

# East Lothian Partnership

## Haddington & Lammermuir Area Plan

2018-2022

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



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## Area Partnership Locations

- Musselburgh
- Fa’side
- Haddington & Lammermuir
- Dunbar & East Linton
- North Berwick Coastal
- Preston Seton Gosford



# Introduction

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## Welcome to Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership's first Area Plan.

Area Partnerships were established as the local voice of community planning in East Lothian and they strengthen links between communities, area-based services and the East Lothian Partnership. They provide a way for local communities to contribute to the outcomes in the East Lothian Plan and to influence service planning and delivery in their area. The overarching priority for each Area Partnership is to reduce inequalities and poverties across and within its communities.

Our Area Partnership was first established in 2014 and is made up of a broad range of community representatives, all of whom are volunteers and all of whom have also been actively involved in shaping this plan. Since 2014 we have successfully supported and delivered over 40 projects aimed at improving our communities and making lives better for everyone who live and work here. We have delivered projects that help people to live active, safe and healthy lives and are also working to reduce the attainment gap and increase the achievement potential for our young people. Our aim is to continue, and improve, this work by delivering the priorities identified in this plan.

## Craig McLachlan

Chair - Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership  
September 2018



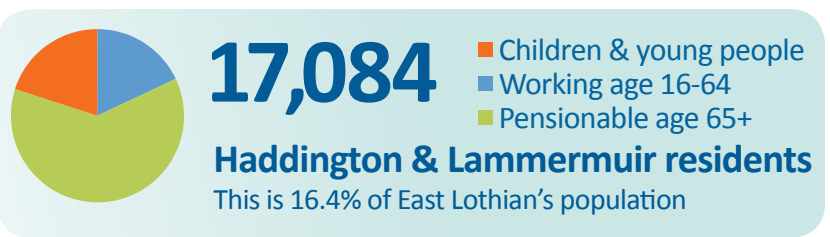
The *Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership Area Plan 2018-22* has been developed to meet the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. This Act gives greater powers to communities to get involved in local decision making and to have greater control of buildings, land and service provision that will bring benefits to their communities.

Our priorities, detailed in the plan, help identify ways in which we can make the Haddington and Lammermuir area an even better place for everyone who lives here.

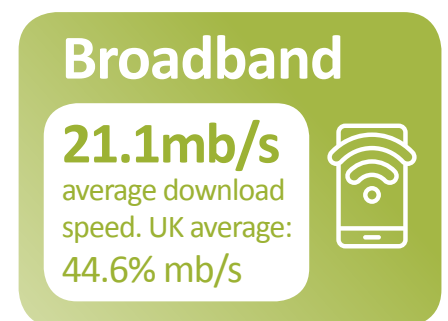
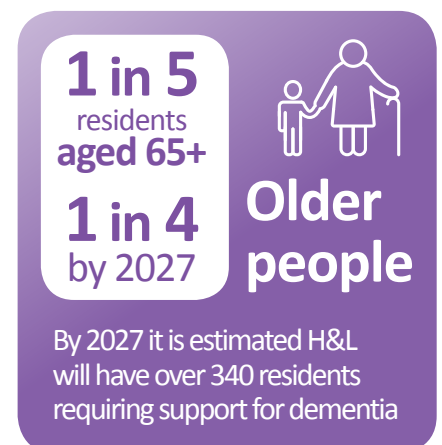
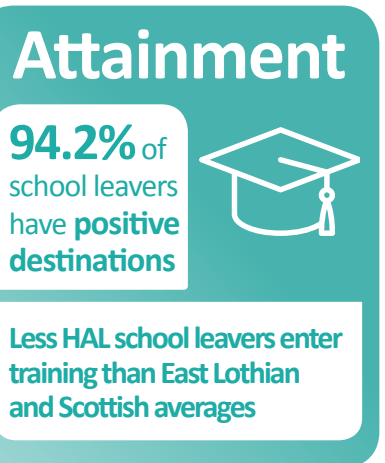
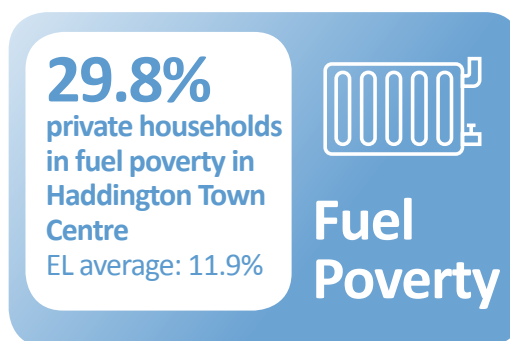
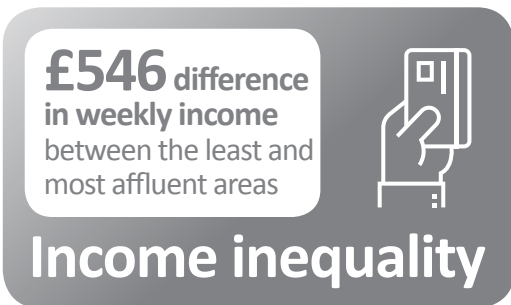
We have combined local data from a variety of sources such as the East Lothian Poverty Commission (ELPC) 2017 report '*Challenging perceptions. Overcoming poverty*' [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/povertycommission](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/povertycommission) and our current Area Profile at [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/hadlamap](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/hadlamap)

