



What is Community Planning?

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, opportunities and surroundings.

There are two main aspects to working in a Community Planning way:

-  Enabling organisations that deliver services to improve the way they work together. Some examples of these services are: care services, working with young people or co-ordinating the range of services provided in a school cluster area.
-  Making sure that communities are at the heart of this work and that they have real opportunities for getting involved and influencing decision making on the services that are important to them.

*** Community Planning is a new approach to delivering public services across Scotland. It began with the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003. This Act sets out statutory duties for community planning that the Council and all public services must carry out in partnership with others.

How does this work in East Lothian?

The East Lothian Community Planning Partnership (ELCPP) is responsible for community planning in East Lothian. 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 to deliver services that:-

- make the best use of resources
- meet the needs of communities and individuals
- promote the well-being of people in East Lothian

ELCPP works to a strategic plan called the East Lothian Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). It carries out this work through these groups:-

-  **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, by bringing together the relevant partnership groups and networks, for example: East Lothian Housing Partnership, East Lothian Learning Partnership, Environment Forum, Social Care Joint Planning Groups, Health Improvement Groups, Enterprise & Skills...
-  **The Local Area Forums (LAF)** - set a shared vision and a local community plan for a school cluster area. The first LAFs are in the Dunbar and Musselburgh areas, with 4 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.

Find out more about how this all works at - <http://www.eastlothiancommunityplanning.org.uk/>

Who is in East Lothian Community Planning Partnership?

-  Association of East Lothian Community Councils
-  East Lothian Community Health Partnership
-  East Lothian Council
-  East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel (ELTRP)
-  East Lothian Voluntary Organisations Network (ELVON)
-  Jewel and Esk College
-  Lothian and Border Fire and Rescue Service
-  Lothian and Borders Police
-  NHS Lothian
-  Queen Margaret University
-  Scottish Enterprise
-  SEStran
-  Social Enterprise in East Lothian Ltd
-  Volunteer Development East Lothian (VDEL)

These are the organisations which have signed up to deliver the SOA. There are also many more groups, organisations and networks involved in Community Planning across East Lothian.