

**SUBJECT: Quarterly Monitoring Report for SOA Outcome(s): 10, 11, 12 & 13  
(Environment, Housing & Places)**

**1. Purpose**

This is the Quarterly Monitoring Report for the SOA Outcome(s) 10, 11, 12 & 13, which are the responsibility of the Environment, Housing & Places SOA Theme Group. An update and analysis of progress on each SOA Outcome is provided in the appendices to this report.

The remainder of this report focuses on proposed actions for the Working Group.

**2. Actions proposed**

The Working Group is asked to:

- Note the development of the Local Housing Strategy
- Note progress on the Open Space Strategy
- Note progress on the Local Development Plan (LDDP<sub>one</sub>)
- Note progress with the Low Carbon Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme
- Note the Community and Supported Transport Conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and promote to Partners
- Note further work required to the guidance for the resilience exercise prior to rolling out to the SOA theme groups

**3. Background to actions**

**3.1 Local Housing Strategy**

Development of the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2012-17 is almost complete following extensive consultation with stakeholders and local communities. The LHS has been submitted to Cabinet for approval on 13<sup>th</sup> March, it will then be submitted to the Scottish Government, who will assess it against LHS criteria through a Peer Review process. Once the LHS has been approved, the outcomes and actions will be translated into the short term outcomes and actions for the SOA.

**3.2 Open Space Strategy**

A public consultation exercise on the draft Open Space Strategy & SEA is being finalised and will run for six weeks. The final Strategy won't be approved until after the election in May.

**3.3 Local Development Plan (LDDP<sub>one</sub>)**

A series of seven community workshop events, a Developers Forum, a Business Forum and a Community Council Workshop is taking place during February to identify stakeholder views on the main land use planning issues that should be addressed in the East Lothian Local Development Plan's Main Issues Report, to be published later this year.

**3.4 Low Carbon Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme**

Grant award from Transport Scotland to ELCPP confirmed 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 - £48K to subsidise electric vehicle provision and £49K for provision of charging point structure. ELC is currently ordering two electric vehicles with Lothian and Borders Police ordering one. In addition, four electric charging posts are being purchased across public sector sites in the county.

### **3.5 Community and Voluntary Support Transport Conference**

East Lothian Community Planning Partnership is holding a conference to seek views on how we can improve community and supported transport in East Lothian, and raise awareness of the range currently available. The Conference is taking place 9.30am – 12.30pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Town House in Haddington. Further details can be found at:

<http://www.eastlothiancommunityplanning.org.uk/newseventitem.aspx?itemid=389&type=N>.

### **3.4 Resilience Workshop Follow Up**

The EHP Theme Group trialled a resilience exercise which had been developed by the Resilience Steering Group after the Resilience Workshop that was held in November last year. The group examined the impact of rising energy costs and potential energy shortages on service delivery against each of the outcomes the group is responsible for. The group felt that the exercise required further refinement before other SOA theme groups undertook such a session.

## **4. Equalities Impact Assessment (in relation to actions)**

This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

## **5. Resource Implications (in relation to actions)**

The resource implications are:

5.1. Financial: n/a

5.2. Organisations: n/a

5.3. Personnel: Mike Jeffrey of Jewel and Esk College has joined the Environment, Housing and Places Theme Group

5.4. Other: n/a

## **6. Community Consultation and Engagement (in relation to actions)**

6.1. The following community consultation/engagement activity has taken place, or is planned:

- Consultation is currently being undertaken on the Housing Information and Advice Strategy 2012-17. This has included a stakeholder consultation event.
- Craigforth Consultancy are leading consultation with stakeholders and service user on the housing and housing support needs of particular needs groups to inform the research. This has included individual interviews, focus groups and a full day consultation event attended by a range of stakeholders and service users.
- A public consultation exercise on the Draft Open Space Strategy & SEA is being finalised and will run for 6 weeks. The final Strategy won't be approved until after the election in May 2012.
- FCS is looking at announcing another round of the Community Seedcorn Fund to encourage local communities to take up a bigger role in the management and creation of urban woodlands.
- A series of seven community workshop events, a Developers Forum, a Business Forum and a Community Council Workshop is taking place during February 2012 to identify stakeholder views on the main land use planning issues that should be addressed in the East Lothian Local Development Plan's Main Issues Report, to be published later this year.
- Port Seton Environmental Awareness Day, 29th February 2012. The day will include a mixture of information stall and practical activity that will support the local community in learning more about the environment and how they can make a difference.

