

East Lothian Partnership

East Lothian Plan 2017-27 Update & Performance Report

October 2024

Introduction

East Lothian Partnership is pleased to present its second formal Update & Performance Report in relation to the 2017-27 East Lothian Plan. We are grateful to all partners for providing examples of the work that has been undertaken in the last 4 years, since the December 2019 report. The Plan was adopted in September 2017 as the Local Outcome Improvement Plan for the area and focuses on what partners can achieve by working together on specific issues, with the aim of improving outcomes for East Lothian’s people. The Partnership’s Statement of Intent, as detailed in the Plan is as follows:

‘We will work in partnership to achieve an even more prosperous, safe and sustainable East Lothian, with a dynamic and thriving economy that enables our people and communities to flourish’

The East Lothian Plan has three key themes – **Prosperous, Community Minded and Fair**, along with 7 related outcomes, these are:

Prosperous

Outcome 1.1: East Lothian people are working, are free from in-work poverty and are able to develop and improve their work skills

Outcome 1.2: Local businesses are thriving and the business base is expanding

Outcome 1.3: People and businesses in East Lothian have better access to digital infrastructure and the digital skills they need

Community-minded

Outcome 2.1: East Lothian has strong resilient communities where people respect and support each other

Outcome 2.2: East Lothian people can live affordably and contribute to a thriving life in a high-quality environment

Fair

Outcome 3.1: We tackle the causes and effects of poverty in East Lothian and we reduce the gap between the richest and poorest people

Outcome 3.2: People in East Lothian are enjoying healthier lives




Early intervention and prevention is a key approach for the East Lothian Partnership, and is identified as a ‘Golden Thread’ running through the East Lothian Plan, along with the priorities of reducing inequality and tackling poverty.

This Update and Performance Report provides a summary of the progress made against the East Lothian Plan’s outcomes, this includes data on the indicators identified to help measure progress on delivering the Plan, and also examples of partnership work that has taken place over the last four years. As we near the end of the 2017-2027 East Lothian Plan, Strategic Groups and Community Partners have feedback through discussion and surveys, on the future needs for a LOIP. This is detailed in this Performance Report together with key data to provide a baseline of information for discussion and coproduction over the next year, as well as linking with key East Lothian policies and the National Performance Framework.

The East Lothian Plan is not intended as a ‘master plan’ for the area, but sits alongside a number of other detailed partnership plans and strategies¹ - performance in relation to these is reported elsewhere, for example, in annual performance reports such as the Integration Joint Board annual report.

Performance indicators

The Partnership agreed a number of performance indicators for each of the outcomes included in the East Lothian Plan. There are 33 indicators in total. Data related to these indicators is presented in the relevant tables throughout this report – the following symbols / colour coding is used for easy reference regarding progress towards targets. It should be noted that some of the data from the 2021/2023 column has required to be updated since it was presented to the Governance group in April 2024, to include more accurate up to date information.

	Performance has improved or is at or above target
	Performance has remained unchanged and / or may not reach target / not measured / data not comparable
	Performance has declined

¹ See appendix 1 for details of current partnership strategies and plans

The following table gives a summary of performance against indicators across the three East Lothian Plan themes;

Number and proportion of indicators where: Performance has improved or is at or above target	Number and proportion of indicators where: Performance has remained unchanged and / or may not reach target / not measured / data not comparable	Number and proportion of indicators where: Performance has declined
Overall	Overall	Overall
18	8	7
55%	24%	21%
Prosperous	Prosperous	Prosperous
7	1	2
70%	10%	20%
Community Minded	Community Minded	Community Minded
8	3	1
67%	25%	8%
Fair	Fair	Fair
3	4	4
7%	36.5%	36.5%

The current overall picture for performance can be summarised as follows:

- Eighteen (58%) show positive trends from the 2017/18 baseline and / or are already at their target {green}
- Eight (21%) have not improved from their baseline, have not been measured and / or have not made progress towards meeting their target {amber}

- Seven (21%) have declined {red}.

Outcome 1.1 East Lothian people are working, are free from in-work poverty and are able to develop and improve their work skills

Actions:	Update:
<p>a) Produce a Workforce Plan for East Lothian, identifying skills shortages and considering ways in which we can address the area’s workforce needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A multi-agency working group developed an East Lothian Workforce Plan based on a Regional Skills Assessment carried out by Skills Development. This identified current and future skills demand which help to inform the development of the Plan. Third-sector organisations ensure inclusive consultations and address lifelong learning. - The Workforce Plan has been refined, with third-sector organisations ensuring inclusive consultations and addressing lifelong learning. - Challenges persist around funding constraints, with charities and community groups facing financial limitations, complicating their ability to sustain workforce development programmes. To mitigate this the sector, adopt Collaborative Funding Models, securing external funding and partnerships to support initiatives. - The third sector have developed specific training plans with third sector input to meet local economic needs. - An Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) programme has been approved as part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal delivery structure.
<p>b) Encourage career progression through training opportunities available under the forthcoming Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Lothian Works deliver training and skills interventions for young people, labour market returners and other priority groups, thus supporting the growth of local businesses and helping to create and safeguard jobs. - Through a Data Driven Innovation Project Connected Economy Group (CEG is an ELP sub-group) developed a pathway from beginner ICT to SCQF Level 6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Based on a pathway of 4 stages, delivered stages 1-3 in partnership with Edinburgh College. 2021/22 outcomes: 23 registrations and 14 unique learners. Some participated in multiple courses. 10 achieved qualifications at SCQF level 4 with 3 job outcomes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2021/22: 23 registrations and 14 unique learners. Some participated in multiple courses. 10 achieved qualifications at SCQF level 4, 3 job outcomes. ○ From January 2023 it was absorbed into the main college curriculum. - The Community Wealth Building Charter has been adopted by anchor organisations East Lothian Council, NHS Lothian, QMU, Edinburgh College & VCEL and is in the process of being adopted by Supporting Partners. A Working Group oversees activity with sub-groups covering the 6 pillars. On other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Lunchtime Learning Sessions & Elected Member Engagement Sessions on Community Wealth Building are planned in Sept/Oct 2024, with wider community awareness raising being planned for Oct – Feb 2025.
<p>c) Examine the issue of in-work poverty in East Lothian and encourage payment of the Living Wage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NHS Lothian is an accredited Real Living Wage Employer. Partners including VCEL are accredited employers. East Lothian Council is currently a real Living Wage Employer and is seeking Living Wage Accreditation in 2024. - Increased universal financial inclusion information and pathways so that people who experience in-work poverty have access to information on the financial support available, and can more easily be signposted when accessing community services. - EL Works have specific financial inclusion advisors who are able to help individuals navigate work/benefits and maximise their income. - The mean household income in East Lothian in 2020 was £45,105. However, there is significant variation between quintiles. Median lower income ranges from £23,471 in Preston Seton Gosford, to £34,598 in North Berwick. - Scottish Government have funded a data management test of change to better understand the profile of poverty in East Lothian, how we use data to monitor policies. - Skills for Work partnership between EL Works and Edinburgh College offers units in Early Learning & Childcare, a popular choice for parents returning to the workforce. Between Sept 2021 and June 2022, 54 qualifications were achieved at Level 4 & 5. Between September 2022 and January 2023, 40 learners enrolled.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESOL learning provided new support for Ukrainian Displaced People, with 35 learners engaging and the Partnership offering employability support. - Justice system and employability – EL Works commissioned Heavy Sounds, Access to Industry, Skills Development Scotland and other partners to create opportunities for people who have an active involvement with justice social work (CPOs, supervision), people are referred to tailored employability options when leaving the service. Work is underway to ensure apprenticeship and other employability opportunities with NHS Lothian are accessible and available to residents of East Lothian via the Local Employability Partnership.
<p>d) Consideration to be given to developing a partnership approach to Community Benefits through procurement to maximise the potential gain from this approach and increase local employment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly Large Contracts meeting between procurement, East Lothian Works and Connected Communities. Projects have included donations of money towards local foodbanks and pantries and a new kitchen in a community centre - Connected Communities Managers meeting with Senior Procurement Officer monthly, agreeing Community Benefit projects with Area Partnership members. - NHS Lothian have a community benefits gateway that is promoted to local organisations. Overall the Gateway has been well used with 23 applications. Of these 23, nine were successful (two of which were fulfilled outwith the gateway through a partnership approach between Volunteer Centre East Lothian and NHS Lothian Public Health). Five of the 23 applications were unsuccessful after a year of being on the gateway and there are still nine active. Successful applications have ranged from money (a total of £4500 has been provided using the gateway) as well as equipment ranging from kitchen equipment, lighting and sound equipment, office furniture and blinds. By area, PSG has had the most submitted applications submitted (6), followed by Haddington and Lammermuir, Fa’side and Musselburgh with 4 submissions. Dunbar has had 3 submissions and North Berwick has had 1. It should be noted that presentations of the gateway were done at PSG area partnership and Fa’side Health and Wellbeing Subgroup which may contribute to the higher number of applications from those areas. Quote from Fraser Centre <i>“We were delighted to have received some fantastic equipment from Clark Contracts through the NHS Community Gateway. We found the process of uploading our needs straightforward.”</i>
<p>Planned impact on communities</p>	<p>Update:</p>
<p>Year 1: We will work collectively to have a better understanding of in-work poverty and start to tackle the issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No data to measure this impact, although there has been development work on the East Lothian Plan

Year 1: We will have identified appropriate actions through our workforce plan	- A multi-agency working group developed an East Lothian Workforce Plan.
Year 1: More East Lothian people will be paid the living wage	- In 2017 19.1% of EL were earning less than the living wage which has now unfortunately increased to 27.1%, while the Scottish average has reduced from 18.4% to 14.4% (with an increase in 18/19 to 19.4%).
Year 1,3,10: East Lothian adult employment rates will be above the Scottish average	- Adult employment rate in Scotland is 77.9% and in East Lothian the rate is higher at 83.5%
Year 1,3,10: Participation rates of 16 to 19 year olds will have improved	- There has been a 1.3% improvement in participation rates from 94.7% to 96%
Year 3,10: Young People employment rates will be higher than Scottish average	- The rate of 16-24 year olds in East Lothian is 57.8% and in Scotland is 54.1%.

