Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Linn Area Partnership

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CASTLEMILK LOCALITY PLAN

Purpose of Report:

To inform Linn Area partnership of progress to date on the Castlemilk locality plan.

Recommendations:

1) Locality planning continues as a standing item on the agenda of Linn Area Partnership;
2) Linn Area Partnership supports the development of the Castlemilk Locality Plan, with the opportunity to be involved in draft versions of the plan; and
3) Linn Area Partnerships supports the progression of outcomes that emerge from locality planning.

1 Introduction

1.1 With reference to the minutes the previous meeting of 30th June 2022 when Mr S Anderson (CES) advised that he would meet with members of the Steering Group to discuss resources, key milestones and to work towards a more constructive plan to deal with the issues that had been raised, he agreed that an update on these discussions would be brought to the next meeting of this Partnership.

2 Development of Locality Plan

Steering Group

2.1 A steering group was formed on 21st July 2022 to help progress the work to develop a Community-Led Locality Plan. The steering group is a sub-group of Castlemilk Community Council and is chaired by a Community Councillor.

Membership of the group is open to anyone living, working or volunteering in Castlemilk and a maximum of 15 people can be members, with the addition of no more than 5 other representatives on a short-term basis. The membership includes people from the community, public and business organisations and groups. The steering group is supported by a Locality Planning Officer, Partnership and Development Officer and Community Development and Engagement Officer.

The group meets on a regular basis and has recently adopted a term of reference. An action plan has been developed to help coordinate and monitor the work of the group. Some of the current actions include:

Review surveys completed so far and report to group,
Encourage more young people to complete the survey,
Encourage children to complete the survey,
Encourage more adults and older people to complete the survey,
Hire venues and provide hospitality for focus groups,
Completed survey information to be collated and analysed,
Seek the views of people about the survey and plan from different areas; and
Report the findings of the focus groups to the group.

2.2 **Community Engagement**

Work is ongoing to engage with community groups, third sector organisations, schools, faith organisations, businesses and others that live, work, and volunteer in Castlemilk to encourage them to raise awareness of opportunities for people of all ages, abilties and backgrounds to get involved by completing the survey, taking part in a focus group or joining the steering group.

The steering group are in discussions with the Braes Shopping Centre to use a unit to help engage with the community, raise awareness of the survey and encourage people to get involved in the development of the plan

The steering group has developed publicity to help raise awareness of the survey which can be completed online and in hard copy.

2.3 **Community Surveying**

Initial surveying took place during the summer and included doorstep surveys of privately owned houses, face to face with some community groups and organisations. A link to the online survey was circulated via community groups, organisations and local networks including Castlemilk Together and Castlemilk Networking Forum.

The number of surveys returned as of 31 August 22, is as follows:

Fully Completed	257
Partially Completed	104
Total Responses	**361**

The number of surveys returned as of 09 November 22, is as follows:

Fully Completed	380
Partially Completed	269
Total Responses	**649**

More details of survey responses returned as of 09 November 22, are included in Appendix 1.

Surveying continues and the steering group have agreed that, as Castlemilk has a population of around 14,000, 10% of that figure, 1,400, would be a meaningful number of surveys. It has been agreed that the surveying will continue until the end of January 2023.

Ardenglen Housing Association and Cassiltoun Housing Association have been able to include some of the survey questions in their Tenant Satisfaction Surveys. Craigdale Housing Association, Wheatley Homes Glasgow and Northview Housing Association have offered to raise awareness of the survey and the development of the plan to their tenants and wider community.

200 hard copies of the survey have recently been made available at Netherhlom Hall and Castlemilk Parish Church. Glasgow Life and Castlemilk Pantry are helping people complete the survey at their venues.

2.4 **Focus Groups**

Work has started to identify participants to be involved in focus groups, some of the groups will be geographic and some will be thematic to make sure that communities of place, identify and interest are included.

3 Recommendations

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