- Seton Fields Community Buy Out has two consultation dates to share ideas with the community and get feedback on the project on 25th February (Port Seton Community Centre) and 3rd March (Longniddry Community Centre).
- ELCPP is hosting the Community and Supported Transport Conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 to raise awareness and consider how these can be improved using existing financial resources.

## 7. Background Papers / Appendices

- A1. Quarterly Update on Outcome 10
- A2. Quarterly Update on Action Plan – Outcome 11
- A3. Quarterly Update on Action Plan – Outcome 12
- A4. Quarterly Update on Action Plan – Outcome 13

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## A1. QUARTERLY UPDATE ON OUTCOME 10

For the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

**East Lothian Outcome: In East Lothian people in housing need have access to an appropriate type, tenure and standard of housing and are prevented from becoming homeless.**

**Short Term Outcome(s):**

N/A

**1. Are there any changes/additions to the initiatives in the Action Plan/Table?**

- No

**2. Are there new opportunities in relation to achieving the outcome or initiatives in the action table or partnership working<sup>1</sup>?**

- Development of the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2012-17 is almost complete following extensive consultation with stakeholders and local communities. The LHS has been submitted to Cabinet for approval on 13 March, it will then be submitted to the Scottish Government who will assess it against LHS criteria through a Peer Review process.
- Once the LHS has been approved, the outcomes and actions will be translated into the short term outcomes and actions for the SOA.
- A Housing Information and Advice Strategy 2012-17 is currently under development.
- Craigforth Consultancy has been commissioned to undertake a Housing and Housing Support Needs Assessment for Particular Needs Groups.

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**3. Are there new risks/threats in relation to achieving the outcome or to specific initiatives in the action table or partnership working?**

- No

**4. What community engagement activity or consultations are taking place or are planned<sup>2</sup>?**

- Consultation is currently being undertaken on the Housing Information and Advice Strategy 2012-17. This has included a stakeholder consultation event.
- Craigforth Consultancy are leading consultation with stakeholders and service user on the housing and housing support needs of particular needs groups to inform the research. This has included individual interviews, focus groups and a full day consultation event attended by a range of stakeholders and service users.

**5. Is there any other relevant information not covered above, including: links with other Theme Groups, Local Area Forums or partnership groups; changes in resources; changes in key indicators?**

- No

**6. What do we need to take up with others? What action is needed by?**

- This SOA Theme Group: N/A
- Other Theme or Partnership Groups: N/A
- Working Group or Board: Endorsement of LHS and its development by CP Board

**7. Please append the updated Action Plan/Table**

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<sup>2</sup> Also include local community planning work with Local Area Forums.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF EAST LoTHIAN LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2012-17**

#### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is:

- To update the Environment, Housing and Places Theme Group on progress with the development of East Lothian's LHS 2012-17.

#### **2. Introduction**

2.1. The objectives of the project are as follows:

- To establish a clear picture of housing issues across tenures in East Lothian
- To prepare and submit to Scottish Ministers a Local Housing Strategy for East Lothian in line with Scottish Government / COSLA Guidance

#### **3. Progress with the development of East Lothian's LHS**

##### **3.1 Consultative Draft LHS**

Consultation on the Draft LHS 2012-17 closed on 30 November 2011. Public events took place in the six principle towns (attendance ranged from 2 to 25) and presentations were made to a range of stakeholder and community groups. A half day session focussing on particular needs groups was also organised by the Community Care Forum which attracted around 50 service users and practitioners. The consultation was advertised widely throughout East Lothian.

A total of 9 written submissions and 2 online submissions were made. Written submissions came from stakeholders (4), community groups (4) and internal (1). Online submissions all came from individuals. In addition a wide range of comments and suggestions were collected at the consultation events.

Due to the timing of Committee meetings it is now anticipated the LHS will be submitted to Cabinet in March 2012.