Indications for new LOIP:

Survey responses gathered as part of this review show that development of a workforce plan is still required, with updates needed to the current version. A representative from an East Lothian charity remarked, “**Our collaboration in the Workforce Plan is vital** to ensure that the voices of those facing **in-work poverty** are heard. However, without sustained **funding**, our ability to contribute effectively is limited”.

Survey responses highlight the ongoing importance of tackling in work poverty to the new LOIP, but updates would require new specific actions. Partners note that data on poverty, in-work poverty and the number of people working under zero hours contracts would be important. Addressing Zero Hours Contracts and Child Poverty remain other priorities. All the dimensions of fair work namely effective voice, opportunity, security, fulfilment, and respect should be promoted.

The City Region Deal is an ongoing priority, but updated actions will be required when funding ends in 2027. What the City Region Deal looks like post-2027 is still to be formalised. In the interim, specific attention should be given to actions around career progression and training through city region deal.

Partnership work around community benefits is another area that needs to be updated and further explored in the future LOIP. Actions around how we negotiate, track, and monitor needs updating including how this area is resourced to maximise benefit.

Partnership around large strategic sites and attraction of jobs to these sites require consideration in the future LOIP. More realistic analysis about the number of jobs that will be provided on these sites is needed, as well as updated and realistic timelines for sites including the QMU Hub. There was also a reflection however of why farming and other rural community businesses are not included with the LOIP. There was particular comment on this due to the employment of migrant workers and the level of fair payment for this workforce.

All future LOIP actions, including those around the economy, should bear in mind the impact of the growing population and the additional pressures this will place on infrastructure, job availability and workforce needs. Many of these areas are included within the new Local Economy Strategy (2024-2034).

Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021	Target	% change	Trend
Job density – proportion of people of working age (16-64) in employment in East Lothian (including employed and self-employed)	Economic Development Strategy (NOMIS)	0.55 (2016)	0.56	0.62 *	0.60	↑7%	
Percentage earning less than the Living Wage	ONS Annual survey of hours & earnings	19.1% (2017) (Scottish av = 18.4%)	20.8% (Scottish av = 19.4%)	27.1% * (Scottish av = 14.4%)	17%	↓8%	
Adult employment Rate	SLAED / NOMIS	75.5% (Scottish av = 74.3%)	78.4% (Scottish av = 74.5%)	83.5% (Scottish av = 77.9%)	80%	↑4.5%	
Number of people participating in EL Works operated or funded employability programmes	SLAED	384	463	723	450	↑188%	
Percentage participation rate for 16-19 year olds	SDS	94.7% (Scottish av = 91.8%)	94% (Scottish av = 6%)	96.1% (Scottish av = 94.2%+)	96%	↑1.4%	

Commentary

- The indicators show that good progress has been made in working towards the targets for this outcome. The activities described above can be seen as having made a significant contribution to this positive trend.
- The only indicator flagged as red is the percentage of people earning less than the Living Wage, with East Lothian being above the national average for this. Further analysis in relation to Living Wage data would be useful in terms of helping to identify ways of addressing the issue. As mentioned above, a number of community planning partners are looking at becoming Scottish Living Wage employers, so this has potential to impact positively on this indicator.
- In regard to new data required to better measure progress suggestions have been around number of people on zero hour contracts, measuring the gap between those employed in low to high SIMD, specific focus on targeted groups i.e. disability, carers and long term health conditions and a clearer link to Community Wealth Building targets.

Outcome 1.2 Local businesses are thriving and the business base is expanding

Actions:	Update:
<p>e) Promote and support economic development and attract jobs to the area through large strategic employment sites that may become available, such as the Cockenzie Power Station site and the Innovation Park proposed near Queen Margaret University.</p>	<p>Cockenzie site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploration of options and ongoing engagement with stakeholders took place. The National Planning Framework 4 policy review will potentially allow for a wider range of permissible uses. Discussion regarding a port study is underway, as well as scenario modelling for Cockenzie and Blindwells - Levelling Up funding was successful, with 90% UK Govt funded works to remediate and make available up to 30ha of the site for redevelopment, underway in September 2024 - ELC funded link road also under construction which will improve accessibility and allow for redevelopment of site. To be completed mid-2025. - Technical assessment of development potential of site to be complete late 2024 to firm Council option and developer and for use in obtaining investment - Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm is under construction as of September 2024. This will see up to 72 turbines constructed 15 km off the Angus Coastline. Once complete, it will become one of the country’s largest single sources of renewable energy and power up to one million homes. The development has secured a grid connection in East Lothian as well as consent for both the onshore transmission works and offshore design elements. - Contribution towards 360 centre and port study feasibility report. - A local business support group noted, “Strategic sites like Cockenzie can transform the local economy, but it’s crucial that developments are community-led and meet the needs of all residents.” - The East Lothian Innovation HUB is a lab and office facility designed for small businesses and seeking specialist services and business networks close to the centre of Edinburgh. Planning permission was granted in September 2023 for the 7,200 sqm Hub which it is hoped will be completed in 2025.

<p>f) Work together to relocate and co-locate, and repurpose suitable surplus assets as employment land.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colocation was found to be inappropriate for Police and East Lothian Council. Separate Asset Boards for ELC and Police are examining how asset needs are changing. - The ELC Asset Board is taking a place-based approach to reviewing assets and discussion around a future Hub model. The Board is seeking to adopt a more proactive approach to exploring asset re-use and co-location of partnership services. - The Herdmanflat Hospital site in Haddington has been acquired by East Lothian Council for extra care housing and potentially a multi-generational care facility. Musselburgh CAB and HSCP (Tier 1 Mental Health) have trialled outreach within the hospital. - ELCSP Whole Family Wellbeing are piloting information hub models bringing together partners in community spaces. - East Lothian Partnership Poverty Plan 2024-2028 Improvement Plan sets out new pilot plans to work in spaces that people feel comfortable in, and where they can access a range of services and information at the same time. These spaces are free from stigma and trauma informed.
<p>Planned impact on communities:</p>	<p>Update:</p>
<p>Year 1: The City Region Deal will be in place in East Lothian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The City Region Deal is in place, although finishes in 2027.
<p>Year 1: East Lothian adult employment rates will be above the Scottish average</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adult employment rate in Scotland is 77.9% and in East Lothian the rate is higher at 83.5%
<p>Year 3: Partners will have identified appropriate employment land from among their assets so businesses can expand</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is 400% more land supply available for business growth
<p>Year 10: More businesses will be operating in East Lothian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase of 21% in businesses based in East Lothian
<p>Year 10: Bigger business will be operating in East Lothian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No data available to measure impact

Indications for new LOIP:

Partners indicate that the ongoing work around the asset review remains relevant for the new LOIP, but would need to be updated to reflect the Partnership’s current position. Support to small businesses is an ongoing stream of work that is still relevant to the new LOIP, but should be updated in line with recent developments and the new Economic Development strategy.

Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021	Target	% change	Trend
Business base – number of businesses	Economic Development Strategy	3,135	3,180	3,800 *	3,300	↑21%	
Town centre vacancy rate	Economic Development Strategy	6.1%	8.4%	8.1%	5%	↑2%	
Land supply available for business growth	Economic Development Strategy	55,000 sqmt	103,000 sqmt Immediately available	220,000sqmt*	155,000sqmt	↑400%	

Commentary

- The town centre vacancy rate increased from 6.1% to 8.1%; although this is still below the Scottish average which currently sits at around 10%. The increase reflects the difficulties faced by ‘high street’ shops and recent closures of some businesses, which have created vacancies that have not yet been filled. This was further impacted with the effects of COVID and Brexit.

