

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 24 APRIL 2023.

Present - Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Craig Meek and Kirsteen Sullivan; Graham Hope (Chief Executive, West Lothian Council), Graeme Struthers (Depute Chief Executive, West Lothian Council), Julie Whitelaw (Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services, West Lothian Council), Lorraine Donnelly (Housing Manager, West Lothian Council), Elaine Dowie, Firefighter (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Area Commander Kenny Barbour (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Watch Commander William Pollard (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Mike Reid, General Manager for Mental Health and Addictions (NHS Lothian) and Inspector Brendan McMahon (Police Scotland)

Absent – Councillors Angela Doran-Timson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTES -

- (a) The Board approved the Minute of its meeting held on 30 January 2023. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.
- (b) The Board noted the Note of the Community Planning Steering Group meeting held on 2 November 2022.

3. COMMUNITY SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Board considered a report by the Interim Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on performance for the period October to December 2022 for the indicators which supported the Community Safety Strategic Plan 2022-25.

Appendix 1 to the report provided an update on progress against the delivery of the actions which supported the delivery of the Outcomes in the Community Safety Plan. Appendix 2 provided an update on performance in each of the 9 indicators that supported the delivery of the Community Safety Plan. Appendix 3 set out the planned 3-year programme of thematic presentations to the Board.

The Board was asked to note the updated performance for the period October to December 2022 in relation to performance indicators and actions for the Community Safety Partnership.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4. PRESENTATION - HOARDING & SELF NEGLECT

The Board received a very interesting presentation from Lorraine Donnelly and Elaine Dowie (copies of which had been circulated) that gave an update on the partnership working being progressed in respect of Hoarding & Self Neglect, a topic included in the 2022-2025 Community Safety Strategic Plan.

The presentation provided the Board with an understanding of hoarding which was recognised as a distinct mental health difficulty. It also set out the key differences between hoarding and collecting. It went on to explain why the topic had been included in the Community Safety Strategic Plan, set out the referral pathways being taken forward and concluded with the outcomes hoped to be achieved.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board would be held on 16 June 2023.