
DUMFRIES AND LOWER NITHSDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREA SUB COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday 28 March 2007
at 10.00am in Room 1, Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

Present

Members

George L McBurnie - Palmerston
(Chairman)
Alfred Hannay - Maxwelltown
David J McKie - Lincluden
Ronnie Nicholson - Lochside

Officials

Robert M Thom - Area Manager Nithsdale
Tony Fitzpatrick - Group Manager Economic Regeneration
Ann Johnston - Programme Manager Neighbourhood
Renewal
Jim O'Neill - Strategy and Development Manager, Housing
Services
Anthea Russell - Area Committee Administrator

In Attendance

James Shirazi - Dumfries and Galloway Housing
Partnership

Alex Haswell

Group Manager Corporate Support & Governance

4 Members present.

1. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL – UPDATE OF PROGRESS – Report dated 14 March 2007 by Group Manager, Economic Regeneration.

Decision

1.1 **NOTED** the decisions made at the Planning and Environment Services Committee as follows:- 12 December 2006, 16 January and 13 March 2007

- 12 December 2006 - Members approved a partnership agreement with Communities Scotland for the management of public funding for the Neighbourhood Renewal programme.
- 16 January 2007 - Members agreed to allocate £141,959 to Dumfries and Lower Nithsdale Neighbourhood Renewal Area Sub Committees who in turn would consider the wider regeneration funding allocation to assist Neighbourhood Renewal wider regeneration projects locally.
- 13 March 2007 - Members agreed to the Council's contribution of £500,000 from the Cuckoo Bridge receipt to the costs of the Early Action programme in South Central Stranraer and noted that the Council's Asset Management Committee has agreed to the disposal of the sites at Lochside extension, Summerville Crescent and Oliphant Court and that the conclusion of these sales is progressing.

1.2 **AGREED** the project application form, criteria and process to apply for Neighbourhood Renewal Regeneration funding (attached as **Appendix 1**) and that Members of the Sub-Committee be advised of the progress of the approved projects on a bi-monthly basis;

NOTED

1.3 the progress made towards delivery of the wider regeneration proposals as identified in the Neighbourhood Renewal Masterplan for Dumfries and Galloway, including

- the development of a more detailed Work Plan for North West Dumfries which will identify projects/ initiatives that will be taken forward to address the agreed outcomes. An update of the progress of the Work Plan for the Wider Regeneration initiatives/ projects that are currently being coordinated through Neighbourhood Renewal in North West Dumfries are detailed in **Appendix 2**.
- the revised Masterplan now placed Oliphant Court as an Early Action site; DGHP are actively looking to re-house the two remaining two tenants; Demolition at the site could begin as early as July 2007; A Planning application has been submitted for the site including additional land being purchased from Dumfries and Galloway Council.

- that a Jury Panel will meet on 4 April to consider the five suitable applications suitable received in respect of the design competition; An announcement on any decisions made will follow shortly thereafter;

1.4 that following independent valuations of the sites in North West Dumfries at Lochside, Summerville Crescent and Oliphant Court, that their sale to DGHP is progressing to facilitate the Early Action and Phase 1 programme in the area.

Neighbourhood Renewal Project Criteria

Neighbourhood Renewal Area Sub Committees will seek applications, which meet at least one of the following priorities: -

- Community Engagement & Participation
 - Projects that demonstrate a commitment to engage with and involve local people to gain a voice in the planning, development and delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal process.
 - Projects that provide services and information that meet the needs of local people.
- Employment, Training and Learning
 - Projects that raise the standard of, or increase support and access to training and learning for local people.
 - Projects that assist in job creation.
 - Projects that identify evidence of either gaps in provision or opportunities to help achieve the above two priorities.
- Environment
 - Projects that raise awareness of and encourage active participation in environmental issues and improvement.
 - Projects that improve the local environment.

Potential Neighbourhood Renewal Projects must also fill the following criteria

The project must: -

- Be focused on the Neighbourhood Renewal Area red line boundaries.
- Make a direct contribution to achieving at least one of the local NR Outcomes (and so contributing to local and national regeneration objectives)
- Demonstrate evidence of need.

In addition at least one of the following should be demonstrated: -

- It is a new project that does not duplicate current service provision.
- The project can demonstrate that it adds value to and compliments existing services/projects.
- Neighbourhood Renewal wider regeneration funding can be used to match fund other funding sources.

Neighbourhood Renewal in Dumfries & Galloway - Appendix 1 (cont)

Project Proposal Form

Please complete this proposal form in conjunction with the attached *Project Proposal criteria*

Project name:	
Contact name and address	Phone: Fax:
Proposed Project start date:	e-mail:
NR Outcomes	

1. Background

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2. How will this project contribute to achieving the Neighbourhood Renewal outcomes?

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3. What Neighbourhood Renewal Area will the project be delivered in?

- NW Dumfries SC Stranraer

4. What services will this proposal deliver

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5. Aims and Objectives

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6. Relationship of project to other national and local strategies, e.g. community planning, Dumfries and Galloway Council's corporate plan, and how will it add value to any existing initiatives?

