**Fa’side Area Partnership**

Working Area Plan 2015-2023

The East Lothian Partnership is working towards 10 strategic outcomes that together contribute to creating “an East Lothian where everyone has the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life and which contributes to a fair and sustainable future.”

After looking at the evidence and working with residents and stakeholders across this local community the Fa’side Area Partnership has identified 9 priority areas for action across the three strategic objectives of the East Lothian Plan which will help deliver these outcomes locally.

The priorities are supported by an Action Plan which details how the Area Partnership will work with public services, voluntary sector agencies, communities and local people to achieve each priority’s outcomes; priorities that focus on the real differences we want to make.

**Strategic Objective: Sustainable Economy**

Our *3* priority areas for action are:

1. **Improving our Town and Villages**
2. **Supporting a thriving local economy**
3. **Improve travel options and reduce traffic congestion throughout the Area**

**Strategic Objective: Resilient People**

We want to improve opportunities for people across our Area to choose to live a healthy life-style.

Our *3* priority areas for action are:

1. **Increasing opportunities for physical activity in day to day life**
2. **Supporting families to create healthy environments for children**
3. **Making it easier to choose healthy and locally grown food**

**Strategic Objective: Safe and Vibrant Communities**

Our *3* priority areas for action are:

1. **Improving Community information, facilities and resources**
2. **Ensuring all Residents of Fa’side feel Safe and Secure in their Community**
3. **Becoming a more supportive and inclusive community**

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| Short term projects(1-3 yrs) |  | Medium term projects(4-6 yrs) |  | Long term projects(7-10 yrs) |  | Completed Projects |

**Strategic Objective: Sustainable Economy**

**PRIORITY 1 – Improving our Town and Villages**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want to ensure that our towns and villages are appealing and thriving places with a variety of great public spaces for people of all ages to enjoy where:* Our civic spaces, parks and other community areas throughout the ward are attractive, welcoming and accessible
* Each village in the ward has a central civic space that provides a causal meeting place for local residents
* Civic Square is enhanced and plays a vital role as the heart of Tranent’s public realm
* Tranent Town Centre is revitalised so that it is safe and easy to access and can serve the whole of the Fa’side community as a hub of economic activity with excellent public spaces, good permeability to the High Street and a thriving local business sector
 | Publicly owned streets, pathways, right of ways, parks, publicly accessible open spaces and public buildings and facilities are key issues for improvement in Fa’side and particularly in Tranent Town Centre. Key concerns are Polson Park and other park spaces; Civic Square, and; the High Street. There are concerns that Tranent Town Centre is congested and is not accessible or pleasant for pedestrians resulting in less passing traffic on foot and a lack of vibrancy.There is also a need to ensure that the public spaces in the villages in the ward are enhanced to reach their full potential. Work being done to enhance Ormiston Park is welcome and there may be opportunities to enhance this, but there are concerns that public spaces in Elphinstone and Macmerry in particular could be improved. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 1:** East Lothian has a growing sustainable economy1.3 Our towns and villages are thriving and well-maintained places, where new development reflects their distinctive identity**Outcome 8:** East Lothian has high quality natural environments8.2 We have quality, attractive green space that is valued and enhances the wellbeing of our communities |
| **Goals under this Priority include:*** **Creating a Fa’side Identity and making more of the area’s history**
* **Villages and neighbourhoods within Tranent have attractive, central public spaces where people can meet and gather**
* **Revitalise public spaces within Tranent Town Centre to create a more pleasant atmosphere for visitors and locals**
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**Sustainable Economy across Fa’side Area**

