

# East Lothian Partnership

**ACTION NOTE OF THE MEETING OF EAST LoTHIAN PARTNERSHIP**  
**Tuesday 26 September 2017, 14.00 – 16.00**  
**Edinburgh College, Milton Road East, Edinburgh**

**Partnership Members Present**

1. George Archibald, Chief Executive, East and Midlothian Chamber of Commerce
2. Annette Bruton, Principal, Edinburgh College (vice chair)
3. Cllr. Stuart Currie, Leader of the SNP Group, East Lothian Council
4. Cllr Norman Hampshire, Depute Leader, East Lothian Council
5. Angela Leitch, Chief Executive, East Lothian Council
6. Dean Mack, Group Manager for East and Midlothian, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (for David Farries)
7. Grant McDougall, Skills Development Scotland (for Neville Prentice)
8. Peter Murray, Chair, East Lothian Integration Joint Board
9. Mark Ormiston, Chair, East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel
10. Matt Paden, Police Scotland (for Craig Smith)
11. Nigel Paul, Chair, Sustainable Economy Partnership
12. Cllr Brian Small, Leader of the Conservative Group, East Lothian Council
13. David Small, Chief Officer, East Lothian Integration Joint Board
14. Hilary Smith, Association of East Lothian Community Councils
15. Jonathan Wilson, International Sector Head, Scottish Enterprise

**Others attending – reports/support/observers**

16. Christine Dora, Policy Officer, Corporate Policy & Improvement, East Lothian Council
17. David Milne, Scottish Government (for Tim Ellis)
18. Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, Vice Chair, East Lothian Integration Joint Board
19. Kate Ralton, Policy Officer – Community Justice, East Lothian Council
20. Cameron Tait, Police Scotland
21. Paolo Vestri, Service Manager – Corporate Policy and Improvement, East Lothian Council

**Apologies**

22. Malcolm Cutt, Director of Operations and Finance, Queen Margaret University
23. Tim Ellis, Scottish Government (Observer)
24. David Farries, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
25. Susan Goldsmith, Director of Finance, NHS Lothian Board
26. Cllr Willie Innes, Leader, East Lothian Council (CHAIR)
27. Patsy King, Development Worker, ELTRP
28. Alex McCrorie, Chair, Resilient People Partnership
29. Neville Prentice, Skills Development Scotland
30. Craig Smith, Police Scotland
31. Eliot Stark, Chief Executive, STRIVE

**Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Welcome / Apologies**

Annette Bruton took the Chair and welcomed everyone, noting Cllr Innes’s absence as chair and wishing him well. She welcomed new faces, including Cllr Hampshire in his capacity of Depute Leader of East Lothian Council.

Apologies were noted as on the preceding page.

Item no.	Decisions/ Actions	Action By
1	<p><b>Action Note of the meeting of 29 May 2017</b></p> <p>a) The Action Note of the meeting of 29 May was <b>approved</b>.</p> <p>b) Matters arising:</p> <p>Item 5 <b>Linking National Scottish Apprenticeship Expansion Plans with activity in East Lothian – Grant McDougall</b> reported that action had been remitted to East Lothian’s Developing Young Workforce Group and suggested that a progress report in 6 months would be appropriate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>ACTION: Grant McDougall</u></b></p> <p>Item 8 <b>2017 East Lothian Residents Survey (concern over health services)</b> Paolo Vestri noted that the next Citizens’ Panel survey was due to cover health in more detail. The Chair suggested that East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership should look at this issue in more detail and report back to a future meeting of East Lothian Partnership.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>ACTION: Peter Murray/ David Small</u></b></p>	<p><b>GMcD</b></p> <p><b>PM/DS</b></p>
2	<p><b>East Lothian Community Justice Partnership</b></p> <p>Kate Ralton presented the report seeking agreement to the establishment of the East Lothian Community Justice Partnership and the appointment of a chair. She explained that the East Lothian Partnership Community Justice Plan themes align well with Scottish Government Justice Policy issued in the last few months, and with Community Justice Scotland’s emphasis on prevention of offending and early intervention. East Lothian’s Community Justice Plan includes links to other services such as health and housing, and expansion of scope beyond the Community Justice legislation to include children and young people. The East Lothian Community Justice Plan aims to work to reduce the impact on communities of offending.</p> <p>Invitations were still to be sent to partners to join the Community Justice Partnership.</p> <p><i>(continues overleaf)</i></p>	

