

**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council

**MEETING DATE:** 22 August 2017

**BY:** Chief Executive

**SUBJECT:** East Lothian Partnership – Local Outcomes Improvement Plan – Draft for Agreement

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek Council approval of the terms of the East Lothian Partnership's draft Local Outcomes Improvement Plan: the "East Lothian Plan".

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Council agree the outcomes and actions contained in the current draft East Lothian Plan.
- 2.2 That Council agree to delegate to the Chief Executive the consideration of and agreement to any further changes to the draft so that the Plan can be finalised in late September.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Council is a member of East Lothian Partnership, the local Community Planning Partnership which brings together 22 organisations from all sectors – public, private, third and community – to work together to improve the lives of people in the area. The Council Leader is Chair of the Partnership. Also included on its Board are one councillor from each of the other two political groups on the Council, and the Council's Chief Executive.
- 3.2 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 obliges East Lothian Partnership to produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan before 1 October 2017. This will replace the Partnership's ten-year Single Outcome Agreement agreed in 2013.
- 3.3 The Act obliges the Partnership to consult community bodies on the content of the new Plan. This consultation process is currently in progress. The Partnership's next meeting is scheduled for 26 September, when it is due to finalise its Plan taking account of the

comments received from community bodies in the current consultation exercise.

## **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 East Lothian Partnership has produced and agreed for consultation its draft East Lothian Plan. A copy is in the Members' Library (Ref: 101/17, Aug17 Bulletin), and the draft Plan is summarised at Appendix 1 to this report.

4.2 The Plan has been drafted in accordance with Scottish Government guidance, and is grounded in information about the area and people's lives here.

4.3 The Plan:

- is intended to tackle **inequalities of outcome**, particularly for groups of people who do less well than others because of socio-economic inequality;
- is focused on what partner organisations can achieve by working together, over and above what they already do as single organisations.

4.4 The Plan:

- **is not** a blueprint for the provision of all public service in East Lothian: individual organisations will still have their own Plans'
- **is not** intended for small areas – that is something we expect from forthcoming Locality Plans.

4.5 The Draft East Lothian Plan is based around three themes: Prosperous, Community-Minded and Fair – and the delivery of seven outcomes to be delivered by the Partnership:

### **Theme 1: prosperous**

#### Outcomes

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

1.2: Local businesses are thriving and the business base is growing

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

## **Theme 2: community-minded**

### Outcomes

2.1: East Lothian has strong, resilient communities, where people respect each other and look out for each other;

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

## **Theme 3: fair**

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

Outcome 3.2: People in East Lothian are healthy (this outcome is likely to be reworded slightly)

Each outcome has a number of actions attached to it (set out in the summary attached at Appendix 1), focusing on what the partners need to do together, in addition to work already ongoing, to improve these outcomes.

- 4.6 The draft Plan corresponds well with the Council Plan and will support the achievement of the East Lothian Vision of “an even more prosperous, safe and sustainable East Lothian, with a dynamic and thriving economy, that enables our people and communities to flourish”.
- 4.7 Because of the statutory timescale for the Partnership to finalise its Plan, there will not be another opportunity for its terms to be presented to a Council meeting. Following the terms of the Council’s Scheme of Delegation, it is open to the Council to delegate to the Chief Executive the consideration and agreement of any further changes to the Plan which may arise from the Partnership’s consultation of community bodies.

## **5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The final draft of the Plan will be subject to integrated impact assessment for consideration by the East Lothian Partnership.

## **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial - the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act binds certain partners, including the Council, to contribute such resources to the Partnership as the Partnership agrees. More detailed action planning will be required to deliver the actions set out in the Plan. One of the provisions in the draft Plan is a requirement for partners to work together to secure the efficient use of buildings (through co-location and relocation

where appropriate) and to repurpose relevant property assets for community benefit - principally for affordable housing and employment land which are particular issues for land supply in East Lothian.

- 6.2 Personnel - the Plan will require staff from the different partners to work together to improve outcomes.
- 6.3 Other – none identified.