**PRIORITY 1 – Improving our Town and Villages**

| **Goal: Creating a Fa’side identity and making more of the area’s history** |
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|  | ***Action needed to achieve this*** | ***Timescales*** | ***Lead Group / Agencies******Involved*** | ***Resources required*** | ***Current Stage*** |
| **1.4** | **Restoration of Tranent Tower creating greater public access/ awareness:*** Potential to make use of as a visitor attraction with interpretation of heritage and role in Battle of Prestonpans etc.
* Listed as a castle which can be refurbished and re-inhabited. (Tranent Town Centre Charrette)
 | **L** | **Lead:** Tranent Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme project**Other:** Owners, Fa’side Area Manager, East Lothian Council Planning | Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme Funding for delivery | * Recommended by the Town Centre Charrette Report
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| **Goal: Revitalise Tranent Town Centre** |
|  | Action needed to achieve this | Timescales | Lead Group / AgenciesInvolved | Resources required | Current Stage |
| **1.9** | Look at ways of Increasing community access to the garden space at the rear of Trevelyan Hall, Pencaitland | **L** | Lead: Other:  |  |  |
| **1.10** | Enhance Civic Square as a quality public space:Based on outcome of town centre Charrette deliver improvements to Civic Square to make it a more user friendly public space (Tranent Town Centre Charrette) | **L** | Lead: Tranent Town Centre Sub GroupOther: Fa’side Area Manager, East Lothian Council Planning | Dependent on Town Centre Strategy Implementation Plan | Included in recommendations from the Town Centre Sub-Group for the Tranent Town Centre Strategy |
| **1.11** | Improvements to the Backsides:Important pedestrian routes to High Street from parking, green space and community areas. Perception dangerous, additional lighting and work to widen the paths required.Potential to add access to path directly from dwellings with gardens backing onto it providing easy access to town centre for residents. (Tranent Town Centre Charrette) | **L** | Lead: Tranent Town Centre Sub GroupOther: Fa’side Area Manager, East Lothian Council Planning | Dependent on Town Centre Strategy Implementation Plan | Included in recommendations from the Town Centre Working Group for the Tranent Town Centre Strategy |

**Sustainable Economy across Fa’side Area**

**PRIORITY 2 – Supporting a thriving local economy**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want to help generate a more robust and thriving economy in the Fa’side ward where:* Income and employment inequalities across the ward are reduced.
* Poverty and child poverty across the ward are reduced.
* Where possible and appropriate work required delivering the Area Plan is carried out by local trades’ people to ensure money stays within the ward.
* High quality broadband is available to allow businesses to function in rural areas.
* An attractive Town Centre and a thriving High Street with lots of locally owned businesses ensure a strong local economy and a draw for visitors in Tranent.
* We make the most of Fa’side attractions (e.g. Glenkinchie/ Fa’side Tower/ Ormiston High St).
 | Some areas of Fa’side face significant economic challenges including high levels of poverty and child poverty, and there are significant financial inequalities across different areas of the ward. According to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (2012), the most deprived area of East Lothian is located in North West Tranent, and five other areas of Tranent are among the 20% most deprived areas of the county.There are concerns that Tranent has become a commuter town for Edinburgh and that there is a limited offering of facilities and businesses on the High Street and in the villages. Meanwhile some of the rural parts of the ward have poor broadband access which may be limiting local businesses. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 1:** East Lothian has a growing sustainable economy1.1 Our business sectors are growing |
| **Goals under this Priority Include:*** **Local Businesses receive the support they need to grow and provide high quality employment opportunities**
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**Sustainable Economy across Fa’side Area**

