



Local Community Planning in each area

What is Local Community Planning?

Local Community Planning operates on the same broad principles as Community Planning overall:-

-  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 local communities

It brings this way of working to issues and services that affect people at a local level.

How will Local Community Planning work in East Lothian?

Local Community Planning arrangements will be organised in East Lothian to correspond with the 5 multi-member wards in the east of the county and a combined area covering the 2 Musselburgh wards. Arrangement in these 6 areas will be rolled out over 3 years – beginning with the Musselburgh and Dunbar areas.

Local Area Forums

A broad based Local Area Forum (LAF) will be established in each area.

This forward looking planning group will bring together a wide range of community representatives and service providers from community planning partners (eg. The Council, Police and Health) to look at key issues facing their locality.

The first task of each LAF will be to develop a shared vision for the area and produce a Local Community Plan to guide their ongoing work.

The Local Area Forum will then meet up to 4 times a year to:-

- explore issues affecting their communities
- receive reports and monitor progress towards the goals identified in their Local Community Plan
- plan what needs to be done to make a difference for their community

The LAF will also form short life task groups as required to undertake work on behalf of the Forum.

Local Community Planning Officer will be assigned to implement the roll out in each ward. A number of structures will also be put in place in each area, to support and develop local planning. These will all be interconnected with clear systems of communication and reporting established to co-ordinate their activities

Local Area Officers Group

In each area the Local Community Planning Officer will convene a multi-agency officers group.

This group will have representatives from service providers in the area at an operational level, including police, health workers, members of the voluntary sector and officers from relevant East Lothian Council departments including education, transport, housing, environment and community services.

This group will run parallel to the Local Area Forum and will be tasked with working towards continuous improvement in the delivery and co-ordination of services in the local area.

CAPP – Community and Police Partnership

CAPP meetings are already taking place within each ward across East Lothian and are a key example of local community planning in practice.

At these monthly meetings community representatives meet to identify local policing and safety issues. They are able task local police with up to 3 priority areas for action over the coming month.

At the following meeting the Police report on what has been done and what difference this has made.

Local Action Partnerships

In each area Local Action Partnerships will be established using the CAPP system as a model.

The Local Action Partnerships will focus on the public realm. They will provide an opportunity for community representatives to directly influence local service delivery by identifying 3 short term priorities each month to tackle issues within the local environment.