

# East Lothian Partnership

## East Lothian Plan 2026-2036 February 2025 Partners' Update

East Lothian Partnership are engaged in the coproduction process for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2026-2036. You might know this as the [East Lothian Plan 2017-2027](#). This plan concentrates on what we as partners can achieve by working together on specific issues, to reduce inequalities, and improve outcomes for East Lothian's people.

Over the next few months, we will be engaging with communities on what they want to see from their LOIP. In the meantime, we want to keep you updated on what we have been doing. The aims for this month were;

Design a facilitation guide with youth and community partners

Meet with statutory partners unable to attend Impact Assessments

Update the Strategic Needs Assessment for use by community groups and partners

### What we've undertaken so far

- Facilitated a training and feedback session focussing on the draft facilitation pack requested at the Impact Assessments, with 25 attendees from children and youth partners. The session identified a number of improvements; language, images and the use of case studies to embed a trauma informed approach of distancing from personal experience. Groups missing from the session were highlighted as additional needs/disability and young carers and separate meetings have been arranged with these groups. Two sub groups were formed following this session; one to discuss the voice of early years and the second to look at the revised pack.
- Met with statutory partners in Further Education and Police Scotland unable to attend the Impact Assessment, to discuss their involvement, and meeting with Scottish Fire & Rescue Service the first week of March.
- Updated the Strategic Needs Assessment, as a resource to be used by communities and partners.
- Circulated the Self Assessment report undertaken by the Improvement Service, with the East Lothian Partnership Governance Group, Strategic Groups and Community Partners, as well as the Scotland wide report.
- Attended two network sessions on Coproduction and Local Outcome Improvement Plan development. The first was a session with Scottish Coproduction Network, discussing challenges and opportunities in local authorities. The second was a peer education session facilitated by the Improvement Service, for all 32 Community Planning Partners (CPP's) focused on three CPP's process to developing their Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

### What we're planning now

- On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March we are facilitating a second training and feedback session on the facilitation guide with community partners.
- In mid March the Improvement Service will facilitate a session with the Governance Group, to develop an Improvement Plan, responding to the results of the self assessment report.
- Following this session, we plan to meet with community partners to reflect on their feedback and Improvement Plan actions.
- From mid March through to May we will be revisiting Area Partnerships, Association of Community Councils, along with Strategic and Subgroups of the East Lothian Partnership to update on progress and discuss community engagement.

### How you can get involved

- Join the session on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm Port Seton Centre (email [Lucy.lhigginson@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.lhigginson@eastlothian.gov.uk)).
- Would you like us to attend your network or group? Please get in touch