

Priority D: Town Centre

Reason for selection of this priority

Community Engagement conducted in 2007 highlighted the town centre as an area of improvement for Broxburn and Uphall. West Lothian Council is investing significant amounts of money in the five traditional town centres in West Lothian of which, Broxburn and Uphall is one. Around £105k has been allocated in financial year 2008 – 2009. There is £5million to be spent on the five traditional town centres in West Lothian over the next 5 years, engagement with the community is vital to ensure the success of any improvement work.

Example issue identified	Example of action proposed
Lack of traders association to champion the town centre.	Develop and support a traders association.
Streetscape could look better.	Shop front improvement scheme and streetscape improvement works.
Attract additional people into the town centres via events or promotions.	Brochure to promote the area and additional attractions such as Reindeer at the Christmas event.

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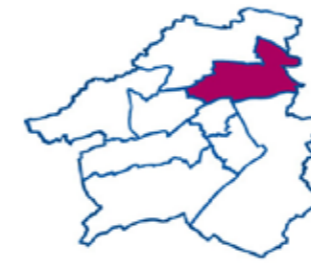
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SUMMARY LOCALITY PLAN

Broxburn, Uphall & Winchburgh Ward

2008 – 2011

1. Introduction

The West Lothian Community Planning Partnership has committed itself to developing and delivering Locality Plans in each of the nine multi-member wards. Locality Planning is about planning and developing services at a local level, allowing services to be targeted in the most appropriate way and providing a more complementary, co-ordinated approach to service delivery.

The West Lothian Community Planning Partnership (CPP) brings together statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations who work together to plan and deliver services that can't be delivered by any partner on their own. The CPP has agreed a Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) which is an improvement plan for West Lothian based on jointly agreed outcomes that sets out targets against key priority areas.

The objectives of Locality Plans are to:

- Support delivery of Single Outcome Challenges at local level
- Engage with and involve communities in identifying and addressing local priorities
- Provide a Focus for Action on local priorities
- Encourage integrated service delivery by Council Services and Community Planning partners

This plan is aligned to the Single Outcome Agreement, where it can contribute to the delivery of the challenges and outcomes. It has a particular focus on areas of deprivation; targeting key issues in local areas to improve the quality of life and reduce inequalities.

2. Broxburn, Uphall & Winchburgh Ward

This ward includes the communities of Broxburn, Dechmont, Ecclesmachan, Uphall and Winchburgh. **Broxburn** is the largest settlement in the ward with a large amount of industry to the east of the town. The town is well served by public services via the Strathbrock Partnership Centre. The area is made up of a mix of housing.

Uphall though geographically next to Broxburn, has its own identity. This area is similar to Broxburn, with a growth in new housing to complement the existing housing provision.

Winchburgh is a small village of around 2300 people, however is designated as one of the three core development area sites within West Lothian. An additional 3450 houses are planned along with two secondary schools, 5 streams of primary school and a new town centre which will include a partnership centre. This is scheduled for 2011, however the start date may be delayed by the current economic climate.

Dechmont is a small village has an estimated population of 829.

Ecclesmachan, is a small rural village which is home to Oatridge College, Scotland's premier land based college



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3. Information on Locality Planning Structure

In March 2008, a Steering Group for Locality Planning in the ward was formed consisting of local managers and officers of services across the Community Planning Partnership to agree the themed priorities for the ward which Locality Planning would address.

They determined three priorities for the locality; Young People, Winchburgh and Migrant Workers. In addition the town centres of Broxburn and Uphall were also identified via Community Engagement as an area to be focused on. These local priorities will be validated through further community engagement work and discussions with relevant senior officers. Once these priorities were identified as themes, working groups of the relevant services across the Community Planning Partnership were established. These groups have brought together the relevant services and organisations to collectively plan and act to address the local issues identified within their theme.

The full Locality Plan contains a Community Profile; section on Community Engagement; information on the Locality Planning Structure; detailed Action Plans; Single Outcome Agreement challenges and outcomes; update on Life Stage Outcome Model pilots; and a Reporting / Review / Governance section. The main part is the Action Plan which details current activities and proposed activities that contribute to achievement of the outcomes.

4. Reporting / Review / Governance

This locality plan will be presented to community planning partners in the ward and the Whitburn and Blackburn Local Area Committee (LAC) for validation. Quarterly reports on locality planning activity will be provided to the LAC to allow progress to be monitored. One of these reports will be an annual report highlighting performance relating to the indicators identified in the plan. Prior to annual presentation of the plan to committee, the locality plan will be reviewed by the Steering Group and or partnership groups, where activity can be reviewed and new activity created.

There are several priorities which feature strongly across a number of Locality Plans. For each of these an existing or new West Lothian wide group will monitor the totality of interventions, consider the progress and outcomes from each locality action plan and how this should influence provision across the CPP area. These groups will specifically include partners who may not be able to participate in each individual locality working group. The Locality Plans will be reviewed in April 2009.

5. Priorities, Issues and Actions

A summary is given to the right of the priorities identified in this Locality Plan, and what activity has been developed in response to these.

Priority A: Young People

Reason for selection of this priority

Community and worker engagement has identified young people as a priority. The main concerns relate to young people needing more chances and more choices. Opportunities for young people to develop are required, to ensure that they become confident and happy young people who are engaged in positive activity.

Example issues identified	Example of action proposed
Lack of provision for young people who were known to local service providers	Develop a Friday Night Project
Try to increase the provision for services for young people in Winchburgh	Apply to appoint a youth work co-ordinator and to increase the provision of activities for young people
Lack of information about what services and activities there are for young people in the ward	Create and maintain a youth directory

Priority B: Migrant Workers and their families

Reason for selection of this priority:

In 2004 10 new countries joined the EU. The UK has an open door policy, which has attracted a large number of Eastern European workers to Scotland, particularly Polish people. The migrant population tend to be working in industries such as food production and manufacturing, which traditionally are low paid and low skilled. Broxburn with a large industrial estate has in turn attracted a large number of the migrant workforce. This has increased pressure on local services.

In some cases, migrant workers have brought their families with them. As a result as a ward Broxburn, Uphall & Winchburgh has the largest number of Polish children in school (excluding Livingston South which has 3 high schools and feeds from two wards). This information was collated based on home languages in September 2007. However in discussions with the schools in the Broxburn area, a further 12 children have been identified in addition to the 36 known in September bringing the total to 48. 35 of these children are at St Nicholas RC School in Broxburn. The migrant workers themed group have agreed to focus more on families, as these are less likely to be transient and utilise more services than single young people.

Example issue identified	Example of action proposed
Problems in schools due to language barriers preventing children and young people attaining and attending.	To appoint a polish support worker to work across the area.
Lack of awareness of Polish Community living in the area	To hold events to try to raise awareness e.g. school art competition with pictures being displayed in the local area.

Priority C: Winchburgh

Reason for selection of this priority

Winchburgh is semi-rural village, though close to Broxburn and Linlithgow, without access to a car services are not always easily accessible. This themed group are focusing on enhancing and improving the services available to the community.

Community engagement in 2007 highlights poor transport, lack of leisure activities for all ages and a lack of childcare both before and after school. More recent community engagement in May 2008, highlighted the lack of activities for under 5's and their parents and again raised the issue of childcare.

Example issue identified	Example of action proposed
Lack of services available in the Village	Try to establish a service delivery point
Lack of activities for children and young people	Trying to increase volunteering in the village to encourage local people to help increase choice of activities.
Concern about childcare	Employability event in the village is planned