**PRIORITY 3 – Improve travel options and reduce traffic congestion throughout the ward**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want to improve movement and congestion issues in Fa’side to create a ward where:* Tranent town centre is safe and accessible for pedestrians and cyclists
* Congestion of parking and carriageways in Tranent is eased for motorists.
* Practical parking provision and enforcement ensure parking is available where it is needed.
* More people are walking and cycling, and less people are driving to access school, work and other facilities.
* Access to public transport networks is improved and these networks are used by an increasing number of people.
 | Congestion and parking in Tranent town centre has been consistently raised as a key issue by the Area Partnership, and by community members and congestion on the high street is having a demonstrable impact on air quality in the town.In addition Fa’side residents are significantly more likely to access work and other key facilities in a car or van, and significantly less likely to walk, cycle or use public transport than the average across East Lothian. This is the case despite that fact that Fa’side is a relatively small ward, with a large urban population. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 3:** Communities in East Lothian are able to adapt to climate change and reduced finite natural resources 3.2 People walk, cycle and use public and community transport more often, and travel less in cars. |
| **Goals under this Priority Include:*** **Congestions issues on the roads and car parks in Tranent Town Centre are improved**
* **The overall volume of car traffic is reduced by making it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and public transport**
* **Road and pedestrian safety in improved in all Fa’side villages and local neighbourhoods**
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**PRIORITY 3 – Improve travel options and reduce traffic congestion**

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| **3.4** | **Tranent Bypass route:** * Established as a key improvement within the Local Transport Strategy.
* Delivered in stages utilising developer contributions.
 | **L** | **Lead:** East Lothian Council Roads **Other:**  | Capital funding | * To be established within the Local Transport Strategy – awaiting confirmation of the Local Development Plan.
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| **Goal: Improve Congestion on the roads and car parks (continued)** |
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|  | ***Action needed to achieve this*** | ***Timescales*** | ***Lead Group / Agencies******Involved*** | ***Resources required*** | ***Current Stage*** |
| **3.6** | Investigate the establishment of **a ‘Park and Ride’ facility at the eastern/southern side of Tranent** * to minimise through traffic in the Town centre
 | **L** | **Lead:** East Lothian Council Roads Services**Other:**  | Capital funding |  |

| **Goal: Increase Sustainable Travel Options (continued)** |
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|  | ***Action needed to achieve this*** | ***Timescales*** | ***Lead Group / Agencies******Involved*** | ***Resources required*** | ***Current Stage*** |
| **3.11** | **Campaign for price reductions to bus fares for next stage journeys beyond Tranent*** Including all villages in the Area.
 | **L** | **Lead:** Fa’side Area Partnership**Other**: Rural East Lothian Bus Users |  |  |
| **3.12** | **Improve Heugh Path to Prestonpans Train Station:** * Need to ensure people feel safe and secure using path.
* Requires lighting installed along path, lighting repaired in underpass and
* Signage improved at access point in Tranent and on north side of Underpass
* Secure bike storage at the station. (Active Travel Improvement Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** East Lothian Council Sport Countryside & Leisure**Other:** East Lothian Council Roads, East Lothian Community Rail Partnership | *Potential to allocate resources from Area Partnership devolved funds* | Under consideration |
| **3.14** | **Improve Paths from Tranent Town Centre to Macmerry and the Industrial Estate*** shared-use paths to provide safe walking and cycling routes to school, employment and to public transport (Active Travel Improvement Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** East Lothian Council Roads**Other:** Fa’side Area Partnership, Sustrans, SESTran |  | Under consideration as part of the feasibility study for East Lothian’s Segregated Active Travel Corridor (SATC) |

| **Goal: Increase Sustainable Travel Options (continued)** |
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|  | ***Action needed to achieve this*** | ***Timescales*** | ***Lead Group / Agencies******Involved*** | ***Resources required*** | ***Current Stage*** |
| **3.16** | **Improve paths from Tranent to Pencaitland via New Winton - B6355** * Shared use improvements
* Improve links from to the Railway Path in short term; Install shared use from East Pencaitland – New Winton – Tranent in longer term. (Active Travel Improvement Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** East Lothian Council Roads**Other:** Fa’side Area Partnership, Sustrans, SESTran | *Potential to allocate resources from Area Partnership devolved funds* | Under consideration |
| **3.17** | **Improve Paths from Tranent Town Centre to Elphinstone** * Shared-use paths to provide safe walking and cycling routes to school, employment and to public transport (Active Travel Improvement Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** East Lothian Council Roads**Other:** Sustrans, SESTran, Fa’side Area Partnership, East Lothian Council Sport, Countryside & Leisure | *Potential to allocate resources from Area Partnership devolved funds* | Under consideration |
| **3.18** | **Install/ Improve shared use paths between settlements throughout the county including:*** Pencaitland to Haddington along A6093/ River Esk or both.
* Pencaitland and Ormiston to Whitecraig, Musselburgh and Dalkeith via Pencaitland Railway Path.
* Tranent to Haddington/Wallyford on A199
* Tranent to Prestonpans, Cockenzie and Port Seton along the Heugh. (Active Travel Improvement Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** East Lothian Council Roads**Other:** Sustrans, SESTran, East Lothian Council Sport, Countryside & Leisure | *Potential to allocate resources from Area Partnership devolved funds* |  |