Outcome 1.3 People and businesses in East Lothian have better access to digital infrastructure & the digital skills they need

Actions:	Update:
<p>g) Continue to press for better provision of broadband and other appropriate infrastructure locally, and monitor the delivery of national programmes to ensure equity of digital provision for people in rural areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13 East Lothian schools are part of the Internet of Things (IoT) Project (Edinburgh City and Region deal) - Shift towards ensuring equitable digital access and literacy. - Digital Divide: Ongoing challenges in providing high-speed internet to rural areas. - The Scottish Government R100 programme (previously Digital Scotland) aims to ensure that all of Scotland will have access to 30Mbps broadband coverage by 2021. The R100 programme is ongoing and the latest updates can be found here: https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/r100-programme/r100-facts/
<p>h) Work with small businesses to make them aware of their options for conducting their business digitally, particularly in relation to using dedicated connections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training in basic IT skills is available in libraries, Community Learning & Development, housing associations, etc. - Through EL Works, ICT and Data Skills pathway was developed to deliver ICT and Data Skills from beginner to SCQF Level 6. Community based learning was provided with wrap around support. Of 23 registrations 14 learners have attended, with 10 achieving qualifications at Level 4, and 3 job outcomes. - Over 555 learners have accessed Data Skills Training across SCQF Levels 3 to 10 (Source). - Ongoing support for businesses is available via Digital Boost and Digital Tourism Scotland, as well as more specialised one to one support. DigitalBoost was offered in East Lothian from 2016 to end 2022 when funding ceased. - Business Gateway East Lothian offers a range of resources similar to those previously available under DigitalBoost, including free webinars, one-on-one expert advice and digital skills training. These cover topics such as digital marketing, e-commerce and using business management tools to improve operations. - ELC offers 1-2-1 Expert Help (funded by UKSPF) for both marketing and e-Commerce (for which we have had a good uptake).

<p>i) Through the Local Development Plan Action Programme encourage developers to install digital infrastructure in new dwellings and other premises.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDP policy requires Development proposals of 5 or more homes or proposals for employment generating uses with a floor area of 100m² or larger shall make provision for deliverable opportunities for digital infrastructure. - LDP2 is currently being developed. Planned approach of making best use of existing infrastructure and reducing car use would be promoted. He stressed the importance of progressing LDP2, and this would include infrastructure requirements, but input from Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and other agencies would be required. Mr Edgar assured Members that the Council would push for an ‘infrastructure first’ approach
<p>Planned impact on communities:</p>	<p>Update:</p>
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Indications for new LOIP:

A priority identified in the Recovery and Renewal actions which was to be carried forward into the LOIP - *Provide digital learning and capacity development opportunities within the community.* Responses received as part of this review highlighted that we require targeted digital inclusion initiatives *programmes to enhance digital literacy and access, particularly for vulnerable groups in vital.* A representative from a digital inclusion charity stated, *“Bridging the digital divide is critical for our rural communities. Without it, we risk leaving behind those who are most vulnerable.”*

Responses received as part of this review highlight that Broadband provision remains relevant, with ongoing challenges in providing high-speed internet to rural areas.

Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021	Target	% change	Trend
Proportion of East Lothian properties with access to Superfast Broadband (30Mbps)	SLAED from Ofcom	88%	88%	93.5% *	100%	↑5.5%	
Indicator of digital skills in the workforce	SDS	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not measured	

Commentary

- The proportion of properties with access to Superfast Broadband has increased from 88% to 93.5%, but the rollout of the Scottish Government’s Reaching 100% programme, with its ambition for 100% broadband coverage (300 mbps) across Scotland should have an impact on this figure. East Lothian Partnership, via the Connect Economy Group, will continue to influence and lobby wherever possible.
- An alternative indicator may be more useful in measuring progress in extending internet use, as opposed to internet coverage
- Further work required to highlight gaps in digital skills in workforce and actions the partnership can take to address this.

Outcome 2.1 East Lothian has strong resilient communities where people respect and support each other

Actions:	Update:
<p>j) Work with communities to involve them in community justice issues, and implement the new Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2021/24 CJOIP was reviewed and a new CJOIP published in 2024. - The East Lothian Community Justice model was reviewed and revised in 2022 with the Partnership and workstreams disbanded. A Community Justice Group was formed in 2023 and reported to the Community Safety & Justice Partnership - Work was carried out by the Unpaid Work Team including the graveyard in Tranent and railings at the harbour in Port seton. - There was some youth disorder as anticipated in Dunbar and Prestonpans and problem-solving partners (PSPs) were put in place. Issues were soon resolved. - Equally Safe was proposed to be set up as workstream/ subgroup to address VAWG issues
<p>k) Work together to understand the issue of people going missing, so we can begin to address this, with a particular focus on people with dementia and young people experiencing mental health issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This priority was added in February 2020 - There have been several protocols put in place for missing persons including the Herbert protocol (for older people) and specific protocols with Lothian Villa & Spark of genius (for young people). - Supporting the East Lothian Integrated Joint Board’s strategic objectives, the five-year dementia strategy 2023-2028, has been developed using a human rights-based approach to ensure that the rights of people with dementia remain at the centre of the provision of services. The key outcomes in the strategy have been taken from work done by the Life Changes Trust which were developed by people living with dementia and their carers; and are based on what was most important to them. - New Dementia Friendly spaces and meeting centres have been established in at least 3 Area Partnership areas including a new meeting centre in Musselburgh. This is a partnership between the Musselburgh Health & Well Being Group and Dementia Friendly East Lothian (DFEL). Following a community led process, which began in 2019, St Andrews High Church agreed to host a Dementia Friendly Meeting Centre. Meeting centres are a core part of the Community Transformation Project aimed at developing innovative and effective approaches to care and support. Musselburgh is the first centre for East Lothian offers a warm and welcoming place in the community where people can

	<p>be with peers and get help and support. Haddington Singing Group was set up in August 2019 to improve the quality of life for people with dementia, their partners, and carers by providing a safe and friendly place to sing together and meet socially for friendship and support. The project aims to restore confidence and prevent isolation. They applied for funding to assist with refreshment costs, they continue to meet regularly at the Maitland House Hotel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dementia training has been made available to staff supporting warm spaces and social isolation projects through Dementia Friendly East Lothian and Dementia Scotland.
<p>l) Make our roads safer, including a focus on making journeys safer for cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The road safety group meets quarterly with attendance from Police Scotland, Safety Camera Unit, Fire Service, Education, Trunk Road, Area Partnership, Community Councils reps, Councillors etc. This meeting looks at Road Safety issues across the county to discuss necessary and appropriate interventions. The group is still working on the update of the Road Safety Action Plan. NB Transport Scotland (via the Scottish Government) are offering up some training on Safe Systems which should allow alignment of plan to the National Road Safety Framework. - On the move/Sustainable subgroups of the Area Partnerships focus on active travel and supporting walkways and cycle routes. In PSG the Heritage Connections subgroup, worked with the Sustainable Travel officers and Go Jauntly to curate 6 heritage walks and produce a map. Work was also undertaken with match funding from Paths for All for a safe cycling and Junior Road Safety Officers programme at Preston Tower, to tackle bad parking at school drop off times. - The East Lothian Walking Festival has run for the past 3 years 2022, 2023 and 2024 encouraging people to be more active and improve their wellbeing. The festival offers and promotes walking (and wheeling where possible) opportunities across the county. The benefits to people’s mental, social, and physical health from being active are manifold and well documented. Walking is an activity that is easily accessible, requires little in the way of specialised equipment and can be enjoyed straight from one’s doorstep. Walks come in all shapes and sizes from challenging long-distance hikes to a gentle stroll around the neighbourhood, but all are beneficial to the participants
<p>m) Further consideration will be given to how the Partnership, its strategic groups and Area Partnerships can tackle the growing problem of social isolation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This priority was added in February 2020 - The impact of COVID and support provided to communities during this period in resilience plans helped to identify new pieces of work across East Lothian to address social isolation.

- Our Community Kitchen main aim is to reduce social isolation for people of all ages and abilities by bringing together the local community of Haddington and Lammermuir to enjoy good hearty fresh food and allowing friendships to form. OCK has organically developed with attendees being elderly people, people living with Dementia, people with physical disabilities, people with life-long conditions/autism, wheelchair users, carers, people with terminal diagnosis, people who are visually impaired and people who have suffered from a stroke. They prepare, cook, and deliver food across the community to people who are referred to OCK by the GP service who are deemed as highly vulnerable.
- Humbie Soupersnack lunches has received funding to support local community response to COVID19 related food need. Toasty Tuesday evolved from the original Humbie Help resilience initiative, started during the Covid pandemic. Food, contact, and support is provided by volunteers to elderly and isolated residents in the village hall. Toasty Tuesdays provides a warm place for residents to go to and enjoy the company of volunteers and a snack lunch. These projects originated from food related need but address issues of social isolation and due to their rural nature isolated due to our area's transport poverty.
- Athelstaneford applied for funding to reconnect their community by providing a series of activities to bring the Athelstaneford community back together following the COVID restrictions of the last 2 years. This village has poor public transport links, the bus service is limited and daytime, this project addresses issues of social isolation and transport poverty.
- Faside Community Kitchen was formed post COVID is a registered Charity Serving Tranent, and its surrounding villages, the aim is to tackle food inequalities and develop a provision that will support the Community to alleviate the pressures of food insecurity and food poverty.
- In PSG, several new groups were established or expanded for isolated elderly residents. In Community Centres Brew and Blether and Over 60s lunches were launched which provide low-cost lunches, a warm space, advice and support, trips, and company. The Pennypit Trust launched a new befriending service visiting people at home and bringing them together and local cafes. They also provide a Time for Tea at Prestonpans Legion which offers a warm and Safe place for anyone to come and enjoy a hot drink and a breakfast roll or Lunch with the Bunch which gives our older community the opportunity to meet new people, have a hot meal and share stories with like-minded people.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Musselburgh, a Cook Club at St Andrews High Parish Church 2022 provided a place of welcome for all, sharing food, learning more about cooking healthy and economic meals, developing friendships and connections within the community. In partnership with Cyrenians and the MAP a new Cook Club was set up “good food, good company and cheaper than being at home with higher energy bills.” - In 2022, North Berwick Community Connections launched the Compassionate Neighbours project, in partnership with North Berwick Compassionate Communities, to support individuals and their families facing a terminal diagnosis. - Day Centres across East Lothian support our elderly community and are often provided project funding through Area Partnerships. One example is Haddington Day Centre which supports 42 clients. The Day Centre continues to address the inequalities in the area for older adults who have less choice, social interaction, more social isolation affecting their mental and physical health and wellbeing. The families (often also elderly) require respite and the Day Centre does what they can to support them, the inability to attend their service has caused a decline in people’s mental health. Haddington Day Centre successfully applied to HALAP for funding to subsidise the cost of bus runs and clients being able to eat together.
<p>n) The Partnership will review action related to Violence Against Women & Girls and the work taking place locally to reflect the national Equally Safe programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Lothian has agreed in principle to develop an Equally Safe Strategy for East Lothian. This work was agreed a considerable period ago, however, was not progressed due to a number of factors, including external scrutiny inspections and the need to agree the governance arrangements. Head of Communities is making arrangements for a Leadership Group to be set up with a view to a first meeting to take place early November 2024. The main strand of work currently taking place is in relation to Learning and Development of the East Lothian workforce, through the Equally Safe in Practice framework
<p>Planned impact on communities</p>	<p>Update:</p>
<p>Year 1: Antisocial behaviour incidents will decrease</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-social behaviour complaints logged to Police and ELC have decreased by 7%
<p>Year 3: Reduction in the numbers of deliberate fires</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fires have reduced by 70%
<p>Year 3: Numbers of people going missing will begin to decrease as people get better help</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of people going missing has reduce by 17%

