

Our Plan for the Future of East Lothian: SOA 2011

What is it and why is it important?

Our Plan for the Future of East Lothian: Single Outcome Agreement 2011 - SOA for short - sets out the way we aim to achieve our *Statement of Intent* for East Lothian. The plan sets out the context, the opportunities and the challenges, our shared priorities and above all the differences that we aim to make in people's lives and opportunities, in our communities and the places we live in.

SOA 2011 is the overarching plan for the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership and therefore for all partner organisations in relation to their work in East Lothian. By signing up to this plan all Community Planning partners have agreed to work together to achieve these Outcomes through joint-delivery plans as well as through their individual services.

What is in it?

Community Planning Partners have analysed the situation in East Lothian and, in consultation with communities, identified five Cross-cutting Themes and 14 Outcomes which sum up what we want to achieve to benefit the people of this county.

The 14 East Lothian Outcomes are:

- ✿ A sustainable and successful local economy- developing key local sectors and enhancing business performance
- ✿ All young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
- ✿ All children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed
- ✿ The life chances for children, young people and families at risk or with disability are improved
- ✿ We live healthier, more active and independent lives
- ✿ Fewer people experience poverty
- ✿ Fewer people are the victim of crime, disorder or abuse
- ✿ Fewer people experience antisocial behaviour
- ✿ Our homes and roads are safer
- ✿ People in housing need have access to an appropriate type, tenure and standard of housing and are prevented from becoming homeless
- ✿ High quality natural and built environments that enhance the well-being of the local community
- ✿ Less dependent on finite resources by moving to a more localised, low-carbon economy and reducing our ecological and carbon footprints by 80% by 2050
- ✿ Well connected communities with increased use of sustainable forms of transport
- ✿ Strong, vibrant communities where residents are responsible and empowered with a positive sense of well-being

This is where the SOA is different from most plans. It focuses on Outcomes - the impact that our services will have on people's lives, opportunities, and surroundings - rather than on what individual organisations do.

The five Cross-cutting Themes are:

- ✿ Equality & Diversity
- ✿ Early Intervention
- ✿ Community Engagement
- ✿ Sustainability
- ✿ Effective & efficient services

Download the East Lothian SOA 2011 from the website (link below)

- ✿ Full versions in pdf or word only
- ✿ Snapshot version will be available in Sept 2011.

Why do we need this?

SOA 2011 will help deliver the best services possible for the people of East Lothian by improving the way service providers work together and focusing resources where they are most needed.

In addition to setting out an agreed way forward for partners in East Lothian, SOA 2011 is also an agreement between the ELCPP and the Scottish Government. It links East Lothian Outcomes to the Scottish Government's 15 National Outcomes in a way that best reflects local priorities.