

West Lothian Council Placemaking in



Chapter 02 Whole-place Planning

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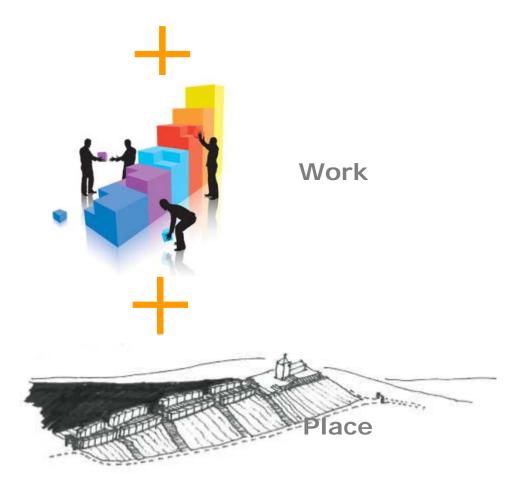
'Whole Place' Approach

Addressing socio-economic + physical issues to create a Vision + Action Plan for Whitburn





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Day 01 - Emerging Big Issues

- Decline of Whitburn Town Centre what are its future prospects?
- Tackling physical issues (vacancies, dereliction, 'scruffiness')
- Underlying problems of health, poverty + apathy
- What opportunities / challenges given proximity to Heartlands, Polkemmet, M8 etc.?
- Barriers to achieving improvements? Planning + licensing system, legal issues, ownership, apathy.

Day 01 – Areas of Focus / Opportunity

- Desire to make Whitburn better; reclaim town centre
 - > 'repairing the ribbon'
- Make positive impact on health + well-being
 - > active living / greenspace networks
- Diversity / Mixed Uses in Town Centre:
 Retail + (enterprise/housing/civic/leisure/community)
- Draw 'people' in community integration
 > gathering places / destinations / access+connections
- Enable skills development + enterprise

Collaboration



Council, Community, Business, Public Agencies working together 'Quick Wins' Short Term to Long Term > S, M, L, XL



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