Year 3: There will be an increased perception that people from different backgrounds can get on well together	- No data available to measure this impact
Year 10: Number of people going missing will continue to decrease	- The number of people going missing has reduce by 17%

Indications for new LOIP:

Survey responses gathered as part of this review have highlighted that social isolation is still relevant, the missing persons priority requires updating to understand the needs and introduce preventative work, and further discussion is required on the priority of road safety and work within ELP’s scope. The work around assisting blue light services with defibrillators appears embedded in communities and therefore may no longer be required as an ELP priority. The priorities under the CJOIP 2021-2024 have all been completed an a new CJOIP has been produced in 2024 which will feed into a new LOIP.

In the Residents Survey (2024) activities for teenagers were in the top three priorities scoring 33% from respondents. A new Youth Work Strategy has been drafted to seek to address the needs identified by young people across the county and focus on early intervention and prevention. New Child Planning Framework Locality Teams have assisted schools and communities to better work together to meet the needs of vulnerable pupils, who are not yet supported by statutory services.

Improvements that were highlighted through survey responses included engaging a better cross section of the community and Third sector groups in already established groups such as Aps, CCs and CAPPs, driving a more self-sustaining approach to problems of youth ASB, incorporating the CLD plan and that the poverty plan should be embedded in a LOIP. There was feedback about specific mention of how the LOIP would seek to make East Lothian a more inclusive county for BME groups, people with physical and learning disabilities, BSL users etc.

Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021 #2024	Target	% change	Trend
Percentage of citizens who say their neighbourhood is a good place to live	East Lothian Residents Survey / Citizens’ Panel	98% Very Good = 74.3%; Good = 23.6%	98% Very Good = 73.3%; Good = 24.6%	93% # Very Good = 46% Fairly good = 47%	Maintain Levels	↓ 5%	

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Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021 #2024	Target	% change	Trend
		(Feb 2017)	(June 2019)				
Proportion of Community Councils with Local Community Resilience Plans	East Lothian Council	25%	45%	60% (2022)	75%	↑ 240%	
Percentage of citizens who ‘Strongly Agree’ or ‘Tend to Agree’ they can rely on a friend / neighbour to help # question changed in 2024 survey to ask to what extent, with options agree, neither/nor	East Lothian Residents Survey	91% (Feb 2017)	92% (June 2019)	78% #	Maintain Levels	Change in question not comparable	
Percentage of citizens who feel safe walking alone in their local area after dark # Question changed in 2024 survey – To what extent do you feel safe walking along after dark in your local area?	East Lothian Residents Survey	85% Very Safe = 51%; Safe = 34% (Feb 2017)	94% Very Safe = 64%; Safe = 30% (June 2019)	72% # A great deal = 23% A fair amount = 49%	Maintain Levels	Change in question not comparable	
Number of anti-social behaviour complaints reported to Police Scotland and the Council	Police Scotland / East Lothian Council	6,850 (2017/18)	6,711 (Council = 1,431; Police = 5,419)	6,352 Council: 1759 Police Scotland: 4,593	Maintain levels	↓7%	
Number of deliberate fires excluding dwellings	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	230	286	162	2% reduction each year	↓70%	
Missing persons reports (adult / child / LAC)	Police Scotland	75 5YA (376)	494 (101/ 188/ 205)	64 5YA	Reduction	↓ 17%	

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021 #2024	Target	% change	Trend
Number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents	Road Safety Working Group	37 (2017)	44 (2018)	27*	Prevent increase	↓ 73%	

Commentary

- East Lothian Residents reported a high level of satisfaction with their neighbourhood, with 93% saying it was either a ‘very good’ or ‘good’ place to live, although this is a 5% reduction. A high percentage (74%) agreed that they could rely on a friend or neighbour for help if they needed to, though the question had been rephrased so not comparable to previous years data. 72% said the extent to which they felt safe walking along in the dark and 49% a fair amount safe. This question was changed for the latest survey and not comparable to previous years data.
- The proportion of Community Councils that currently have a Community Resilience Plan in place has risen by 240%. East Lothian Council works with local communities to support them to develop Plans through direct contact and via an annual Resilient Communities workshop.
- The number of deliberate fires (excluding dwelling fires) decreased by 70%.
- The number of people reported missing has decreased by 17% reflecting the new protocols and early intervention work in this area.
- The number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents decreased by ten people. Because this figure is small, it is prone to fluctuation i.e. a small number of additional collisions can result in a significant percentage change. Partners continue to work together through the Road Safety Working Group to reduce road traffic accidents via a range of education, engineering, and enforcement interventions.
- Third Sector Comments: A community safety organization emphasized, “Our ability to effectively engage with and support communities is essential to tackling antisocial behaviour and building safer environments.”
- Feedback on data has indicated we need more intelligence around ASB, as the number of complaints is not necessarily indicative of crime or problems found by Police/Council. A better indicator might be the number of recorded crimes vandalism/theft/breach of peace etc. ASB. As well as complaints it

would be helpful to know the outcomes of the complaints; was there evidence of ASB, what action was taken, was the action effective, has ASB reduced over time?

- More data on why people go missing would also be helpful to address the need in an early intervention and prevention approach, as well as data on equality, diversity and inclusion which could better demonstrate East Lothian has strong resilient communities where people respect and support each other.

Outcome 2.2 East Lothian people can live affordably & contribute to a thriving community life in a high quality environment

Actions:	Update:
<p>o) Through our Area Partnerships, continue to help our communities to access resources so they can work out and take forward their priorities for their own area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area partnerships have been key in assisting to bring in match funding for local projects. - North Berwick Connected Communities team accessed £55,000 last year from external sources and over the last 10 years North Berwick Area Partnership has unlocked £170,000 of funding with the £50,000 investment through the budget. - In Musselburgh, the Ap funded Queen Margaret University for an Enhanced Learning Tutoring Initiative (ELTI) in response to the educational challenges faced by young people due to COVID-19. The Enhanced Learning Initiative (ELTI) provides free graduate-led tutoring for up to 400 disadvantaged young people in East Lothian and Midlothian who are due to complete national assessments in the spring of 2024. The main aim of the project is to provide free tutoring to pupils most affected by lockdown to narrow the poverty-related attainment gap. The project also offers local graduates employment opportunities to work as subject tutors. ‘72% of ELTI pupils achieve the grade they were predicted or higher’ - Community Benefits have been a key resource, particularly in areas of large housing development, to help address priorities. In Blindwells a port a cabin was secured from the developer for community activities along with funding towards festive provision and enhancing loose parts play for the play rangers’ sessions. - Participatory budgeting (PB) through area partnership allows communities to prioritise resources to address needs in local communities. An Area Partnership leader remarked, “Participatory budgeting has been a game-changer in giving our communities a real voice in how resources are spent.” - PSG AP ran the first PB exercise through CONSUL platform in 2024 to allocate general funding.
<p>p) Develop the right partnerships to bring forward appropriate affordable homes for all, and help residents create and sustain great communities. Partners will allocate surplus suitable assets to deliver affordable housing and / or business premises.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Strategic Housing Investment Plan sets out affordable housing to be delivered over a 5-year period and is updated annually. Over the 10-year period of this East Lothian Plan, the financial context has rapidly changed. While the SHIP continues to be ambitious, reduced resources from the Scottish Government has and will continue to result in fewer site starts and completions through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme.

