

## MINUTE OF THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2019 AT 9.30 AM IN SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE – BELLSHILL OFFICE

### PRESENT

Simon Cameron	COSLA
Andrew Weir	DWP
Martin McGuire	New College Lanarkshire
Des Murray	North Lanarkshire Council
Robert Steenson	North Lanarkshire Council
John Campbell	North Lanarkshire Council
Linda Johnston	North Lanarkshire Council
Mark Hamill	North Lanarkshire Council
Gordon Laing	North Lanarkshire Council
Nadia Murphy	North Lanarkshire Council
Calum Campbell	NHS Lanarkshire
Kate Bell	NHS Lanarkshire
Celia Briffa-Watt	NHS Lanarkshire
Gabe Docherty	NHS Lanarkshire
Alan Waddell	Police Scotland
Martyn Brandrick	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Stephen Wright	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Stephen Frew	Scottish Enterprise
Hazel Mathieson	Skills Development Scotland
Frances Fallan	VANL
Maddy Halliday	VANL

### APOLOGIES

Councillor T. Johnston	North Lanarkshire Council
Councillor Logue	North Lanarkshire Council
Derek Brown	North Lanarkshire Council
Allison Gordon	North Lanarkshire Council
Eta Wright	DWP
Alastair Purdie	HMP Shotts
Neena Mahal	NHS Lanarkshire
Michael Chalmers	Scottish Government
Janet McAlaney	Skills Development Scotland
Allan Comrie	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Bruce Kiloh	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
June Vallance	VANL

### CHAIR

Alan Waddell, Police Scotland presided.

### WELCOME AND CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were noted.

### MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Minute of the meeting of the Partnership Board held on 6 March 2019 was agreed as an accurate record.

**Action:** that the Minute of the meeting of the Board held on 6 March 2019 be noted.

### MATTERS ARISING

2. There were no matters arising.

## CONSUL – PRESENTATION FROM COSLA

3. Simon Cameron, COSLA provided a comprehensive presentation on Consul which is a digital tool for citizen participation enabling open, transparent and democratic engagement between public bodies and communities and provided further details in respect of:-
- the software, which was developed by Madrid City Council is currently used by 33 cities in over 100 countries across the world;
  - the national position in Scotland, with 16 Local Authorities signed up to Consul;
  - the five key elements of Consul which were Debates, Proposals, Voting, Collaborative Legislation and Participatory Budgeting, and
  - each of the key elements and how they could be aligned to meet the needs of individual Local Authorities.

Thereafter Simon Cameron responded to questions from members of the Board and added that Consul enhances face to face engagement rather than replace it, allows for consistent, open and transparent engagement and communication between citizens and Local Authorities through all elements and can be tailored to meet the needs of all Local Authorities and its communities.

**Action:** that the presentation be noted.

## DELIVERY OF SHARED PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES -- ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

4. There was submitted a report by the Chair of North Lanarkshire Partnership's Officers Group providing an update on the progress with the delivery of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board Shared Priorities for the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (1) highlighting the shift in the strategic delivery approach and work to map partnership priorities from the previous Local Outcome Improvement Plan to The Plan for North Lanarkshire as the mechanism for delivering the shared ambition for North Lanarkshire; (2) providing details of the Partnership Governance arrangements, guiding principles and the progress made under each of the shared priority areas in respect of Resilient Communities, Poverty, Looked after Children and Young People and Homelessness, and (3) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report a detailed outline of the progress for each priority area for the period up to 31 March 2019.

Thereon Martyn Brandrick was heard in further explanation of the report and advised that further progress reports would be submitted to future meetings of the Board.

**Action:**

- (1) that the significant progress in developing the initial approaches under the Partnership Priority Areas, articulated within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, be noted;
- (2) that regular updates relating to the specific partnership priority areas, as they are developed and implemented as part of The Plan for North Lanarkshire, be submitted to the Board, and
- (3) that NLP Officers Group focus on development of the Local Area Improvement Plan Performance Framework and provide an update on the progress to the next meeting of the Board.

## THE PLAN FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE - NLP PROGRAMME OF WORK

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Board held on 6 March 2019 when, inter alia, The Plan for North Lanarkshire was endorsed, there was submitted a joint report by the Business Solutions Manager, North Lanarkshire Council and the Chair of NLP Officers Group providing an overview of the progress in respect of The Plan for North Lanarkshire (1) providing details of the feedback from partners in respect of the governance, accountability and effective performance management, further details of which were enclosed in Appendix 1 to the report, and (2) enclosing in Appendix 2 to the report the draft programme of work for North Lanarkshire Partnership.

Thereon, Linda Johnston, North Lanarkshire Council was heard in further explanation of the report, responded to questions from members of the Board and further advised that a strategy day for all partners would be arranged at the end of August 2019 to finalise the programme of work.

**Action:**

- (1) that the approach adopted in respect of the implementation of The Plan for North Lanarkshire be endorsed, and
- (2) that a strategy day for partners be arranged for the end of August 2019 to finalise the programme of work.

**ADVANCING PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY – ROLE OF COMMUNITY MATTERS (LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS)**

6. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities, North Lanarkshire Council setting out proposals to strengthen Community Matters (Locality Partnerships) decision making arrangements through amended Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for Meetings (1) advising that the current proposals had been established and considered by North Lanarkshire Council in order to enable determinations to be made at Locality Partnerships firstly in terms of the Council's new processes for considering petitions and secondly in respect of the Council's Local Development Programme Fund whereby local people would have a direct say in how the Council funds were used to address local needs within a clear participatory governance framework; (2) setting out proposals to strengthen the Local Decision Making/Governance Arrangements in terms of the Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for meetings, the Membership of Community Matters (Locality Partnerships), future decision making/voting protocols and the role of Locality Partnerships in relation to petitions; (3) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report, the process for dealing with petitions received by the Council, and (4) setting out in Appendix 3 to the report, the Community Matters (Locality Partnerships) Terms of Reference and Standing Orders.

