer / Head of Operational Services

Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland

James Robertson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Siobhan McGarty, Head Teacher, St. Margaret's Academy

Stevie Egan, Eliburn Community Council

Julie Henderson, Knightsridge Community Council

Michael Rae, Carmondean and Deans Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTES

1. The committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 19 November 2021 as a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.
2. The committee approved the minute of its Special meeting held on 3 December 2021 as a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PRESENTATION - ST. MARGARET'S ACADEMY ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Committee received a very interesting presentation from Siobhan McGarty, Head Teacher, St. Margaret's Academy (which had been circulated).

The presentation provided members with an overview of the continued improved attainment levels across various senior year groups in 2021 which demonstrated the commitment of all staff and pupils during a very hard and challenging period.

The Head Teach then spoke of the school's improvement plans and of the intention to expand collaborative partnerships with local employers and businesses.

The presentation concluded with an overview of the various achievements gained by the school and its pupils during 2021.

The Head Teacher then responded to questions raised by the committee.

On behalf of the committee, the Chair thanked the Head Teacher for the excellent presentation and extended thanks to all staff for their hard work during very trying time to ensure a high quality of education for students.

Decision

To note the terms of 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Sergeant Wells provided the committee with an overview of recent changes to senior appointments.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5. FIRE AND RESCUE 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 REGENERATION UPDATE

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

It was recommended that the 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;

3. The recent submission of the Livingston City Status Bid; and
4. Update on youth services related actions from the previous LAC.

Eliburn Community Council remained concerned at the lack of local youth provision within their own area. It was suggested that a management committee for Peel Community Wing would possibly be the best way to try to establish a youth club in Eliburn.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.