LHS timescales are as follows:

- LHS submitted to Cabinet for approval – March 2012
- LHS submitted to the Scottish Government – April 2012
- LHS signed off by the Scottish Government – June 2012
- Publication of LHS – June 2012

##### **3.2 Revised LHS 2012-17**

An analysis of the consultation responses has now been carried out and the LHS is being revised by the LHS Project Team. Overall the consultation responses showed support for the priorities identified in the LHS.

The outcomes and actions have been refined to ensure they provide a clear statement of what the LHS aims to achieve. The outcomes have been reduced to reflect the five core

priorities of increasing the supply of affordable housing, improving the condition and energy efficiency of existing stock, preventing homelessness, meeting the needs of particular needs groups and reducing fuel poverty. The draft final outcomes and actions are detailed in Appendix 1.

In addition to revisions to the outcomes and actions, some changes will be made to the format and structure of the LHS document. These changes are in response to comments received during the consultation.

### 3.3 **Housing Supply Target**

The Scottish Government recommends that local authorities set a 15-year housing supply target in their LHS which should be closely linked to the housing land requirement included in the SDP. For SESplan this 15-year period covers 2009 to 2024.

The Consultative Draft LHS contained a housing supply target which has been calculated on the basis of the housing need and demand assessment and housing land requirement to 2024. The housing supply target has been broken down to provide a target for affordable and market housing. The draft housing supply target is 6,161 homes; 2,218 affordable units and 3,943 market units.

It is acknowledged that the housing supply target has been calculated using the best information available at the time and it is realistic to assume that elements of the projections may change over time. In order for the LHS housing supply target to remain connected with the development planning process it will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Discussions are currently ongoing with colleagues in Planning to agree a housing supply target for the final LHS.

## 4. **Conclusion**

- 4.1 The development of East Lothian's LHS is ongoing. The timescale for submission to Scottish Government has been revised as a result of the Committee meeting schedule however submission to the Scottish Government prior to the submission of the SESplan Proposed Plan is considered achievable.

**February 2012**

**Catherine Johnson, Senior Strategic Policy Officer (Housing)**

## A2. QUARTERLY UPDATE ON SOA ACTION PLAN – OUTCOME 11

For the Environment, Housing & Places SOA Theme Group meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

**East Lothian Outcome:** East Lothian has high quality natural and build environments that enhance the well-being of the local community

### Short Term Outcome(s):

- The natural environment is valued, protected and enhanced
- Environmental quality is monitored and improved
- Towns and villages are thriving and well-maintained places, where new development reflects their distinctive identity

### 8. Are there any changes/additions to the initiatives in the Action Plan/Table?

- A partnership project between the Council and the Dunbar Shore & Neighbourhood Group is being taken forward with the aim of achieving a 2012 Seaside Award for Dunbar East Beach.
- The Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) Development Fund for 2012 – 15 was launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 by Stuart Stevenson MSP to support the development and implementation of green network projects in the CSGN area.
- SESplan, the Strategic Development Planning Authority, published its Proposed Plan in November 2011.

### 9. Are there new opportunities in relation to achieving the outcome or initiatives in the action table or partnership working<sup>3</sup>?

No

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**10. Are there new risks/threats in relation to achieving the outcome or to specific initiatives in the action table or partnership working?**

No

**11. What community engagement activity or consultations are taking place or are planned<sup>4</sup>?**

- A public consultation exercise on the Draft Open Space Strategy & SEA is being finalised and will run for 6 weeks. The final Strategy won't be approved until after the election in May 2012.
- FCS is looking at announcing another round of the Community Seedcorn Fund to encourage local communities to take up a bigger role in the management and creation of urban woodlands.
- A series of seven community workshop events, a Developers Forum, a Business Forum and a Community Council Workshop is taking place during February 2012 to identify stakeholder views on the main land use planning issues that should be addressed in the East Lothian Local Development Plan's Main Issues Report, to be published later this year.