**Resilient People across Fa’side ward**

**We want to improve opportunities for people across our ward to choose to live a healthy life-style.**

When the Fa’side Area Partnership started looking at health statistics for our ward we realised that the overall health outcomes for people living in this area were lower than many other places in East Lothian. In January 2015 members of the Partnership took part in a workshop focussing on Health Inequalities to begin to identify what could be done to improve health in the ward. We established a short term Working Group which looked at the ‘Challenges to Living a Healthy Life’ in this area.

Focussing on what it means to have a ‘healthy life-style’ in the widest context, we have identified 3 short term priority areas to address:

* Increasing opportunities for physical activity in day to day life
* Supporting families to create healthy environments for children
* Making it easier to choose healthy and locally grown food

**PRIORITY 4 – Increasing opportunities for physical activity in day to day life**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want to enable and encourage more people to be more physically active as part of their day-to-day lives, including:* More people involved with sports, including young women & girls, and older men;
* More people accessing work, school and other key facilities via active travel;
* More people out enjoying parks, core paths and other green-spaces on a daily basis;
* More opportunities for informal play at all ages.
 | Fa’side faces significant challenges in relation to health inequalities and some areas of the ward have high rates of hospitalisation for a range of illnesses related to a lack of physical activity. Many of these illnesses can also be significantly remediated by increased physical activity.Air quality is also an issues in Tranent and Fa’side has very high numbers of people accessing work, school and other facilities by car or van, with very few accessing these facilities by walking or cycling. Increasing opportunities for physical activity through sport, leisure, play and active travel could bring significant health benefits in for the Fa’side ward. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 6**: In East Lothian, we live healthier, more active and independent lives6.3 People are more physically active |
| **Goals under this Priority Include:*** **Increase number of people choosing walking or cycling to access local facilities and using the core paths for leisure and recreation**
* **Improve the quality of our outdoor spaces, and promote opportunities for informal outdoor play for people of all ages**
* **Improve access to sports and sports facilities for all, but with a particular focus on young women and girls, and older men who are often less likely to participate**
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**PRIORITY 4 – Increasing opportunities for physical activity**

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| **4.14** | **Implement improvements to Macmerry park:** * Identified by the Community Futures programme. (Macmerry Community Action Plan)
 | **L** | **Lead:** Macmerry Community Action Plan group**Other:** East Lothian Council Sport, Countryside & Leisure, Fa’side Area Manager,  | P*otential to allocate resources from Area Partnership devolved funds in future* |  |
| **4.15** | **Pencaitland Park upgrade*** Working with the Friends of Pencaitland Park
 | **L** | **Lead:** Friends of Pencaitland Park**Other:** East Lothian Council Sport, Fa’side Area Manager, | P*otential to allocate resources from Area Partnership devolved funds in future* |  |
| **4.16** | **Development of an Activity Playground:** * For 8-12 year olds at the eastern edge of the Foresters grounds. (Healthy Living Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** Fa’side Area Partnership**Other:** East Lothian Council Sport, Countryside & Leisure, Fa’side Area Manager, Community Housing. |  |  |
| **4.17** | **Install free play / outdoor gym facilities appropriate for all ages in parks throughout the Area – Tranent first location*** Could include e.g.: Permanent Table Tennis Tables, Chess Boards, Outdoor gym equipment
* Ensure they are fun and accessible to people of all ages

