

East Lothian Partnership

East Lothian Plan 2026-2036 March 2025 Partners' Update

East Lothian Partnership are engaged in the coproduction process for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2026-2036. You might know this as the [East Lothian Plan 2017-2027](#). This plan concentrates on what we as partners can achieve by working together on specific issues, to reduce inequalities, and improve outcomes for East Lothian's people.

Over April and May, we will be engaging with communities on what they want to see from their LOIP. In the meantime, we want to keep you updated on what we have been doing. The aims for this month were;

Facilitation resources in use by community partners to identify priorities

Meet with statutory partners unable to attend Impact Assessments and update wider partners

Finalise Improvement Plan with support from the Improvement Service

What we've undertaken

- Hosted two training and feedback sessions on community facilitation guides, the first focused on engagement with children and young people, the second a discursive guide focused on adults. Sessions brought together community partners to identify improvements to our community engagement process and develop the tools to support partners to engage groups identified through the IIA and CRIA process.
- Updated our Community Planning webpage to enable clearer communication and make materials easily accessible for download. <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/community-planning>
- The Improvement Service facilitated a session with the Governance Group to develop an Improvement Plan following the results of the self assessment report. Two priorities were identified as most important:
 - Further develop the CPP's approaches to community engagement to ensure the views of the wider community influence the work of the partnership.
 - Review how Elected Members and community representatives engage with the leadership of the partnership.
- We will work with the Improvement Service to identify further improvements from the self-assessment that will sit alongside these improvements.
- Following this session, we plan to meet with community partners to reflect on their feedback and Improvement Plan actions, and to support them to carry out their own community engagement.

What we're planning now

- From mid March through to May we will be revisiting Area Partnerships, Association of Community Councils, along with Strategic and Subgroups of the East Lothian Partnership to update on progress and discuss community engagement.
- Community partners will be engaging with communities and priority groups through April and May, using the facilitation packs which can be shared via email by contacting Lucy Higginson lhigginson@eastlothian.gov.uk.
- Develop actions for the Improvement Plan in response to the Governance Group self-assessment, complementing wider improvements set out through the CPP self-assessment.

How you can get involved

- Access facilitation packs and run your own group (email Lucy lhigginson@eastlothian.gov.uk).
- Would you like us to attend your network or group? Please get in touch