**Action:** that the amendments to the Community Matters (Locality Partnerships) Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for meetings, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be endorsed.

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL BEST VALUE ASSURANCE REPORT**

7. The Chief Executive, North Lanarkshire Council provided an overview of the Audit Scotland review of the effectiveness of how the Council was working and advised that the process and outcome had been overwhelmingly positive and the Council had been commended for its vision and realism and that this provided a platform for the Board to oversee the implementation of The Plan for North Lanarkshire.

**Action:** that the position be noted.

**THIRD SECTOR UPDATES – FUTURE DELIVERY AND THIRD SECTOR STRATEGY**

8. There was submitted a joint report by Maddy Halliday, Chief Executive Officer and Kirsty Struthers, Programme Manager, VANL providing an update on the key developments and issues within the community and voluntary sector, including the work of Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire and the Voluntary Sector Partnership Board which was a sub-group of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board (1) providing details of the key issues and recent developments for the Community and Voluntary Sector in respect of funding, governance, volunteering and engagement and influence; (2) setting out the terms of reference, participation and meeting format for the Voluntary Sector Partnership Group; (3) advising that the initial draft of the NL Community and Voluntary Sector Strategy 2019-2022 would be presented to the Board for comments before being finalised and launched in Autumn/Winter 2019, and (4) intimating that the NL Voluntary Sector Annual Conference 2019 took place on Tuesday, 4 June 2019.

**Action:** that the position be noted.

## LANARKSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

9. There was submitted the Lanarkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024 which was being developed in partnership by NHS Lanarkshire, Health and Social Care, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnerships.

Thereon, Kate Bell, NHS Lanarkshire provided a presentation on the Lanarkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and provided further information in respect of:-

- the rationale for the development of a single Lanarkshire strategy which reflected the mental health and wellbeing needs of the population, the national picture, the drivers for change which included demography, complexity, inequalities, workforce availability, system change and national policies, social detriments and integration;
- the governance structure and the cross cutting themes;
- the financial plan;
- the content of the strategy, and
- the timeline for implementation and next steps in the process.

Thereon Kate Bell responded to questions from members of the Board.

**Action:** that the Lanarkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy be noted.

## LOCAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT

10. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities providing an update on the Local Child Poverty Action Report which will be submitted to North Lanarkshire Council's Policy and Strategy Committee for approval prior to being submitted to the Scottish Government by the end of June 2019 (1) outlining the background to the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 which sets out four ambitious headline targets to be achieved by Local Authorities and Health Boards in partnership with other community planning partners by 2030 with interim targets set for 2023; (2) advising that the key drivers that impact on child poverty, which have been stated in the Act's delivery plan are indicated as being Income from Employment, Cost of Living and Income from Social Security and Benefits in Kind, and (3) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report the Local Child Poverty Action Report 2019 for North Lanarkshire.

Thereon John Campbell was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to questions from members of the Board.

**Action:** that the contents of the Local Child Poverty Action Report 2019 for North Lanarkshire be noted.

## ACCESS TO FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS – EXPANSION OF ACCESS TO FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS 2018/19 AND 2019/20

11. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities providing an update on the expansion of access to free sanitary products, beyond schools, together with details of the associated funding allocated to North Lanarkshire to implement the initiative in line with Scottish Government guidance (1) outlining the background to the Scottish Government commitment to provide funding to allow access to free sanitary products in schools; (2) intimating that North Lanarkshire Council had been allocated £81,122 for 2018/19 and £187,155 for 2019/20 to increase the number and range of places where sanitary products were available for those who need them; (3) intimating that following initial discussion with community planning partners reflecting the guiding and principles for delivery, engagement has taken place across key services and partner agencies through a Working Group to develop a delivery model; (4) advising that outlets for, and approaches to making sanitary products available sigma free, have been explored to reach as wide an audience as possible; (5) providing details of the key areas of focus to support the implementation; (6) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report a breakdown of the funding allocation to each Local Authority in Scotland, and (7) enclosing in Appendix 2 to the report the Implementation Plan for North Lanarkshire.

Thereon Lizanne McMurrich was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to questions from members of the Board.

**Action:**

- (1) that the allocation of funding of £268,277 to North Lanarkshire over a two year period to implement the provision of free access to sanitary products be noted;
- (2) that the initial work to develop a delivery model be acknowledged, and
- (3) that further update reports to be submitted to future meetings of the Board.

**THE PLAN FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

12. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report the Council's response to the Infrastructure Commission for Scotland initial call for Evidence and Contributions, and (2) advising of the close alignment of the initiatives and projects that were being undertaken by the partnership to the strategic drivers and over-arching objectives to which the Commission was working.

Thereon Gordon Laing, North Lanarkshire Council was heard in further explanation of the report and responded to questions from members of the Board.

**Action:** that partnership activities be correlated with the strategic drivers and over-arching objectives defined by the Infrastructure Commission in the delivery of The Plan for North Lanarkshire.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13. It was noted that the next meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, 28 August 2019 at 9.30 am in Motherwell Job Centre.