7. Please outline the project work plan and identify the key milestones in the delivery of the project.

8. Please identify the main risks to delivery of the project and what actions you will take to reduce them.

9. How will the project be managed? Including which organisations are involved and what their responsibilities will be.

10. Please give details of any staff or volunteers who may work on the project

11. Identify the key outcomes, which will be made possible by this project and how you intend to measure them

	Outcome Description	Measurement to be used

12. Identify the key outputs which will be made possible by this project and how you intend to measure them

	Output Description	Measurement to be used

13. Explain how the project described will engage with service users to develop and monitor the services offered.

14. What is the total cost of the project? Please include a full breakdown of all project costs.

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15. How much funding are you applying for from the Neighbourhood Renewal Wider Regeneration fund?

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16. Please give details of other funding sources and amounts

17. What are the sustainability objectives for this project?

Appendix 2 North West Dumfries Wider Regeneration Work Plan – draft

NR Outcome	Project /Initiative	Lead Agency	Progress
1. <i>Positive perceptions of community safety are increased</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Engagement around environmental improvements / placemaking 2. Communications programme conveying a positive vision 3. Community Involvement in <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) progress and management of housing renewal and b) neighbourhood management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NR Community Involvement subgroup 2. NR 3. a) Community NR Group (supported by ?) b) Community Wardens Steering Group? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NR group of local community members to be established – local residents are registering an interest in the work of the NR programme. future development and support to be agreed by the NR partners and community members – workshop meeting to be held late April 2. Urban Design competition includes 'Safety and Security' as one of the overall themes 3. a) working with DGHP, in particular, towards establishing Community NR Group b) Working with Community Wardens Steering Group on neighbourhood Compact and Neighbourhood management Agreements. Priority actions to be identified to reduce fear of crime
2. <i>Increase in the number of people who believe</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Engagement around environmental improvements / 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NR Community Involvement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NR group of local community members to be established –

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<i>3. People are more aware of financial options and personal incomes are maximised</i>	1. to be identified	1. DAGCAS with NR Employability Sub Group Partners	1. Employability Sub group will meet on 18 April to confirm Work Plan
<i>4. Training opportunities reflect known</i>	1. Learning and training base line gathering 2. “Linking	1. NR Employability Sub	1. Baseline gathering – Linked to

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<i>local employment need</i>	Opportunities And Needs” LOAN using “Workforce Plus” Framework	Group partners 2. NR Employability Sub Group Partners	development of Training project 2. First meeting of LOAN team scheduled for 27 March.
<i>5. Increase in the number of people encouraged back to work</i>	1. Integrated job/training programmes 2. “Linking Opportunities And Needs” LOAN using “Workforce Plus” Framework	1. DGHP with NR partners 2. NR Employability Sub Group Partners	1. DGHP established training package linked to improvement programme, kitchens and doors. Trainees are being recruited in Dumfries, 13 week programme due to start March 07 2. First meeting of LOAN team scheduled for 27 March
<i>6. Increase in uptake of existing health improvement and well being initiatives</i>	1. Community Engagement around environmental improvements / placemaking	1. NR Community Sub Group	1. Community NR group – local residents are registering an interest in the work of the NR programme, future development and support to be agreed by the NR partners and community members – workshop meeting to be held late April
<i>7. Increase in the number of individuals who have access to support services and life long learning opportunities</i>	1. Learning and training base line gathering 2. “Linking Opportunities And Needs” LOAN using “Workforce Plus” Framework	1. NR Employability Sub Group partners 2. NR Employability Sub Group Partners	1. Baseline gathering – Linked to development of Training project 2. First meeting of LOAN team scheduled for 27 March.
<i>8. Increase</i>	1. Link to CLD and	1. CLDS,	1. The Attic and

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<p><i>in the number of young people who have the skills and confidence to influence and be involved in decision making</i></p>	<p>other young people group leaders</p> <p>2. Engage with secondary /primary school to raise awareness of NR</p>	<p>other & NR</p> <p>2. NR and Community NR Group</p>	<p>Summerhill Junior Youth Group are involved in the Urban Design competition and this link will be developed. Links to other youth groups in NWD area to be established</p> <p>2. Established links with Primary schools & Maxwellton High and discussions ongoing re involvement particularly in urban design competition eg exhibition will visit Lochside primary on Friday 23 march.</p>
<p><i>9. Local communities have access to information and affordable services and facilities that they value</i></p>	<p>1. Develop/establish Community NR Group</p> <p>2. Prepare Draft Statement of Community Involvement</p>	<p>1. NR</p> <p>2. Community NR Group (supported by ?)</p>	<p>1. Community NR group – local residents are registering an interest in the work of the NR programme, future development and support to be agreed by the NR partners and community members – workshop meeting to be held late April Urban Design competition includes ‘Balanced communities’, “Better environment” and “Transport” as overall themes</p>

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			2. Research on best practice - current
<i>10. Service planning and delivery reflect the needs and the aspirations of the community</i>	1. Community compact 2. Inter estate transport group 3. Other tbc	1. Estate Management Sub Group 2. tbc 3. tbc	1. Draft compact prepared, awaiting Community NR Group to sign off/monitor 2. Transport Group is re-establishing 3.
<i>11. People living in a sustainable and good quality living environment</i>	1. Base line figures related to Area Hot Spots 2. GIS System established 3. Coordinate consultation re Housing/Environmental designs	1. NR Partners particularly the Estate Management Sub Group 2. NR 3. Community NR Group (Supported by ?)	1. Base line figures to be confirmed 2. No progress re GIS, meetings will progress when current GIS activity amongst partners has been identified 3. Urban Design competition includes 'House Form', 'Balanced communities', "Better environment" and "Transport" as overall themes and forms part of consultation