- The 10-year period was also characterised by a move away from multi-year funding from the Scottish Government AHSP, to one to two year resource based assumptions. This has resulted in higher risks to the local authorities and RLS.
- Since 2019 private developers and RSLs are both expressing concern due to the rise in costs and shortage of labour along with the requirement to provide additional elements for building regulation updates such as decarbonised heating systems, electric vehicle points, sprinkler systems along with looking to the future for a growing aging population and possible changes to Housing for Varying Needs standards.
- The Council have continued to work with the Scottish Government and Partners to discuss and explore alternative models to help secure and deliver as many affordable housing units as possible. This has included the set-up of a subsidiary company East Lothian Mid-Market Homes, which has delivered MMR homes without Scottish Government funding in Dunbar. Other innovative projects such as involvement in the Edinburgh Home Demonstrator Project in Wallyford will seek to reduce costs to building and provide net zero social homes.
- Despite the significant challenges faced, East Lothian Council has surpassed the Housing Supply Target over the 10-year period of this plan. Local partnerships with Housing Associations and MMR providers have been critical to this as well as the Regional Housing Partners Board.
- The East Lothian Housing Partners Board established in 2024 will oversee the implementation of the LHS 2024-29 which will lead on the strategic delivery of affordable homes which meet the needs of the population.
- East Lothian Council will soon be starting the development of the spatial strategy for its second Local Development Plan.
- To assist with this process East Lothian Council is undertaking a Call for Sites exercise to help gather information about sites that could form part of this spatial strategy. They are looking for sites (or ideas) for all aspects of the next spatial strategy including, but not limited to, housing sites required for East Lothian to meet the Housing Land Requirement, economic development sites, allotment provision, community growing space, cemetery sites or sites suitable for renewable energy developments.
- The Call for Sites exercise will help us identify potential development sites and gather information to complete elements of the LDP site assessment methodology. The Site Assessment Methodology will be included in the Evidence Report and will be used alongside the development of the next stage of the LDP,

	<p>the Proposed Plan). This Methodology will be the route through which sites will be considered against a range of criteria to ensure their suitability in terms of environmental, infrastructure and community impacts. Submission of the site in the Call for Sites process does not guarantee its inclusion in the LDP2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Site Assessment Methodology is provided for information alongside this Call for Sites exercise. - An Asset Board has been established with a place making agenda to make best use of assets and resource. This was originally going to be combined with the police, but it was decided two separate boards were more appropriate. - The Local Economy Strategy recognises that whilst there has been substantial housebuilding activity in East Lothian in the past ten years, there are concerns in the community that too many large, detached houses are being built, and that there is insufficient affordable housing and housing that meets the needs of market renters, first time buyers, key workers, and older people. This is reflected in the housing strategy where smaller households are expected to increase considerably (14.3% from 2018 to 2028). - The East Lothian Poverty Plan details one of the four key objective being <i>A good life with access to the essentials</i>. This includes housing with a preventative approach to homelessness, hunger and health inequalities caused by poverty. - In the most recent Tenants Survey (2022) In comparison with a Scottish Council Sector average, more East Lothian tenants were satisfied with the quality of their home, value for money of their rent, the management of their neighbourhood by the council, and with the information and opportunities to participate in decision making.
<p>q) When providing services, we will aim to make life easier for people who have less access to transport, through provision and promotion of digital and telephone services, and through a focus on the needs of cyclists, pedestrians and users of public transport.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Local Transport Strategy (2021-2024) is due a review, but no major changes are anticipated. - ELC is taking a joined-up approach to public and sustainable transport and working to create high-profile locations across the county which provide public, shared, and active travel options alongside other facilities. We call these Journey Hubs. Journey Hub community-led design workshops have been held recently in September 2024. - Rural East Lothian Bus Users, RELBUS, was formed with the prime objective of improving bus services in East Lothian, and promoting the bus as the best way to travel in today’s ecologically concerned environment

- The [GoSEStran app](#) is a new journey planning tool for the south-east Scotland area. It brings together bus and train times with other transport options such as bike and car hire. Plan your end-to-end trip, and choose the cheapest, quickest, or greenest option, depending on your priorities.
- East Lothian's [Bus Passenger Charter](#) has been developed by East Lothian Council in partnership with five local bus operators and [RELBUS](#). The aim of the charter is to provide a clear commitment to passengers of the standards of service required and provided by bus services across the county.
- ELC's Climate Change Strategy highlights connection with active / sustainable transport
- Flexible Rural Travel routes such 109 DRT have been introduced which can be booked through Pingo App, or online or by phone with Prentice.
- Scottish Government funded free bus travel for 5–21-year-olds through their Young Scot
- All libraries have internet access and printing facilities with staff able to support. They offer NEC card application, renewal, and replacement for 60+, under 22 and disability. All libraries offer appointments for supported Blue Badge appointments. Basic customer platform requests are also be supported by most libraries such as order bin replacements, report potholes and streetlights etc or they will support someone through the process to self-serve. As well as digital library [Digital Library | East Lothian Council](#) and signposting to Health and Wellbeing support [Trusted health and wellbeing resources | Health and wellbeing in your local library | East Lothian Council](#).
- Local communities have responded to transport needs through establishing their own responses such as the NB Car Scheme/ Longniddry Hospital Transport as well as promoting use Royal Voluntary Service transport.
- The North Berwick Volunteer Car Scheme helps residents of North Berwick, Dirleton and Gullane who find it difficult to travel to essential local services within these towns, for example doctors, dentists, banks, and shops. We can provide transport for a return journey, door-to-door, and can also take clients to medical appointments in Haddington (e.g. East Lothian Community Hospital (Roodlands) or Dunbar (e.g. Belhaven Hospital). They are a registered charity, and their drivers are all local volunteers and funded predominantly by donations made by clients and drivers for each journey taken.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Longniddry Parish Church run Longniddry Hospital Transport, to support residents in attending appointments. With the closure of the outreach doctor’s surgery in Longniddry they are considering expanding to cover local appointments as well. - Local area partnerships ‘on the move’ or ‘sustainable’ groups help to identify projects to improve paths or cycle ways in partnership with roads officer. Three projects have included a new path from Pencaitland to Glenkinchie, East Lothian Countryside Volunteers delivered improvements to a path at Pencraig and Amenity Services supported core path improvements between Tynninghame and Binning Wood. - Additional bicycle racks have been identified/installed in locations including the 3G pitch at Haddington, Athelstaneford Village Hall and Cockenzie and Port Seton, to encourage active travel through coordination with Connected Communities.
<p>r) Tackling the Climate Emergency will be one of the Partnership’s cross-cutting themes and consideration will be given to establishing an East Lothian Climate Change Partnership to coordinate and support partnership activity to tackling the Climate Emergency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This priority was added in February 2020 - East Lothian Council Draft Climate Strategy will have four major themes (Governance, Assets, Services, and Place). - The approach to climate adaptation will be to do an urgency-based assessment of adaptation, where areas that will see the most benefits to resilience in the next 5 years will be focussed on. And for mitigation it will be to follow the mitigation hierarchy. - It is a Strategy to accelerate climate action within the organisation, acknowledging that we play an important role in the wider area too. The Strategy focuses on what the Council can control and monitor, so there are limited objectives to do with the wider area. Consultation with the community on the draft is planned for November 2024. - East Lothian Climate Hub and Action Network is a network of relationships, support and collaboration focused on climate change and thriving communities. Members voted on key themes for partnership action including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Biodiversity o Food o Energy o Circular Economy

- The Council has published its Sustainable Fleet Management Strategy. It commits to achieve zero pipeline emissions from the ELC fleet in 2035 and plays a key role in the Council's contribution to reduce emissions from transport.
- The new Wallyford Learning Campus has been completed, designed to meet an operational energy target within Band A of the SFT funding criteria (67-83kwh/m2/annum). The performance of the building as designed equates to a carbon emissions rate (kgCO2/m2) of 42% less than the minimum building regulation requirement.
- 91 staff members commenced Carbon Literacy Training this year. The Services who have had most of their staff trained are Procurement and Planning. 3.13 3,372 pupils in East Lothian Schools have engaged with Bikeability's Level 1 and Level 2 training. 3.14 100% of East Lothian's Primary Schools engaged with the programmes delivered by the Outdoor Learning Services in 2022/23. These programmes help pupils to connect with nature and increase their confidence in active travel.
- The Council launched its 'Net Zero for Business' website. It includes local case studies of businesses decarbonising their activities to help other local businesses do the same
- 3 Kerbside collections saw an increase of 17.5% collected recyclable materials this year compared to 2019/2020.
- The Forth Estuary Local Flood Risk Management Plan (2022-2028) was published in January 2023. The plan identifies three flood studies and 5 surface water management plans to be undertaken in East Lothian to strengthen its response to climate change adaptation.
- The Nature Networks in Parks and Greenspaces project was completed by the Council's Amenity Services in 2023. The project has been key in connecting nature networks and improving biodiversity in the county to help tackling the nature emergency.
- Faside - (Fa'side Active Travel and Climate Sustainability Hub) is an example of Area Partnerships involvement in tackling the climate emergency with the subgroup taking on a devolved budget. It has supported the Tranent Wombles and the new community garden which has transformed a dis-used space into a garden for biodiversity as well as community meeting space and children's play.
- NB HL climate literacy workshop and identified priorities 5 to 10 years

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Musselburgh Defibs installed, or training provided Sustaining Musselburgh Warm Homes 2023 Sustaining Musselburgh, a subgroup of the area partnership, developed a project to help people identify and improve their homes thermal efficiency to reduce utilities and carbon emissions. The project would purchase thermal imaging camera’s that local residents use free of charge to help work out where to focus improvements to make homes more energy efficient. This has led to partnerships with Changeworks to signpost for advice and support as well as developed into EL heat teams working alongside EL Climate Hub. - East Lothian Partnership Poverty Plan objective four “Protect vulnerable groups from the effects of climate change.” Climate change will impact vulnerable and low-income communities the hardest. We will take preventative action to protect and support these communities. - A sub-group with key partners will take forward actions co-benefitting tackling climate change and poverty.
<p>Planned impact on communities</p>	<p>Update:</p>
<p>Year 3: New Haddington Police Station will be in place in the repurposed Haddington Sheriff Court, offering fit-for-purpose, accessible premises to the public</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delayed due to investment costs and current ELC financial climate check
<p>Year 10: People in East Lothian will be better able to access affordable housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The residents survey (2024) asked residents what their priorities were for the improvement in local areas. In 2017 Affordable Housing related for 8% of respondents, in 2019 12%, in 2021 28% and in 2024 remained at 28%. When broken down by area the responses were highest to lowest; Dunbar and East Linton 43%, North Berwick 40%, Fa’Side 26% Haddington and Lammermuir 25%, Preston Seton Gosford 24% and Musselburgh 18%.