**12. Is there any other relevant information not covered above, including: links with other Theme Groups, Local Area Forums or partnership groups; changes in resources; changes in key indicators?**

No

**13. What do we need to take up with others? What action is needed by?**

- **This SOA Theme Group:** n/a
- **Other Theme or Partnership Groups:** n/a
- **Working Group or Board:** n/a

**14. Please append the updated Action Plan/Table**

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## APPENDICES

### A1. Action Plan Update – Outcome 11

**SOA ACTION PLAN/TABLE: East Lothian Outcome 11 - East Lothian has high quality natural and built environments that enhance the well-being of the local community**

#### Short-Term Outcome 1: The natural environment is valued, protected and enhanced

Ref.	Initiative/Action	Timescale	Lead Person	Progress/ Update
1.1	Implement Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)	2013	MJ	FCS continue to promote the availability of funds to manage woodland and improve the condition of woodland SSSI.
1.2	Raise public awareness of biodiversity, geology, marine environment, etc.	Ongoing	JW/MJ	<p>FCS is raising awareness of the Native Woodland Survey of Scotland through training sessions. So far one person from East Lothian has attended the course.</p> <p>Through the Esk Valley Landscape Partnership we are engaging with land owners to raise awareness of the importance of woodland management.</p>
1.3	Develop and implement an Open Space Strategy	Sept 2011	MJ	A public consultation exercise on the Draft Open Space Strategy & SEA is being finalised and will run for 6 weeks. Final Strategy won't be approved until after the election in May
1.4	Communities encouraged to engage in developing, maintaining, improving and managing green space and green areas.		MJ	<p>A Voluntary Path Warden Scheme has been established. Currently there are 27 Path Wardens. Path Wardens receive induction training, training in use of small tools and equipment. As well as working individually Path Wardens also take part in group tasks</p> <p>A partnership project between the Council and the Dunbar Shore &amp; Neighbourhood Group is being taken forward with the aim of achieving a 2012 Seaside Award for Dunbar East Beach.</p>
1.5	Implement Coastal Tourism Strategy	Ongoing	MJ/SS	

<b>1.6</b>	Development and implementation of Site Management Plans		MJ	<p>Management Plans are being developed for John Muir Way and Butterdean Woods</p> <p>Aberlady Bay LNR and Yellowcraig / Archerfield Management Plans are being reviewed and new 5 year Management plans will be developed for each site</p>
<b>1.7</b>	National and Local Planning Policy seeks to minimise the loss of prime quality agricultural land		IG	<p>Preparation of the East Lothian Local Development Plan has now commenced. The level of protection afforded to prime quality agricultural land will be a factor in policy formulation and in the assessment of potential development sites that will inform its spatial strategy.</p> <p>Scottish Government published its Land Use Strategy Action Plan in December 2011, which has been developed with SEPA, SNH and FCS.</p>
<b>1.8</b>	Raise awareness of the importance of soils for supporting biodiversity, agriculture, carbon storage, role in flood risk management, etc.		JW/CG	<p>FCS continues to flag up the Scottish Government's policy on Control of Woodland Removal through Development Plans and the development management process.</p> <p>The European Commission launched the legislative proposals for the Common Agricultural Policy in October 2011. SEPA is involved in advising Scottish Government on the CAP reform and will respond to the Scottish Government consultation which is expected soon.</p>
<b>1.9</b>	Support the Scottish Soil Framework		JW/CG	
<b>1.10</b>	Ensure landscaping for new developments are designed to support biodiversity		IG/MJ	

<b>1.11</b>	Implement effective land management on the CPP estate to support biodiversity in urban and rural areas		MJ	
<b>1.12</b>	Develop and implement programme of woodland and tree planting across East Lothian		MJ	The Woodland Expansion Advisory Group, was set up in 2011 and includes farmers, foresters, conservation, community and land experts. The WEAG has been tasked to provide advice to the Cabinet Secretary on which types of land are best suited for tree planting in Scotland, by June 2012. The Group includes representatives from SEPA, SNH and FCS.