The plan has also been shaped by a wide range of consultation and engagement activity over the last five years. Some of this activity was led by community groups and some by H&LAP. Consultation provides the local community with the opportunity to tell us what they like about their area and what can be done to improve it for everyone.

# Understanding Haddington & Lammermuir



In general the Haddington and Lammermuir Ward statistically fairs well against other areas of East Lothian and Scotland. However, there a few issues that impact people's lives such as poor health across the ages and access in and around the rural villages.



# H&L Area Partnership

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Set up in 2014 as the local voice of community planning, Area Partnerships are now well established and are made up of members who are representative of their communities. H&LAP members include local Councillors and representatives from:

- Haddington & District, Garvald & Morham, Gifford and Humbie, E&W Saltoun & Bolton Community Councils.
- Haddington East & Bolton Steadings Tenants and Residents Associations.
- Knox Academy, Humbie, Yester, Haddington Infants Parent Councils and key local groups such as Haddington Community Development Trust, Haddington Community Sports Hub, Haddington Support from the Start and Haddington Rotary Club.

The role of Area Partnerships is to:

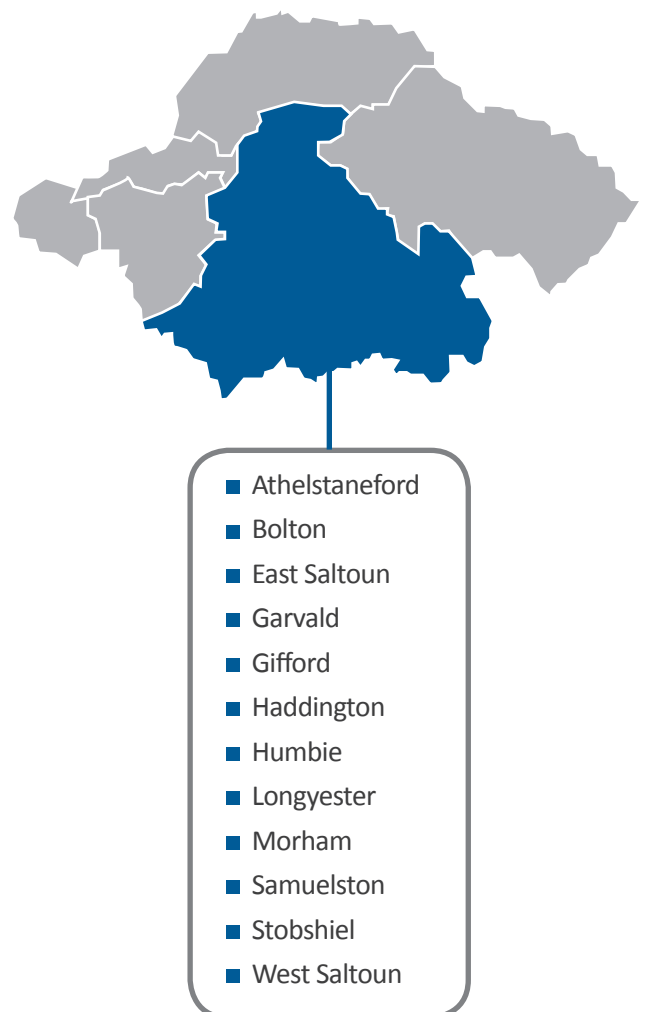
- Develop a plan based on a shared vision for the area, using evidence from the Area Profile and local intelligence - with a focus on reducing inequalities, prioritising prevention and early intervention and sustainability.
- Monitor the delivery of the Area Plan and its impact; reporting progress to the East Lothian Partnership at least once a year.
- Oversee resource allocation devolved to the area in accordance with priorities established by the plan.
- Act as the principal point of contact, consultation and engagement on the delivery of local services and service improvement.
- Monitor the effectiveness of stakeholder and community engagement to develop, deliver and review the area plan and local service delivery; drawing on and building on existing activities of local groups and partnerships.