<p>Indications for new LOIP:</p>
<p>Survey responses gathered as part of this review highlighted that indicators around Climate Change which are meaningful are currently missing from the LOIP and should cut across all levels and priorities in the LOIP. The new Climate Change Strategy will better inform this. Specific feedback from ELTRP suggested that <i>with the increasing impact of climate change and the council-declared climate emergency, and the increasing interest the community has in climate issues the LOIP should play a role in fostering environmental resilience and support community-led environmental projects, such as rewilding, renewable energy initiatives, and biodiversity preservation.</i> With the development of the East Lothian Climate Hub, there priorities will focus on some of these areas.</p>

In the Residents Survey (2024) highlighted that residents *Over half of respondents said cheaper bus or train fares (61%) and more recycling facilities (53%) would definitely encourage them to address their own impact on climate change. On the other hand, only 25% said that more electric vehicle charging points would definitely encourage them to address their own impact on climate change.*

The Scottish Government Programme for Government 2024 highlights two areas for Community Planning Partnerships CPP's; 1) *The emphasis on reducing emissions, restoring peatlands and woodlands, and expanding Community Climate Hubs aligns with local climate action plans that the CPP is responsible for. Likely increasing need for the CPP to work with environmental bodies and communities to address these objectives.* 2) *CPP will need to coordinate local employment and development opportunities, particularly in relation to the renewable energy and green industry sectors, ensuring communities benefit from the transition to a net-zero economy.*

Community Wealth Building (CWB) needs to be embedded in a new LOIP, with the introduction of the new Charter adopted by key agencies and the work to create a local circular economy. The increase in investment for local community groups should assist in meeting the needs within communities, whilst balancing a challenging wider funding climate. A new subgroup of the CEG has been formed to focus on CWB.

In the Residents Survey (2024) road and pavement repairs was within the top three priorities for improvements in their local area with the highest ranking 75%. A collective response to improve active travel routes would seem a key priority with this priority rising by 22% from the Residents Survey (2021).

An area highlighted through ELTRP survey which is not in the current LOIP is around the rich heritage in East Lothian; *Celebrating and preserving local culture and heritage can strengthen community identity and promote tourism. Support local arts programs and events that showcase the cultural diversity of East Lothian. Develop initiatives that encourage heritage conservation and storytelling around East Lothian's history. Foster partnerships with schools to integrate local history and culture into the curriculum.*

The Residents Survey (2024) highlights the need for affordable housing in the East of the County, perhaps reflecting the rise in in work poverty. The Scottish Government Programme for Government 2024, in which it highlights a focus for Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) in housing in two areas; 1) *Nearly £600 million for affordable housing in 2024-25, including refurbishing void properties, will likely affect local housing strategies .2) CPP will need to engage in efforts to manage void properties and collaborate on strategies to tackle unoccupied homes, given the guidance for councils on homes empty for over 12 months and potential reforms to compulsory purchase laws.*

The current LOIP does not detail any priorities around Armed Forces work. The EL Armed Forces Covenant has been stood down, but they still have a live action plan which a council officer oversees.

Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021	Target	% Change	Trend
Number of affordable homes completion and Open Market Acquisitions	Local Housing Strategy	294 ² (2017 – 18) (Total for 2012 – 2017 = 628)	162 (2018-2019)	196	945 (over 10 years)	↑73%	
Percentage of households in fuel poverty *New definition adopted from 2015-17	Scottish House Conditions Survey	28%* (2014-2016)	23%* (2015-17)	24% (2017-19)	23% (2027 target)	↓4% incomparable definition changed	
Per capita carbon emissions (tonnes CO2e) within the scope of local authorities in East Lothian	UK Government Department of Energy and Climate Change (2 year lag)	5.21 tCO2e (2016/17)	5.17 tCO2e (2017/18)	4.05 tCO2e*	4.09	↓30%	
Quality of urban greenspace – Landscape Audit Management System (LAMS) score	East Lothian Council	73% Grade B+ (2016/17)	73% Grade B+ (2018/19)	73% Grade B+ (2018/19)	Improve	Unchanged	

² Figure for 2017/18 does not include Open Market Acquisitions

Commentary

- East Lothian has the second fastest growing population in Scotland. With the rise in the level of new build housing the target for affordable homes has been exceeded by 73%, however, the results from the Residents Survey (2024) show that people living in the East of the County have identified affordable housing as a greater need.
- This is contrast however with the rising level of poverty, and the changing picture of poverty following COVID and the cost-of-living crisis. As there has been a change in definition of fuel poverty 2015-2017, the figures are not comparable to the baseline figure, however, it has decreased.
- Climate Change targets around emissions have reduced and quality of urban greenspace has remained unchanged. There is recognition that we need to revisit more meaningful targets for Climate Change.
- Including data in the future around community wealth building could demonstrate the impact of this additional investment in communities.

Outcome 3.1 We tackle the causes and effects of poverty in East Lothian & we reduce the gap between the richest & poorest people

Actions:	Update:
<p>s) Implement the Poverty Action Plan arising from the work of the East Lothian Poverty Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the East Lothian Poverty Commission in 2016, two poverty plans (2017-2020 and 2021-2023) have carried forward the strategic work to address the drivers of poverty. - A review of the East Lothian Poverty Plan 2021-2023 found that 12% of actions had been completed, 82% of actions were in progress with work continuing beyond the life of the plan, and 6% of actions had been deprioritised or delayed. - The 2021-2023 Plan was short term to allow flexibility around the changing landscape post-Covid and the cost of living crisis. - Following extensive engagement a new plan (2024-2028) was developed focusing on employability, financial inclusion, a quality life, and climate change. These are aligned with the requirements set out in The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2010 - This will be underpinned by new ways of working: making poverty everybody’s business, working in a way that is stigma- and trauma-informed, and working effectively in partnership. An improvement plan underpins all of this work. - Examples of good practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o In North Berwick Connected Communities collaborated with the community over COVID and developed a Food Bank with support with community volunteers which expanded to include Festive provision. This has linked with baby massage and Bookbug to connect with vulnerable families. o In Musselburgh First Step Cook Save Low-Cost cost cooking classes were established with Children 1st working with vulnerable families in the Musselburgh area. Cooking groups led by a nutritionist give participants the knowledge and skills to be able to cook health, nutritious meals on a budget. Each given a cookbook and energy efficient cooking appliance. o Seton Sands Holiday Park are piloting free swim sessions for families in Port Seton who have been identified through supported places at holiday clubs and school referrals.