#### Short-Term Outcome 2: Environmental quality is monitored and improved

Ref.	Initiative/Action	Timescale	Lead Person	Progress / Update
<b>2.1</b>	Further improve water quality in East Lothian's rivers, streams and coastal waters	Ongoing	CG	SEPA's 2010 classification results show an improvement from poor (2009) to moderate for all rivers that are monitored in the East Lothian area. Whiteadder Water has been reclassified from to poor ecological potential (2009) to good ecological potential. In most cases, this improvement has been attributed to a reassessment of fish barriers (e.g. weirs) and that they are not as bad as first thought. Coastal waters have also shown an improvement on 2009 results.
<b>2.2</b>	Meeting statutory targets with regards to land and air quality	Ongoing	DE	

<b>2.3</b>	Continue to implement initiatives to reduce litter, dog fouling and fly tipping.	Ongoing	MJ	<p>Dog Watch so far launched in six communities.</p> <p>Information leaflet on Dog Watch being designed to raise public awareness of the scheme.</p> <p>A voluntary scheme giving professional dog walkers the opportunity to apply for `Approved User` status for professional dog walking companies operating in East Lothian has been developed. The aim is to try and ensure that the companies offer good quality care and follow best practice. It will also improve communications with professional dog walking companies.</p>
<b>2.4</b>	Produce a State of the Environment Report		SDO	

### Short-Term Outcome 3: Towns and villages are thriving and well-maintained places, where new development reflects their distinctive identity

Ref.	Initiative/Action	Timescale	Lead Person	Progress / Update
<b>3.1</b>	Implement Land Use Planning Framework, e.g. SESplan, East Lothian Local Plan 2008.		IG	SESplan Proposed Plan published for representations in November 2011. Representations currently being assessed. Submission to Scottish Ministers currently anticipated Summer 2012.
<b>3.2</b>	Develop East Lothian Local Development Plan (ELLDP <sub>one</sub> )	2014	IG	<p>The Plan's preparation has now formally commenced. A programme of facilitated community workshops, a developer's forum, a business forum and a community council workshop are being held throughout February 2012. These are intended to assess the main planning issues that stakeholders wish to see addressed in ELLDP<sub>one</sub> and will help inform publication of the Main Issues Report (MIR).</p> <p>FCS is engaged in the development of the MIR to identify priority areas for green network opportunities.</p>

<b>3.2</b>	Development and implementation of sustainability criteria for developers for new buildings / homes		IG	This will be a policy issue addressed in the preparation of the Local Development Plan, although the Building Regulations are also a significant consideration in this regard.
<b>3.3</b>	Continue to improve and develop centres of towns and villages		IG	Work is ongoing to implement the Haddington Town Centre Action Plan and in developing town centre strategies for Musselburgh and Tranent.
<b>3.4</b>	Seek to maximise opportunities for provision of local services and facilities within Development Frameworks		IG	All strategic housing sites allocated in the East Lothian Local Plan now have an approved Development Framework. Included within these are requirements for the provision of appropriate services and facilities.
<b>3.5</b>	Seek to maximise opportunities to integrate open space with the urban environment.		IG	This will be an issue addressed in the preparation of the Local Development Plan, assisted by the Council's Open Space Strategy. The CSGN Development Fund was recently launched for 2012-2015 to help the development and implementation of green network projects.
<b>3.6</b>	Planning for future development – locating housing close to employment / shops / services etc.		IG/AS	With the commencement of ELLDP <sub>one</sub> the assessment of the merits of potential development sites will be assessed against these criteria.

### A3. QUARTERLY UPDATE ON SOA ACTION PLAN – OUTCOME 12

**For the Environment, Housing & Places SOA Theme Group meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**East Lothian Outcome:** East Lothian is less dependent on finite resources by moving to a more localised, low carbon economy and reducing its ecological and carbon footprints by 80% by 2050

**Short Term Outcome(s):**

- Community Planning Partners contribute to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act's 2020 targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 42%

**15. Are there any changes/additions to the initiatives in the Action Plan/Table?**

- A Supplementary Landscape Capacity Study has been undertaken for small scale wind turbines, approved by Cabinet December 2011 with minor changes. An SEA of the policy is required and incorporation into general planning guidance.
- A spatial strategy for wind farms is currently being drafted by ELC Policy and Projects.

**16. Are there new opportunities in relation to achieving the outcome or initiatives in the action table or partnership working<sup>5</sup>?**  
No

**17. Are there new risks/threats in relation to achieving the outcome or to specific initiatives in the action table or partnership working?**  
No

**18. What community engagement activity or consultations are taking place or are planned<sup>6</sup>?**

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- Port Seton Environmental Awareness Day, 29th February 2012. The day will include a mixture of information stall and practical activity that will support the local community in learning more about the environment and how they can make a difference.
- Seton Fields Community Buy Out has two consultation dates to share ideas with the community and get feedback on the project on 25th February (Port Seton Community Centre) and 3rd March (Longniddry Community Centre).