## Ward boundaries and terminology

In 2016 the ward boundaries for Haddington and Lammermuir changed and the villages of Pencaitland and Ormiston are now included in the new ward boundaries, but not in the Area Partnership boundary. The picture below shows the Area Partnership boundary.

When using statistics we refer to the old ward boundaries as the **Haddington and Lammermuir Area** and the new boundaries and the **Haddington and Lammermuir Ward**.

AREA PARTNERSHIP BOUNDARY  
Haddington & Lammermuir area:





# Devolved budgets

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East Lothian Council devolve budgets to the Area Partnerships. In 2018/19 this totalled £1.85 million across six Area Partnerships and although this is not new money it is used to influence how service budgets are spent. The total budget for H&LAP in 2018 is £300,000 split across the four areas below:



## 1 Amenities Services £100,000

To be used for services provided by the council's Amenity Services team, this can include maintenance, renovation and minor improvements in parks, sports pitches, open spaces, hard landscaping, rural paths, woodlands and children's play areas; grass cutting; street sweeping; and street bins, seats, signs and fencing.

## 2 Roads Capital £50,000

Spending can include traffic and safety schemes, footway and car park improvements, street lighting, carriageway repairs or resurfacing, signage and/or drainage improvements. Funds can be used to support sustainable and active transport initiatives.

## 3 General Service £50,000

To be used for non-recurring general services priorities determined by each partnership in their area plans.

## 4 Education Initiatives £100,000

To further support the goal of improving attainment and achievement, and to reduce inequalities within schools and the wider learning community.

# Theme Champions

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H&LAP have appointed 'Champions' from their membership to lead on the themes they have identified as important areas for action.

## The role of an H&LAP Champion is to:

- 1 Be the lead member for their section on the Area Partnership and have an enthusiasm for the topic/section and an understanding of the main issues.
- 2 Lead on the development, review and ongoing delivery of their section.
- 3 Advise the Area Partnership/Chair on any issues relating to their section.
- 4 Consider relevant funding proposals and recommend approval/rejection to the Area Partnership.
- 5 With the Area Partnership Chair and Vice Chair – take delegated decisions (financial or otherwise) as required.
- 6 Chair sub-group meetings.
- 7 Represent the Area Partnership at any meetings relevant to their section where appropriate/possible.



Penny Short, Children & Young Persons Champion  
and Nick Morgan, Active Travel Champion

# The bigger picture

The responsibility for delivering the actions identified in an Area Plan lies with the Area Partnership and East Lothian Partnership (ELP) who both have a role in reviewing progress of its outcomes. To help reflect the shared roles of our partners we have framed our priorities, and related actions, around the themes and outcomes of the *East Lothian Plan 2017-2022*:  
[www.eastlothian.gov.uk/elothianplan](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/elothianplan)

East Lothian Partnership's Statement of Intent is:

*"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."*

## Supporting plans

It is important to note that East Lothian's Area Plans do not stand alone. They form part of wider network of plans from partners that interlink and complement each other in terms of reducing inequalities.

\*Local Outcome Improvement Plan



# Our priorities

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## What we are going to do

Our vision is to work with our community to make life better for everyone who lives, gets around, works, and visits the Haddington & Lammermuir Area.

The **East Lothian Plan 2017-27** themes & outcomes:

## 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.

### 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.

## Theme 2: 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 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 enjoying healthier lives

The East Lothian Plan also includes a specific poverty related outcome:

*‘We tackle the causes and effects of poverty in East Lothian and we reduce the gap between the richest and poorest people.’*

By working together effectively the PSG Area will be a Prosperous, Community-minded and Fair place to live.

## PROSPEROUS

### Making H&L a great place to work

#### 1: Encourage a range of employment and business support opportunities within the town centre and develop an evening economy

*The average broadband download speed in our area is 21.1mb/s compared to the UK average of 44.6mb/s.*

#### ACTION

Support the delivery of Superfast Broadband established throughout the H&L Area.

Encourage evening economy in town centre – with more things open later – e.g. cafés.

#### 2: Promote the HAL area’s heritage and culture

#### ACTION

Promote attractions, assets and events to bring visitors to Haddington on a regular basis e.g. heritage walks, other regular markets etc.