<p>t) Develop joint projects to test how to get the best outcomes for some of our most vulnerable people, through better relationships between public sector partners and also between families and service providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community Windpower Fund was distributed by Advice Scotland, supported by East Lothian Council and other partners. The fund was based on a set of eligibility criteria that prioritised the most vulnerable in our communities. Fuel grants were available to any resident struggling with fuel costs or fuel debt, and who received a means tested benefit.- Benefits Campaign - universal campaign which provided information about the financial support available was supported by a dedicated advisor at Haddington CAB who took people through a benefits check as well as signposting to any further support required. The 1.2FTE staff dedicated to working on the campaign took referrals from a variety of sources including council services, third sector organisations, clients self-referring, phone and email enquiries etc. Resources were created to signpost to all financial support available. In particular, the campaign targeted take-up of benefits which are under-subscribed, including pension credit, council tax reduction, and benefits for children and families.- Cash first approaches - East Lothian Partnership has been developing an increasing number of cash-first initiatives as part of our commitment to tackle poverty and end the need for foodbanks. Targeted at the most vulnerable groups, these include period vouchers, fuel grants, Scottish Welfare Fund payments and top ups, and cash through Musselburgh CAB. Many other initiatives have been piloted by the community.- One stop shops are being piloted to bring together a range of partners in spaces that people feel comfortable in.- Connected Communities, Education, Policy, VCEL and East Lothian Food Friendly Network convened a food poverty working group that focused on mapping food provisions for those experiencing holiday hunger and needing breakfast clubs. Provisions were put in place where necessary. This included a number of holiday clubs set up through Area Partnerships. When covid came along FMS managed to get lunches out to families in receipt of free school meals (SK).- Financial Inclusion Network continues to run through Musselburgh CAB (Louise Marongiu chair) meeting quarterly around a range of FI matters (advocacy, debt, loan sharks etc).- Period products are available in schools and public buildings. Further provision is through libraries and community centres as well as community buildings who have applied for products. £10 vouchers are available as part of the Council's cash first approach, through various community partners. The Scottish Welfare Fund provide a top up per menstruating member of the household.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Transition Group continues to meet on a monthly basis and has been highly successful in ensuring a smooth transition from custody to community for people leaving prison. - In Faside, PSG and Musselburgh the Area Partnership work together to provide Lunch Clubs and Festive Provision. In Faside Lunch Clubs are led by Pennypit Trust and in PSG the work is together with a wide range of partners. Included in this provision is a hot meal, recipe bags, activities, and family support. The festive provision is formed from the community (grassroots-led initiative). In response to the Covid crisis originally, they are now a mainstay of provision each year that has full area partnership support and brings together a range of local people and organisations to support the initiative.; Pennypit Trust, Home Start, Dads Work, Local Churches, Resilience Groups, Social Work, Schools, Connected Communities. - Musselburgh Community Pantry was established over a year ago as a partnership between various local organisations including the Musselburgh Area Partnership, VCEL, Musselburgh East CLC, FES and local elected members. A community consultation event was held to identify a priority focus to reduce the impacts of poverty and to address the cost-of-living crisis. From this came the idea for a local Pantry. Funding support from the MAP, FES, Community Benefits, and others has supported the startup and development of the pantry. - North Berwick Community Development explore ways to create partnership groups to meet needs and draw down funding. Aberlady litter bins and benches they created an audit and RAG (Red, Amber, Green), council did not have much money, worked with Men’s Shed to repair benches, Amenities gave the paint but not labour, community pay back team painted. - The LINK worker contract is being reprocured in September 2025 although at a reduced rate.
Planned impact on communities:	Update:
Year 1: Communities will be aware of, and supportive of, the East Lothian Partnership’s ongoing determination to tackle poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No data available to measure this impact
Year 1: Vulnerable families in the Musselburgh area will start to benefit from Musselburgh Family Focus project through more focused interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Families First has been working within Musselburgh and is now linked with Whole Wellbeing Family Service.

<p>Year 1: As public sector partners begin to work together more effectively, any problems associated with the roll-out of Universal Credit will have been identified and mitigated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universal Credit has moved to managed migration since Winter 2023. This is the process where claimants are being compulsorily transferred from legacy benefits to Universal Credit. Social Security Scotland, ELC Financial Inclusion team, CAB Haddington and Musselburgh provide support for those who need it.
<p>Year 3: The difficulties associated with the roll-out of universal credit will have been smoothed (provided the forthcoming Scottish Social Security Agency works with the partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition to Universal Credit impacts the rent income team with up to 30% increase in rent arrears. The Revenues team have explored mitigating measures.
<p>Year 10: Fewer people in East Lothian will be suffering from poverty and inequality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The percentage of children living in households with below 60% median income after housing costs – East Lothian was around the Scottish average from 2014 to 2020. However, in the last two years for which data has been reported it fell below the Scottish average – 18.9% in 2020/21 and 21.2% in 2021/22 compared to the Scottish average of 24.5% in both years. - In 2023/24, 82.4% of East Lothian’s working age population were economically active compared to the Scottish rate of 77.5%. - The claimant count data for October 2023 (Job Seekers Allowance claimants and Universal Credit claimants seeking work) showed the proportion of claimants to the working age population was 2.3%, which was 0.6% lower than the Scottish figure.

Indications for new LOIP:

Partner responses indicate that having an integrated Anti-Poverty Strategy combines efforts from various plans to tackle poverty holistically, but that structural challenges that perpetuate poverty despite ongoing interventions. A poverty action charity highlighted, *“Addressing poverty requires a coordinated effort across sectors. We need to ensure that our strategies are not just reactive but proactive in preventing poverty.”*

A priority was identified in the Recovery and Renewal plan, which was to be carried forward into the LOIP, to *Target services and resources, led by data and evidence, to those people and areas that need it most.* With reducing financial resources across all partners, the aim to target services and resources to where they are most needed is vital.

Responses highlight the need to include new NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council priorities around a Community Wealth Building approach which will require a fundamental change in the way that we work and live in East Lothian.

Other council priorities that should be included in the new LOIP include collaborating with communities, small businesses, and the Third Sector (including appropriate levels of funding) that would enable them to provide local support on an early intervention and prevention basis, as council services reduce. This would reduce pressure on already straining core and statutory services.

The responses also highlight data and monitoring needs for the future LOIP, including monitoring around decreasing the gap between those employed in low to high SIMD areas, data on specific targeted groups, e.g. disability and long-term health conditions.

Progress towards these outcomes will be key actions for the new LOIP through their links with Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2024:

Child Poverty and Inequality Reduction

- Eradicating Child Poverty: The CPP will need to align with the government's focus on eradicating child poverty, especially through the £3 billion investment and family support services.
- Social Security Investments: Support for vulnerable groups such as carers and those receiving pension-age disability payments will impact local welfare provision.

Community-Based Projects and Place-Based Approaches

- Community-Based Projects: Initiatives like Fairer Futures Partnerships and place-based approaches that target family well-being and poverty reduction will require work with local partners to tailor services and resources to specific community needs, ensuring alignment with national priorities.

Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021 #2024	Target 2022	% change	Trend
Percentage of children in families with limited resources 'living in a household whose income is less than 70% of median net household income and experiences material deprivation'	Scottish Government indicator	8% (2014-16)	5% (2014-17)	5% (2014-17) Data no longer produced at local authority level	6.5% (2023) National targets – 8% by 2023; 5% by 2030	Data no longer produced	

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021 #2024	Target 2022	% change	Trend
Percentage of children living in households with less than 60% of median net household income after housing costs	Scottish Government indicator	18.9% (Sept 2017)	17% (Mar 2018)	21.1%	National targets: Less than 18% by 2023. Less than 10% by 2030	↑2.2%	
Percentage of children (in any domain) with a developmental or wellbeing concern at their 27-30 months assessment	Children and Young People's Partnership	15.7% (2017)	16.2% (Sept 2018)	10.9% (2021/22)	14%	↓4.8%	

Commentary

- Two of the indicators included in the East Lothian Plan are high-level proxies for measuring poverty in East Lothian. They are based on two of the Scottish Government Child Poverty indicators, which were determined and set statutory targets in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017. As is shown above, both these indicators show incredibly positive trends and suggest that East Lothian is already, lower or around, the national targets set for 2023. However, it should be noted that the local breakdown of some of the data shows that levels of poverty vary significantly across the county and also within wards, with persistent pockets of high levels of poverty in some areas, sitting next to areas of relative affluence.
- The data used for these two indicators is based on national data sources and surveys, which may underestimate poverty in East Lothian, especially at a local / ward level. Child poverty can often be hidden as parents strive to do the best they can for their children and also as national data sources and surveys underestimate the impact of factors such as in-work poverty, fuel costs, transport costs and lack of access to vital services, especially in the more rural parts of the county. Further work is planned that will assist the Partnership to better understand the national data on poverty and provide reliable local data.
- The percentage of children with a developmental or wellbeing concern at their 27-30 months assessment has increased slightly from 15.7% in 2017/18 to 16.2% in 2018/19, moving away from the 2022 target of 14%. There a wide range of projects and initiatives delivered by partners that contribute to delivering this outcomes, and the Children's Strategic Partnership will continue to monitor progress towards the target.

Outcome 3.2 People in East Lothian are enjoying healthier lives

Actions:	Update:
<p>u) Work with communities to support healthy choices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New 1-year CLD has been developed following HMI progress visit and 2-year plan to be developed with the CLD Partnership. The progress report highlighted good practice of Dunbar Dinners an intergenerational project supporting social isolation. - The ELP Volunteering Strategy has been delayed due to change in personnel in Connected Communities, and is being led by VCEL. - The East Lothian Food Friendly Network has been established and led by Fundamental Foods. The food friendly network held a Food Summit in May 2024 and is delivering positive outcomes in our local communities. - Third Sector Comments: A local health charity mentioned, “Our work is vital in reaching those who might otherwise fall through the cracks. But we need ongoing support to continue making a difference.” - Specialist Youth Workers were introduced into Connected Communities and work in partnership with young people, families, schools, and community groups to help improve outcomes for young people. - In Faside the AP has supported Roots and Fruits assisting with their lunch club for members of Elphinstone community, assisting the funding of their summer house and garden area which has allowed the organisation to expand the provision to their local community. - The Haddington lunch club promotes the welfare of the elderly and those with learning difficulties by providing hot meals with the club encouraging social contact between the members and links with the community. Our communities are better able to make healthy choices and access the services they need to maintain a positive level of physical and mental health. - In North Berwick, the Health and Wellbeing Association set up Community Connections in April 2019. NBCCC was registered as a charity in September 2020 and has operated as an organisation since April 2021. Collaborating with a small part-time staff team, most of our services are delivered by a dedicated team of trained volunteers. Our members are referred

