

Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community  
Planning Partners  
17 November 2004

**SALTCOATS, 17 November 2004** - At a Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 11.00 am.

**Present**

Councillors David Munn, Gordon Allison, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, Samuel Taylor and Nan Wallace (North Ayrshire Council); Marella O'Neill (Local Health Care Co-operative); and Inspectors Alex MacDonald and John Bryce (Strathclyde Police).

**In Attendance**

J Bannatyne and E Fisher, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor David Munn in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Peter McNamara (North Ayrshire Council); Sinclair Molloy (Ayrshire and Arran Acute Trust); Ian Baird (Communities Scotland); Trixie Sheddon (Strathclyde Fire Brigade); and Steve Shanta (Enterprise Ayrshire).

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 14 January 2004 were confirmed.

**2. Matters Arising**

**2.1 Three Towns Motor Project**

At the meeting on 14 January 2004 discussion took place on the need to encourage more companies to recruit apprentices. Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire have offered to give a presentation to a future Liaison Meeting on the Modern Apprenticeship Programme in Ayrshire.

The Liaison Meeting agreed to invite Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire to give a presentation on the Modern Apprenticeship Programme in Ayrshire to a future meeting.

**3. "North Ayrshire - A Community Health and Well Being Profile"**

The Liaison Meeting received a presentation from Marella O'Neill (North Ayrshire Local Health Care Co-operative) on "North Ayrshire - A Community Health and Well Being Profile".

The profile identified 65 indicators associated with health and well being showing comparisons between individual postcode areas and Scotland as a whole. The trends shown covered a 10 year period and related to male and female life expectancy, smoking during pregnancy, unemployment and hospital admissions for alcohol related/attributable conditions, cancer, heart disease and diabetes. The trends were broken down for Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan postcode areas and compared with the rest of North Ayrshire and Scotland as a whole. The trends included high rates of teenage pregnancy, drug related deaths and dental admissions for children and high levels of stroke and admissions to hospital for heart disease, self harm and diabetes.

Discussion took place, during which the following issues were raised:-

- medical and dental care, especially in schools
- current attitudes towards breastfeeding
- the role of the police and the correlation between crime and bad health
- the need to address nutritional issues and the role of parents and of food manufacturers in this regard
- the role of health education

The Liaison Meeting agreed (a) that Partners consider what further action can be taken to address the issues raised; and (b) that Partners advise Jim Bannatyne, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer of any relevant items for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **4. Community Health Partnerships - an Update**

Submitted NHS Ayrshire & Arran "Stop Press" on progress in developing Community Health Partnerships (CHPs) in Ayrshire and Arran.

The three Local Health Care Co-operatives (LHCCs), created in line with the local authority boundary areas, will evolve into CHPs which will have a new, more consistent and enhanced role in service planning and delivery, working as part of decentralised but integrated health and social care systems and improving joint working in the delivery of local health care services. CHPs will be developed through more effective partnership working with local authorities and other local agencies and greater public, patient, carer and staff involvement.

A CHP Steering Group, comprising staff from NHS Ayrshire & Arran, local authorities and a representative from the Health Council, was set up to oversee the creation of

CHPs in Ayrshire and Arran. The Steering Group has agreed a vision, supporting actions and a number of key principles. An action plan to implement CHPs has now been drawn up and work has begun on a draft Scheme of Establishment for presentation to the NHS Board on 1 December 2004 with a view to establishment of the CHPs with effect from 1 April 2005.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 12 noon.