 (Healthy Living Working Group) | **L** | **Lead:** Fa’side Area Partnership**Other:** East Lothian Council Sport, Countryside & Leisure, Fa’side Area Manager |  |  |

**Resilient People across Fa’side ward**

**PRIORITY 5 – Supporting Families to create healthy environments for children**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want to support families in Fa’side to give all children in the ward the best start in life possible, including: * A positive and healthy pregnancy with reduced consumption of alcohol and nicotine and improved nutrition;
* A happy and healthy infancy with good diet, time and opportunities for bonding and early development, and;
* A happy, healthy and social primary age without disruptions to learning and development.
 | Fa’side as a whole scores below the East Lothian, and Scotland averages on a number of measures of maternal health including rates of smoking during pregnancy and rates of breastfeeding. There is awareness that previous attempts to improve these issues have been short lived, and to move forward effectively a sustained and locally led approach is required. There are also concerns that available employment opportunities in the ward e.g. shift working, as well as other factors such as the availability of personal computers and other devices, may be disrupting children’s sleep patterns, with knock on effects throughout school and later life.Finally the number of lone parent households in the ward is higher than the East Lothian average suggesting that there may be greater need for additional support. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 5:** East Lothian’s children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed |
| **Goals under this Priority Include:*** **Ensure all Women have a Healthy and Positive Experience of Pregnancy and early motherhood**
* **Ensure all children have healthy sleep patterns throughout their development**
* **Increase parental involvement in all aspects of a child’s life and learning**
* **Ensure parents have access to the support they need**
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| **5.8** | **First-Step Style Facility (similar to elsewhere in East Lothian):*** Emphasis on drop-in and peer support
* Also crèche facilities and courses
* Consider if this is appropriate or if it could be part of a larger community hub facility (Healthy Living Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead: TBC****Other: TBC** |  |  |

**Resilient People across Fa’side ward**

**PRIORITY 6 – Making it easier to choose healthy and locally grown food**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want to ensure that everyone in the Fa’side ward has easy access to affordable healthy food and is fully equipped with the knowledge they need to prepare it for themselves and their families. In addition we want to involve the community to a much greater extend in the production of healthy food from growth to preparation by supporting community gardens, allotments and community food events. | The lack of healthy food options and abundance of fast food takeaways in some parts of the ward has been highlighted as a key priority by the Area Partnership, the Young Person’s Reference Group and members of the community on several occasions.Poor diet can cause High Cholesterol, High Blood Pressure, Obesity and Diabetes, all of which are risk factors for Coronary Heart Disease and Strokes. Residents of some parts of Fa’side are significantly more likely than across East Lothian to be hospitalised for both of these conditions.Improving access, and uptake, of healthy food in the ward could have significant positive impacts on the health and well-being of the Fa’side community. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 6**: In East Lothian, we live healthier, more active and independent lives |
| **Goals under this Priority Include:*** **Increasing the availability of healthy food which is locally grown, including through involving more people in local food production**
* **Improve people’s knowledge and skills regarding home cooking and healthy eating**
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| **6.11** | **Work to improve uptake of free school meals:*** Currently very high levels of young people taking packed lunches.
* Need to investigate potential causes and;
* Improve awareness. (Healthy Living Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** Support from the Start**Other:** Primary Schools |  |  |