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Draft East Lothian Plan 2017 – 27 – full version (in Members’ Library, Ref: 101/17, Aug17 Bulletin)
- 7.2 East Lothian Plan 2013-23 – Single Outcome Agreement (current Plan which is being replaced):  
[http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/9787/the\\_east\\_lothian\\_plan\\_single\\_outcome\\_agreement\\_2013](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/9787/the_east_lothian_plan_single_outcome_agreement_2013)
- 7.3 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: Part 2 – Community Planning:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/part/2>

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## **DRAFT EAST Lothian PLAN – OUR LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN SUMMARY**

### **About the East Lothian Partnership**

East Lothian Partnership is the community planning partnership for the area and has statutory responsibility for improving outcomes. Partners include the Council, Police Scotland, NHS Lothian, the Integrated Joint Board for Health and Social Care, STRiVE (the 3<sup>rd</sup>-sector interface for the area), and several others. Partners share responsibility for delivery once the Plan has been finalised and agreed.

Partners are:

Association of East Lothian Community Councils  
Coalition of Community Care and Support Providers in Scotland  
East Lothian Community Justice Partnership  
East Lothian Council  
Edinburgh College  
East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Integrated Joint Board for Health and Social Care in East Lothian  
JobcentrePlus/ Department for Work and Pensions  
NHS Lothian  
Police Scotland  
Queen Margaret University  
Scottish Care Ltd  
Scottish Enterprise  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Scottish Natural Heritage  
Skills Development Scotland  
STRiVE  
VisitScotland

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## About the draft Plan

The draft Plan:

- covers the next 10 years
- has been put together based on what the Partnership knows about our area: from statistics, from what people have told us in surveys, and from discussion among the community planning partners about where inequalities lie.
- is intended to tackle **inequalities of outcome**, particularly for groups of people who do less well than others because of socio-economic inequality.
- is designed to be simpler than the previous Plan (the East Lothian Partnership Single Outcome Agreement).
- details what partner organisations think they can achieve by working together, over and above what they already do as single organisations.
- is **not** a blueprint for the provision of all public service in East Lothian: individual organisations still have their own Plans.
- does **not** go into detail for small areas – that is something we expect from forthcoming Locality Plans.
- must by law be finalised before 1 October 2017.

The Partnership wants to focus on

- reducing inequalities across our area;
- tackling poverty; and
- working to prevent problems and act quickly when problems start.

Partners are already working together on many initiatives, but there are new things the Partnership board wants to do to deliver an East Lothian that is increasingly prosperous, community-minded and fair.

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## **Theme 1: prosperous**

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

- a) We will produce a Workforce Plan for East Lothian to make sure that people are aware of sectors where there are job opportunities, and what they need to do to become “job-ready”.
- b) We will encourage career progression through training opportunities available under the forthcoming City Region deal.
- c) We will examine the issue of in-work poverty and encourage the payment of the Living Wage.

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

- d) We will continue our work to get the City Region Deal in place.
- e) We will explore the potential for an Innovation Park close to Queen Margaret University
- f) We will work to repurpose the site of the former Cockenzie Power Station.
- g) We will work together to relocate and co-locate, and repurpose suitable assets as employment land (or land for affordable housing).

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

- h) We will lobby for better broadband provision
- i) We will work with small businesses to make them aware of their options for conducting their business digitally
- j) We will encourage developers to install digital infrastructure in new premises.

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## **Theme 2: community-minded**

**Outcome 2.1: East Lothian has strong, resilient communities, where people respect each other and look out for each other**

- k) We will finalise the new Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.
- l) We will work to decrease the numbers of people who go missing, especially people with dementia and young people.
- m) We will focus on road safety, including safer journeys for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages.

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

- n) Through Area Partnerships, we will continue to help our communities to access resources so they can work out and take forward local priorities
- o) We will develop the right partnerships to bring forward affordable homes and help residents create and sustain great communities.
- p) We will seek 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 - of all ages.

## **Theme 3: fair**

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

- q) We will implement the Poverty Action Plan arising from the work of the East Lothian poverty Commission
- r) We will run the Musselburgh Family Focus project bringing partners together to get the best outcomes for some of our most vulnerable families.

**Outcome 3.2: People in East Lothian are healthy**

- s) We will work to prioritise mental health for people of all ages.

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