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2	<p><i>(continued)</i></p> <p>Highlights of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Lothian Partnership values the partnership working taking place in the field of Community Justice.</li> <li>• Importance of looking at the whole person/ system/ community and avoiding fragmentation.</li> <li>• Importance of promoting strong links between the various different partnerships.</li> <li>• The IJB has a delegated function in Criminal Justice Social Work but had not produced a strategy for this function: the new Partnership offered a good opportunity in that regard.</li> <li>• In the longer term, it might be appropriate for the Community Justice Partnership to assign the Chair to some of its other relevant partner organisations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decisions</b></p> <p>East Lothian Partnership:</p> <p>2.1 <b>agreed</b> the establishment of the Community Justice Partnership.</p> <p>2.2 <b>noted</b> that statutory partners would be invited to nominate members to the Community Justice Partnership.</p> <p>2.3 <b>agreed</b> that Sharon Saunders be asked to chair the CJ Partnership in the first instance but intend that the CJ Partnership, once it has been up and running, should review the position of Chair.</p> <p>2.4 looked forward to the work of the Community Justice Partnership unfolding.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Kate Ralton for her contribution to the meeting.</p> <p>(Post-meeting note: invitations have been made to partners to join the Community Justice Partnership.)</p>	KR
3	<p><b>Redrafted East Lothian Plan 2017-27 - for Agreement and Finalisation</b></p> <p>Christine Dora presented the report and draft Plan, and a synthesis of views that had been expressed during consultation on the plan. There was discussion.</p> <p><b>Decisions</b></p> <p>East Lothian Partnership:</p> <p>3.1 <b>Noted</b> the results of consultation with community bodies on the previous draft of the Plan;</p> <p><i>(continues overleaf)</i></p>	

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<b>3</b> (cont)	<p>3.2 <b>Finalised and approved</b> the content of the East Lothian Plan subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to name specific strategic economic sites in the Plan (Cockenzie Power Station site and the proposed Innovation Park near Queen Margaret University);</li> <li>b) to retain reference to “prosperous” as a theme;</li> <li>c) not to include a specific target of cutting single-occupant car commuting in the Plan at this stage.</li> <li>d) to note that the Plan is a living document and subject to change.</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>East Lothian Partnership – review of structure</b></p> <p>Paolo Vestri gave a verbal update on plans for review of the structure of East Lothian Partnership, saying that over the next couple of months, he and Christine Dora would consult partners and float possible structures, linking to the existence of other partnerships. He would finalise proposals for a new structure in time for the Partnership’s meeting on 24 January.</p> <p>In discussion, the following considerations were highlighted as being desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a streamlining of East Lothian Partnership’s structure;</li> <li>• consideration of how East Lothian Partnership would interface with community councils and area partnerships (including the production of Locality Plans);</li> <li>• recognition of capacity issues for people who participate in an unpaid capacity;</li> <li>• demonstrability of added value of any part of the structure.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership <b>noted</b> that formal proposals would come forward to its next meeting.</p>	<p>PV</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Feedback on Supporting Partnership meetings</b></p> <p>Nigel Paul gave a short update on the recent meeting of the Sustainable Economy Partnership, which had included discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the draft East Lothian Plan (Item 3 above);</li> <li>• Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Heads of Terms;</li> <li>• a presentation by VisitScotland.</li> </ul>	

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6	<p><b>Minutes for information</b></p> <p><b>East Lothian Partnership noted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minutes of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board meeting on 29 June 2017</li> <li>• notes of the six Area Partnership meetings.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>There was no other business for noting.</p>	

<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Wed 24 January 2018</b></p> <p><b>14.00 – 16.00</b></p> <p><b>JobCentre Plus</b></p> <p><b>Eskmills</b></p> <p><b>Musselburgh</b></p>
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Christine Dora  
13 October 2017