**Safe and Vibrant Communities across Fa’side ward**

**PRIORITY 7 – Improving Community information, facilities and resources**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want to ensure that Fa’side residents are able to access the information and facilities that they need to play an active and constructive role in their community. To do this we need to:* Bring empty buildings and spaces back into use in a way that benefits the community.
* Ensure the community are able to access existing facilities for a variety of purposes.
* Establish a long term home for Recharge with enhanced facilities and space if possible.
* Improve the availability of information about events, facilities and attractions for residents and visitors of Fa’side.
 | The theme “Community Facilities” was prioritised as the most important issue for the Fa’side ward by the Partnership, and has also been identified as a key issue by the young person’s reference group and members of the community on many occasions. Tranent is currently the only town in East Lothian without a dedicated community centre and there are many unused or underused buildings and spaces within the Town Centre. In addition there are concerns about the limited facilities available in some of the villages, and the state that some of the existing facilities are in.There is also very limited online presence of the ward for community members, or for visitors. As all of the villages, but particularly Tranent, is growing and expected to continue growing, many of the ways people traditionally found out about activities etc in the area are no longer as effective. As new people move into the area we want to ensure that they are able to integrate well into the community and get involved and contribute to community life. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 10:** East Lothian has stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities10.1 Our third and community sectors are thriving and resilient10.4 People have the skills, confidence and capacity to make positive changes in their lives and their communities |
| **Goals under this Priority Include:*** **There are high quality facilities across the ward for recreation and learning**
* **Improve the availability of community information**
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| **7.8** | **Investigate the inconsistencies in accessing East Lothian Council run community facilities in this Area to develop recommendations that will promote greater parity of access and pricing both in and outside the Area. (Community Facilities Sub-Group)** | **L** | **Lead:** Fa’side Area Manager**Other:** Local venue management committees, East Lothian Council Community Learning and Development |  | * Prioritised to develop clear actions for the Area Plan.
* Will clarify through Communities Facility Sub Group in early 2016.
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| **7.12** | **Work towards the building of a new community centre in Macmerry:*** To replace the existing village hall and better integrate existing local facilities (Macmerry & Gladsmuir Community Futures Steering Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** Macmerry & Gladsmuir Community Futures Steering Group**Other:** Macmerry &Gladsmuir Community Council, Fa’side Area Partnership as required | Some funding may be provided by developer contributions if planned housing goes ahead. | * Awaiting Local Development Plan
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| **7.13** | **Investigate the long term future of Ormiston Day Centre.****(Elected members)** | **L** | **Lead: Ormiston Day Centre Management committee** **Other: Area Manager, East Lothian Council Adult Wellbeing**  |  | * Identified in December 2015. Will be discussed at next Health Inequalities meeting early in 2016.
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**Strategic Objective: Safe and Vibrant Communities**

**PRIORITY 8 – Ensuring all Residents of Fa’side feel Safe and Secure in their Community**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| **Police Scotland’s Multi-Member Ward Plans** outline the priorities the community identified during their consultation. These priorities have been adopted by the Fa’side Area Partnership and integrated into our draft Area Plan as they are issues that we all need to help address if we want to make the Fa’side area a safe place to live, work and travel in.To ensure everyone in Fa’side feels safe and secure in their community we need to:* Improve road safety measures in and between our settlements for pedestrians and cyclists and other road users.
* reduce antisocial behaviour in our areas
* Make required improvements to ensure all residents feel comfortable using our parks, green-spaces and other public places.
* Enhance the opportunities for the community to influence local policing priorities.
* Ensure that people feel safe at all times inside their own homes.
* Tackle substance misuse and dealing in our communities
 | Although crime and anti-social behaviour were not prioritised as key issues for the Area Partnership there are some key concerns in this area to be addressed.Pedestrian and cyclist safety in Tranent town centre and on the roads between the villages has been raised as an issue by several groups and in 2012 Fa’side had significantly more Road Traffic Collisions than any other ward in East Lothian.Young people in Fa’side are significantly more likely to feel unsafe due to: “Drug Users”; “Drunks in the Street”; “Walking through Dark Areas” and “Group of Young People I Don’t Know” than the average across East Lothian.In addition Fa’side residents are significantly more likely to say that they feel “Fairly Unsafe” while walking alone after dark in their neighbourhood than the East Lothian average. |
| **Related outcome in the East Lothian Plan** | **Outcome 7:** East Lothian is an even safer place |
| **Goals under this Priority Include:*** **Local Communities, Police and other Public Agencies work effectively together to ensure Fa’side is safe and feels safe**
* **Anti-Social Behaviour throughout the ward is tackled and its impact on the community is reduced**
* **The impact of drug use in our community is minimized and those responsible dealt with accordingly**
* **People feel safe in their own homes and crimes against property are reduced**
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**PRIORITY 8 – Working Effectively together to ensure all Residents of Fa’side feel Safe and Secure**