Support the need to have more activities across the area at the weekend especially on a Sunday – e.g. markets, events.

#### 3: The town centre looks appealing, vibrant and safe for everyone who visits or works there

#### ACTION

Support the development and delivery of a successful Access Strategy for Haddington Town Centre.

Work with Partners to rationalise street furniture (have less street clutter). Requires pro-activity – help blind / partially sighted people use town centre better.

#### IMPACT

- More people will have increased employment and skills
- Increased access to Superfast Broadband will benefit businesses and also residents across the area. This will increase business and education opportunities and help to reduce social isolation
- Haddington High Street will have a broader range of businesses open for a longer period with increased footfall
- Residents and visitors will be able to access a greater range of heritage and cultural related activities in the area



## COMMUNITY-MINDED

### Making H&L a great place to visit

#### 4: Ensure that the HAL Area is equipped with the facilities required to support thriving local communities

##### ACTION

Encourage local groups to make better use of local facilities, open spaces etc.

Provide more places for young people to meet and socialise.

Promote local facilities and events on offer.

#### 5: Encourage increased use of active modes of travel

##### ACTION

Inform and actively promote active travel opportunities and developments to local residents.

Provide benches for local paths.

#### 6: Young People have a positive, supported experience of education and are able to access guidance and options for their post-school choices

*Only 1.2% of Young people who leave school go into training as a positive destination. This is lower than the East Lothian average of 2.5% and the Scottish average of 3.8%.*

##### ACTION

Promote local initiatives such as training for work schemes.

Support initiatives aimed at raising attainment through all schools in the area cluster.

##### IMPACT

- People will have a strong sense of community
- Young people will feel supported
- More people will be walking or cycling to improve their health
- Young people will have more positive destinations after school

## FAIR

### Making H&L inclusive

#### 7: People are enabled to live at home and access opportunities in their communities for as long as possible

*By 2027 1 in 4 residents in our Area will be aged 65+*

*By 2027 341 people in our Area will need support for dementia*

##### ACTION

Work with local organisations to provide support opportunities for those suffering from dementia, and their carers.

Support local projects that work to reduce social isolation and also mental health issues in local communities.

#### 8: Our communities are better able to make healthy choices, reduce isolation and access the services they need in order to maintain a positive level of physical and mental Health

*Over 74% of residents in the H&L Area describe their health and good/very good*

*Haddington South has a significantly worse rate of alcohol related hospital stays at 1,358.1 per 100,000 people. The East Lothian average is 407.3*

##### ACTION

Work with relevant partners to implement the Poverty Action Plan arising from the work of the Poverty Commission.

Support local initiatives which address health inequalities and promote wellbeing.

#### 9: Public transport provides the Area with reliable, accessible and regular services to meet the community's needs

*The area around Gifford and Garvald is the most access deprived area in East Lothian*

##### ACTION

Support initiatives that seek to address the access inequality across our area.

Encourage and support the development of solutions that let children and young people travel into Haddington from rural settlements to socialise.

##### IMPACT

- People will feel less isolated in their communities
- More people will be able to access the services they need
- Mental health and physical wellbeing will be improved

# Member organisations

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## Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership Member Organisations:

East Lothian Council

Garvald and Morham Community Council

Gifford Community Council

Haddington and District Community Council

Humbie, E&W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council

Haddington East and Bolton Steadings Tenants and Residents Associations

Knox Academy Parent School Partnership

Primary School Parent Councils: Humbie, Yester and Haddington Infant

Haddington Community Development Trust

Haddington Business Association

Haddington Community Sports Hub

Haddington Support from the Start

Haddington Rotary Club

Haddington CAB

## East Lothian Partnership Member Organisations:

(MEMBER ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE FOUR BOARD-LEVEL PARTNERSHIPS)

Association of East Lothian Community Councils

Children 1st

Coalition of Community Care and Support Providers in Scotland

East Lothian Council

East Lothian Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board

Edinburgh College

ELTRP

Federation of Small Businesses

JobcentrePlus / Department for Work and Pensions

Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority

Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce

NHS Lothian

Police Scotland

Queen Margaret University

Scottish Care Ltd

Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Scottish Natural Heritage

Skills Development Scotland

Social Enterprise in East Lothian

STRiVE

Visit Scotland





Haddington Skate Park



Our Community Kitchen pilot - Knox Academy



Athelstaneford Village Hall



Morham Village Hall



Loose Parts Play



Saltoun Parish Church



Haddington Pavillion



Haddington Town Centre



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