	<p>by a range of organisations and individuals including GPs, other health professionals and community members (including self-referrals). Anyone over 18 in the North Berwick Coastal Ward who is affected by isolation can be referred. In their first four years, they have helped well over 100 socially isolated adults connect into local networks, gatherings, new friendships, and purposeful activity. About Us - North Berwick Coastal Community Connections (nbc-communityconnections.org)</p>
<p>v) Provide better support for people with mental health issues, including focusing on the mental health of young people and of people who have committed offences or who are at risk of committing offences.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Children’s Strategic Partnership ELP sub-group on Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB) looks at Partnership approach to children and young people’s MHWB, including the Single Point of Access and development of neurodevelopmental pathways. - The action related to offending was completed by the CJOIP. The workstreams completed their work and were disbanded. Diversion from prosecution continues to be rolled out and we have an Arrest referral service in place in Edinburgh Custody suite. - Getting it Right for People with Convictions and Early Intervention & Prevention Workstreams included a focus on mental health and work took place to look at diversion from prosecution for people with mental health issues, including training to enable Police to identify those at risk - In early 2023, North Berwick Community Connections began their Stronger Connections mental well-being strand, in partnership with other agencies helping members and volunteers who found the pandemic years exacerbated their anxiety, stress, bereavement or depression. - The Single Point of Access (SPA), created in 2020, is multiagency triage system, involving both public and third sector services, to respond to the additional/Tier 2 MHWB needs of CYP. It provides a one door approach where CYP’s needs can be aligned to supports and services and responded to efficiently. The supports and services on offer include Mental Health Youth Workers, Counselling, Therapeutic Interventions (play and art therapy) as well as a range of group interventions, including a new support aimed at responding to body image. The SPA responds on average to between 930-950 request per year. - The ND Pathway Test of Change ran from August 2022 to March 2024, with the final Reporting to Scottish Government in June 2024. It provided a multiagency, integrated neurodevelopmental pathway, embedded in GIRFEC with requests coming from schools,

	<p>together with parents and CYP. The requests are received through the SPA where MHWB supports can also be accessed. Community Paediatrics, CAMHS, and Educational Psychology participate in the screening process enabling joint decision making. During the Test of change period 1515 requests for ND assessment were received. The key strengths, learning points and recommended next steps are all included in the Scottish Government report.</p>
<p>w) The Partnership will explore what further action the partnership could/ should take to respond to the growing level of drug related deaths</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This priority was added in February 2020 - This action was completed in CJOIP. The Health & Social Care Partnership (HDCP) established a group which still meets to look at drug related deaths. Drug deaths have since reduced in EL.
<p>x)The Partnership will explore what further action may be required to enhance the capacity of communities to respond to emergency medical situations such as cardiac arrest – to complement work being done by the Fire Service and the other ‘blue light’ services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This priority was added in February 2020 - Community groups across EL have been involved in installing new defibrillators area located outside of premises and accessible 24/7. In PSG there have been four new defibs installed in the last 4 years. - North Berwick Community Council undertake maintenance and upkeep along with the coastal groups of around 12. In the Haddington Cluster they are maintained by Rotary Club and these arrangements are similarly mirrored across EL. - In Haddington two defibrillator projects have been funded. The West Saltoun Phonebox which seeks to tackle rural health inequalities as West Saltoun has some of the most limited access to services in East Lothian and lower health equality figures than surrounding communities (SIMD 2020). Intervention rates for coronary artery disease (key government targets for health improvement) are lower in rural areas. (Report: BJGP Poor access to care – rural health deprivation?) The East Saltoun Community Association successfully applied for preparatory work (electrical re-fit & redecoration) and installation of lockable defibrillator in former telephone kiosk in East Saltoun. Both projects included training. - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in Mid/East Lothian and Scottish Border (MELSB) have delivered defibrillator training to 810 young people and adults; S3 Knox – 160, S1 NBHS – 180, S4 Musselburgh Grammar – 150, Over 60’s football Dunbar – 30, Over 60’s football Haddington – 20, S4 Ross High – 140, Police Scotland Youth Volunteers – 60, Heavy Sound – 10, Youth Café Port Seton – 100, Independent living groups – 40, and SFRS Fire Skills - 50

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defibrillator training has also taken place more widely in sports club and community groups. In FaSide Area Partnership funding has been provided for new defibrillators and training. Pennypit Family and Learning Centre Management Committee subsidised and held two free training courses for community members for 24 people
Planned impact on communities:	Update:
Year 1: Reduction in the number of emergency admission to Accident and Emergency Services in the relevant groups in East Lothian (over 65's and under 5's) attendance per 10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under 5's data for admissions has shown an increase in the last 3 years; 703.8862 in 2021, 789.6369 in 2022, and 724.8677 in 2023. No data was available for over 65's in time for this report and will be updated and circulated when received.
Year 3: People with mental health problems will get help more quickly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data available to help measure this impact broadly was not available in time for this report and will be updated and circulated when received. It will need to be agreed what the parameter for this data will be. It can be reported that the Mental Health waiting list is seen in 18 weeks each year.
Year 10: Reduction in cardiac deaths in East Lothian of around 19 persons per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cardiac deaths have reduced, but not at the rate hoped in males over the last 3 years from 159 in 2021, to 136 in 2022, to 147 in 2023. Unfortunately, female cardiac deaths have increase from 131 in 2021, to 159 in 2022, to 157 in 2021
Year 10: Reduction in suicide rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Death by suicide has increased by 23% in East Lothian

Indications for new LOIP:

Many of the health indicators in the current LOIP have not met target and in some cases have worsened, no doubt impacted by COVID and cost of living crisis. The community response to Cardiac Arrests with the installation of Defibrillators and training has been embedded and therefore it was suggested this may not need to be a priority for the partnership, but rather is now being managed locally. The Scottish Government Programme for Government 2024 highlights that *the reforms to social care, including the National Care Service and innovations in healthcare access, will necessitate Community Planning Partnerships involvement in ensuring that health and social care services are integrated and delivered effectively in the community.*

Encourage increased levels of volunteering across our communities and community partners remains an objective which was carried over from ELC's Recovery and Renewal Plan.

In the Residents Survey (2024) health services were within the top 3 priorities for improvements in their local area with the second highest ranking 55%. This rose 2% from the Residents Survey (2021) and would indicate the need for holistic services at targeted and universal levels, to best address health needs and inequalities. From Area Partnerships there was specific feedback updating and reviewing what healthy choices means for communities who are struggling with the

cost-of-living crisis. All partners have commented on the important of co-delivery, the key role of the voluntary sector to build capacity, whilst working in difficult financial context to bring the best outcomes for our communities. Concerns around funding have been highlighted.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategic subgroup of the Childrens Strategic Partnership has identified the Suicide and the Voice of Lived Experience as key priorities for their work going forward. They have also been looking at waiting list times. A Critical Incident Planning group has also been formed to ensure a joined-up approach to support young people, families, schools, and communities.

There is an indication from Community Safety members that there needs to continue to be a focus work to reduce drug related deaths.

Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	2018/19	Latest 2023 *2021	Target	% Change	Trend
Potentially Preventable Admissions rate per 1,000 (Annual figure is estimated based on quarterly rates. There are 19 conditions including emergency admissions defined as 'potentially preventable', such as COPD, angina and diabetes complications.)	17.05	15.53	13.87 (2022/23)	14.30	Reduce inequality of PPA admission rate	↓19%	
Type 2 diabetes prevalence rates by SIMD	Integration Joint Board	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not measured	
Falls per 1,000 population aged over 65	Information Services Division (ISD)	19	19	21	Reduce	↑ 11%	

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Premature mortality rates for people aged under 75 (per 100,000 persons)	Integration Joint Board	372	333	357 (2022)	Reduce inequality of premature mortality rates	↓4%	
Percentage of 65+ and under 65s with long-term care needs receiving personal care at home	Integration Joint Board	62.3%	Under 65s = 74.6% 65+ = 60.9%	Under 65 = 83% 65+ = 56%	Increase	Under 65= ↑20.7% 65+ ↓4.09%	
Suicides registered in East Lothian 2014-2018 – this is a 5-year standardised rolling average rate per 100,000 pop (5 year rolling averages include registered suicides from 2014-18, and is in line with National strategy for monitoring any future trends.)	ScotPHO	9 (2014-18 rolling average)	Not yet available	11.1 (2017-21 rolling average)	Reduce	↑23%	
Slope Index for Inequality for individuals ages 15+ prescribed medication which is used primarily to treat depression or anxiety	Integration Joint Board	107.8 (quintile)	Not yet available		Baseline / target still to be established	Not yet available	
Percentage of children in Primary 1 who are overweight or obese	Data collected by NHS	At risk of being overweight/obese 21.9% Clinically overweight/obese 14.0%	At risk of being overweight/obese 21.8% Clinically overweight/obese 14.8%	At risk of being overweight/obese 22.4% (2022/23) Clinically overweight/obese 15.9% (2022/23)	13% (2020) 18% (2020)	↑0.5% ↑1.9% Target not relevant as measure changed	

Commentary

- Although two indicators have improved; Potentially Preventable Admissions rate per 1,000 and Premature mortality rates for people aged under 75 (per 100,000 persons), it is concerning that many of the other indicators have not been able to be measured, or in the case of falls, death by suicide and percentage of Primary 1's who are overweight or obese they have increased.
- Health inequalities continues to be an area of concern and focus for the partnership.