Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
North East Area Partnership

Report by Community Connector, Thriving Places Easterhouse

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Progress Report Thriving Places Easterhouse November to December 2021

Purpose of Report:

To update Area Partnership members on progress in relation to the Easterhouse Thriving Place.

Recommendations:

The Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report and that regular updates will be provided.

1. Introduction

Thriving Places area covers Easterhouse, north of the M8 motorway – the G34 area, with the exception of Wellhouse and Easthall. It also covers the area of Gartloch but is referred to as Thriving Places Easterhouse. Thriving Places was introduced in these neighbourhoods in 2017 to help improve the quality of life of people who live and work here. Local community members are encouraged to take active part in decision making and driving forward the agenda for Thriving Places. This report presents the progress on work of Thriving Places Easterhouse.

2. Social Media/Keeping the Community Informed

Facebook and Twitter continue to be used extensively to disseminate all relevant information to as many local residents as possible.

3. Engaging with Residents and Partners

Attended Blairtummock Partnership meetings, engaging in discussion and action on various issues including:- Community Litterpicks, establishment of a new Easterhouse Community Council, funding proposals, local initiatives and activities/events

Distributed information on Thriving Places and the Easterhouse Activity brochure at the Arise Gala, held in the grounds of Easterhouse Parish Church

Attended Easterhouse CAB meetings and Development Day for future planning.

Distributed information and networked with local organisations and partners and increased relationships with residents at Blairtummock Community event.

Worked in partnership with East End Flat Pack Meals and Easterhouse Baptist Church to facilitate a Community Breakfast. This was well attended by partners, local organisations, elected political representatives and residents. In going forward, the plan is to hold these events regularly, quarterly. The next is scheduled for 27th January 2023.

Collating information (memories and recollections of Denis Oliver), to include in a commemorative booklet, as part of a celebration of the life of a local musician, who made a significant contribution to his community, both via music and through volunteering and mentoring others in the Easterhouse area. This will culminate in the dedication of a room at Platform, a festival of music and the submission of the booklet for Denis' family and others who held him in high regard. This is planned for February/March of 2023.

4. Ongoing Work

Collated information and updated Easterhouse Activity brochure. 200 copies of this brochure printed and distributed to local organisations (for passing onto residents they engage with) and to local residents at one-to-one meetings and at events. Also, widely distributed the booklet digitally, via email groups, various local Facebook pages and Twitter. This booklet is updated regularly (every 2-3 months) and distributed digitally.

Meeting with residents, partners and organisations, working in the Easterhouse area.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Partnerships take note of the content of this report.