

MINUTE of MEETING of the ARMADALE AND BLACKRIDGE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within ARMADALE PARTNERSHIP CENTRE, on 2 DECEMBER 2025.

Present – Councillors Andrew McGuire (Chair), Susan Manion and Lynda Kenna

In Attendance -

Michelle Murray, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
Paul Harvey, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Lorraine Donnelly, Area Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
Simon Scott, Open Space and Cemeteries Manager, West Lothian Council
Nairn Pearson, Town Centre Manager, West Lothian Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 9 - Locality Planning Update - Armadale Update Report

The Chair stated a connection in that he had facilitated trips for the management committee referred to in section D4 (*Summer Activity*) of the report.

2. MINUTES

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on Tuesday 26 August 2025 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. POLICE SCOTLAND 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 30 September 2025.

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

Members noted that no representative was available to attend and, as such, would forward their questions directly to Police Scotland for response. The committee also considered that the report contained little content at ward level and expressed their disappointment that Police Scotland had been unable to send a representative.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

4. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within Linlithgow Multi-Member Ward for the period Quarter 2 2025/26.

It was recommended that the committee note and provide comment on the Linlithgow Multi-Member Ward Performance Report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

5. SERVICE UPDATE: NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of the recent activity of the NETs, Land and Countryside Services teams for the period 1 July 2025 – 30 September 2025.

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

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6. ARMADALE TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing and providing an update on the work being carried out by the Town Centre Manager within Economic Development, associated to support our traditional town centre in Armadale. This formed part of the work discussed at the previous meeting of the committee on 12 May 2025 and 26 August 2025.

It was recommended that the committee note the content of the report, the progress made and the recommended potential future associated actions and improvements within Armadale town centre. It was noted that the work was ongoing and that a progress update report on actions would be brought back to a future meeting of the committee.

During the discussion that followed, it was agreed that once specific Town Centre Plan actions were established, their progress would be reported within the locality planning updates.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE - ARMADALE UPDATE REPORT -

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration, updating on the progress of delivering the Locality Plan and linked community action plans in Armadale and related activity.

It was recommended that the committee note the:

1. work undertaken by the Armadale Regeneration Group including the successful delivery of the Collaborative Environmental Project;
2. partnership work between Community Regeneration and Armadale Academy;
3. summer activity that was delivered; and
4. support that was provided by Community Regeneration to the Community Council elections.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2025/26

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 made from the Pensioner's Christmas Fund 2025/26 to groups in the Armadale and Blackridge Ward and West Lothian-wide groups.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. four groups in Armadale and Blackridge Ward had been supported through the Pensioner's Christmas Fund 2025/26; and
2. the continued inclusion of a pre-prepared meal option.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

9. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

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 which provided an overview of the service update within the Armadale and Blackridge Ward for the period Quarter 2 2025/26.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Services activity as detailed in the ward report for the period Quarter 2 2025/26.

Having noted that the report included some information about the Linlithgow ward, officers circulated to members a document containing the information for the Armadale and Blackridge ward.

Decision

To note the contents of the report and circulated documentation.