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| **8.9** | **Work to deter the possession and use of illegal substances throughout the Area:*** Police Scotland will use all resources available to ensure an effective approach to deterrence in the Fa’side. (Police Scotland Fa’side Multi Member Ward Plan)
 | **L** | **Lead:** Police Scotland**Other:** |  |  |

**Strategic Objective: Safe and Vibrant Communities**

**PRIORITY 9 – Becoming a more supportive and inclusive community**

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| **The difference we want to make** | **Why is this important in this area:** |
| We want the Fa’side community to be one which is welcoming, inclusive and supports and protects those who are vulnerable, including:* Those who are socially excluded, such as some elderly residents or incomers to the area.
* Young people, including those at risk.
* Those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction or the addiction of others.
* Those living with or at risk of dementia, learning difficulties or mental health issues.
 | Concerns have been raised regarding the need for support for some groups within the community. * In Fa’side a greater number of residents are under 25 than average across Scotland and there are worries that there are not enough facilities targeted to young people.
* There are also a greater number of carers who are young people than the average
* some areas of Tranent have among the highest rates of Anti Social Behaviour in the county and this can have an impact on resident’s mental health and well-being.
* There is a large population in the new housing to the south of the Tranent who may not currently be fully involved with the community
* The percentage of the population over the age of 65 is predicted to grow rapidly over the next 15 years and there are concerns that there is a lack of activities and facilities tailored to this age group.
* there are concerns that particularly older single men are difficult to engage and may be missing out.

Support processes need to be developed to ensure everyone in the community has access to the help they need, and that the wider community is understanding and supportive for those needing help. |

**PRIORITY 9 – Being a more Supportive and Inclusive Community**

| **Goal: Creating a Positive Environment, Supporting everyone’s Mental Health and Wellbeing** |
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|  | ***Action needed to achieve this*** | ***Timescales*** | ***`*** | ***Resources required*** | ***Current Status*** |
| **9.2** | **Provide additional resources for carers in the community:** * Need to identify site for respite and other care facilities and resources.
* Could be dementia friendly unit. (Healthy Living Working Group)
 | **L** | **Lead:** Dementia Friendly**Other:** National Health Service, East Lothian Council Housing, Fa’side Area Partnership, Fa’side Area Manager |  |  |
| **9.4** | **Establish sporting memories groups in all communities:** (Healthy Living Working Group) | **L** | **Lead: TBC**?**Other:** ???NOTE: - Scott *Glynn runs/organises this in the rugby club at Tranent.* | *Potential to allocate from Area Partnership devolved funds* |  |

| **Goal: Support older people** |
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|  | ***Action needed to achieve this*** | ***Timescales*** | ***Lead Group / Agencies******Involved*** | ***Resources required*** | ***Key milestones / indicators of success*** |
| **9.9** | **Investigate Community Transport in our area and across East Lothian:*** Try and ensure community transport is sustained in our area.
* Increase awareness of community transport and seek to expand its use by community groups.
* Look to secure long term future of Community Transport

(Area Manager/Health Inequalities Group) | **L** | **Lead – Lammermuir Transport and Area Manager****Other – East Lothian Council Roads, Fa’side Area Partnership and TBC** | *Using Lammermuir Transport for Children’s Mural project* | * Area Manager involved in a range of discussions
* Some conversations about investigating an East Lothian Model of Community Transport
* Working closely with Lammermuir Transport to ensure they are sustainable
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