

Community Planning In East Lothian

Community Planning is about organisations and communities working together to improve how services are planned, coordinated and carried out. This way of working aims to make sure that services truly meet the needs of the people who use them, or who are affected by them, and should result in real improvements to people's lives and opportunities and their surroundings.

There are two main principles for working in a Community Planning way:

✿ that people and communities are genuinely engaged in the decisions made on public services which affect them

✿ that there is a commitment from organisations to work together to continually improve the way services are delivered for communities

The 2003 Local Government in Scotland Act set out statutory duties for community planning that the Council and all public services must carry out in partnership. This was reinforced with the 2007 Concordat between the Scottish Government and Local Government.

How does this work in East Lothian?

The East Lothian Community Planning Partnership (ELCPP) is responsible for community planning. ELCPP is a broad based partnership of agencies and organisations from the public, voluntary, private and community sectors that have come together to work in a community planning way.

Statement of Intent

We will work in partnership to build an East Lothian where everyone has the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life and which contributes to a fair and sustainable future for Scotland and the wider world.

ELCPP's *Statement of Intent* and *Our Plan for the Future of East Lothian: Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2011*, provide the framework for working together. The main groups that carry out this work are:

✿ **The Board** – sets the strategic direction for community planning and oversees the SOA.

✿ **The SOA Theme Groups** - agree and deliver action plans for their part of the SOA. There are seven theme groups. Each one brings together the lead people for the relevant partnership groups and networks and community organisations.

✿ **The Local Area Forums (LAF)** - set a shared vision and a local community plan for the area. They bring together local people and groups and service providers. There are three LAFs in the Dunbar, Musselburgh and North Berwick areas (corresponding to the high-school cluster), with three more planned.

✿ **The Community Planning Forum** – supports and enhances the partnership's work. It is open to individuals and groups involved in any aspect of community planning. The Forum meets once a year.

Who is in ELCPP?

These organisations have formally agreed to deliver the SOA 2011 - many more organisations, groups and networks are involved through partnership groups across East Lothian.

- ✿ Association of East Lothian Community Councils
- ✿ Care and Repair East Lothian
- ✿ Citizens Advice Bureau
- ✿ East Lothian Community Health Partnership
- ✿ East Lothian Council
- ✿ East Lothian Learning Partnership
- ✿ East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel
- ✿ Forestry Commission Scotland
- ✿ Jewel and Esk College
- ✿ Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service
- ✿ Lothian and Borders Police
- ✿ Mid and East Lothian Drug & Alcohol Partnership (MELDAP)
- ✿ NHS Lothian
- ✿ Queen Margaret University
- ✿ Scottish Enterprise
- ✿ Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- ✿ SEStran
- ✿ Scottish Natural Heritage
- ✿ Sustaining Dunbar
- ✿ Voluntary Action East Lothian (VAEL)