

Priority C: Health and well being

Reason for selection of this priority

Livingston North is generally above average for health and wellbeing statistically. There are however pockets where this is not the case. Familiar lifestyle themes relating to poor diet, substance abuse, smoking and lack of exercise as well as sexual health issues amongst younger people, are areas of concern.

Example issue identified	Example of action proposed
Sexual health promotion to young people.	C card (sexual health) outlet at Vennie.
Unhealthy lifestyles amongst some young people	To provide health services to young people particularly regarding alcohol substance misuse fitness and diet.
Promote healthy eating.	To stage 2 courses for 20 adults to teach them basic cooking and nutrition skills.
Poor physical health of some residents	To increase walking group participation.

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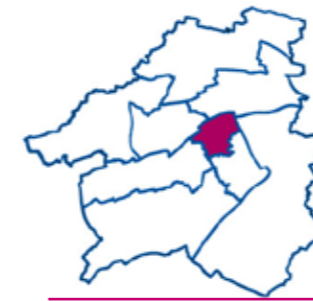
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SUMMARY LOCALITY PLAN

Livingston North 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 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. 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.

2. Livingston North Ward

The ward includes the communities of Eliburn, Deans, Carmondean, Livingston Village, Livingston Station, & Knightsridge. Economically speaking, Livingston North is the least deprived of the three Livingston wards and out performs the West Lothian average in all of the Key Economic Indicators. It has the lowest unemployment levels outside the Linlithgow Ward as well as low levels of deprivation generally. There are however two areas of the ward which tend to suffer from high levels of benefit dependency, poor health and low educational achievement.



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3. Information on Locality Planning Structure

A three pronged approach was taken to assess the priorities for the Ward:

- statistical analysis of the area
- consultation with local workers
- engaging with the community

A multi agency steering group was established in May 2008 .Prior to that substantial joint working under the banner of locality planning had been undertaken in the area since 2006. Having considered the results of the outcomes of the community engagement, the data acquired from a variety of sources and the application of their own knowledge of the area the steering group determined the 3 priority themes which are;

- Young people
- Health & Wellbeing
- Income & Employment

These local priorities both recognise opportunity and tackle disadvantage and will be validated through further community engagement work and discussions with relevant senior officers.

3 working groups were then established to develop ideas around the themes and to formulate action plans accordingly and to report back to the lead officer and the steering group for validation.

The composition of the working groups were drawn from a range of community planning partners

The full Locality Plan contains a Community Profile; section on Community Engagement; information on the Locality Planning Structure; detailed Action Plans; SOA 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 Livingston North 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

Livingston North in common with West Lothian as a whole has a relatively high proportion of young people 34% are under age 25. There has been very strong evidence, particularly from community engagement exercises, indicating that issues surrounding children and young people tend to dominate communities particularly in Knightsridge and to a lesser extent Deans and Carmondean.

The Knightsridge area has had an historically high level of calls to the Police regarding youth behaviour, some real some perceived. It should be noted however that this is an area which has shown improvement in part due to better joined up working across all agencies over the past period..

Livingston North has been selected by the Community Planning Partners to pilot the Young People in Transition Life Stages Model.

A multi agency working group is currently working on designing this model which will report in early 2009. This will continue to develop the Youth theme of the plan in the next period.

Example issues identified	Example of action proposed
Youths hanging around with nothing to do	Reopening of Vennie in Knightsridge
Lack of activities for young people	Directory of activities for young people
Alcohol misuse by young people	Establishment of health services at Vennie concentrating on diet fitness and alcohol awareness
Young people not in work education or training (MCMC)	Establishment of pilot in Deans CHS with satellite services at Vennie to help young people find a positive career destination

Priority B: Employability

Reason for selection of this priority:

Whilst the overall ward level of employment is quite favourable this is not represented across the whole ward and in some areas benefit dependency is much higher than the West Lothian average. Furthermore this income deprivation extends to those who are in employment which tends to be low paid for a significant proportion in work

There is also significantly higher rates of attendant poor health, low educational achievement , low level crime in some areas.

Additionally there is a higher than average amount of young people leaving school without a positive destination.

The measures noted below relate to those areas which are below the West Lothian average.

Example issue identified	Example of action proposed
High local concentration of workless families	Develop pilot to train local housing staff to give employability and income advice
High levels of residents on Incapacity Benefit.	Develop strategy with McMillan Centre in Carmondean to work with Incapacity claimants
Promote take up of in work benefits	Targeted in work benefit campaign in less well off areas