**19. Is there any other relevant information not covered above, including: links with other Theme Groups, Local Area Forums or partnership groups; changes in resources; changes in key indicators?**

- No

**20. What do we need to take up with others? What action is needed by?**

- **This SOA Theme Group:** N/A
- **Other Theme or Partnership Groups:** N/A
- **Working Group or Board:** N/A

**21. Please append the updated Action Plan/Table**

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**A1 SOA ACTION PLAN/TABLE Update: East Lothian Outcome 12 - East Lothian is less dependent on finite resources by moving to a more localised, low carbon economy and reducing its ecological and carbon footprints by 80% by 2050**

**Short-Term Outcome 1: Community Planning Partners contribute to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act's 2020 targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 42%**

Ref.	Initiative/Action	Timescale	Lead Person	Progress/ Update
1.1	Plan positively and seek opportunities to facilitate low carbon and renewable energy technologies for ELCP Partners and local communities to produce their own energy.			<p>A Supplementary Landscape Capacity Study has been undertaken for small scale wind turbines, approved by Cabinet December 2011 with minor changes. An SEA of the policy is required and incorporation into general planning guidance.</p> <p>A spatial strategy for wind farms is currently being drafted by ELC Policy and Projects.</p>
1.2	Construction and refurbishment and operation of Public Sector buildings to adopt best practice.	Ongoing	LM	
1.3	Raise awareness of the carbon impacts of food on our plates including production, transportation and waste issues.	Ongoing	SDO	ELC has been approached by the Sustainable Scotland Network with regards to collaborative working around sustainable food procurement and links with schools in the Lothians area. The aim would be to replicate a project in the Cairngorms, which looked at putting local food on the public plate.
1.4	Promote the environmental benefits of less intensively farmed, organic, locally produced food.	Ongoing	SDO	

1.5	Support local food growing initiatives, e.g. allotments, land share, community gardens, etc.	Ongoing	SDO	<p>East Lothian Council continues to support Transition Town Musselburgh's Incredibly Edible initiative, which has identified sites for fruit tree planting and has been designing a vegetable patch, with planting commencing in March.</p> <p>East Lothian Community Learning and Developing is putting on a Grow Your Own Fruit and Veg course at Amisfield Walled Garden starting 7<sup>th</sup> March.</p>
1.6	Improve accessibility to healthy, affordable and locally available food choices, e.g. food co-ops, farmers markets.			<p>The East Lothian Young People and Food Group are undertaking a mapping exercise to identify what activities / services there are in East Lothian that promote healthy food choices. The aim is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase opportunities for priority groups to learn practical skills;</li> <li>• to make links with existing work; to identify the needs of communities and</li> <li>• to identify gaps in provision.</li> </ul> <p>This will assist with future planning and with the prioritisation of available resources.</p>
1.7	Increase the education and awareness of resource efficiency	Ongoing	SDO	
1.8	Development of policy tools and practice to reduce resource consumption			
1.9	Development and implementation of Carbon Trust's Carbon Management Programme (or similar) in public sector Community Planning Partners	Ongoing	SDO	

<b>1.10</b>	Sustainable procurement of goods and services across ELCPP	Ongoing	SDO/JC	
<b>1.11</b>	Reduce municipal waste	Ongoing	CC	
<b>1.12</b>	Reduce commercial and industrial waste from ELCP Partners			
<b>1.13</b>	Reduce construction and demolition waste from ELCP Partners			
<b>1.14</b>	Develop options for long term residual waste treatment options	Ongoing	CC	
<b>1.15</b>	Support for local community and volunteer groups whose activities address climate change and resource efficiency.	Ongoing	SDO	ELC supporting Seton Fields Community Company land buy-out at Seton Fields, through officer time and a small grant to undertake a feasibility study, assist with community consultation, etc.
<b>1.16</b>	Encourage local individuals / communities / businesses to sign up to initiatives / campaigns that address climate change, carbon reduction, etc., such as 10:10, Earth Hour, volunteering.	Ongoing	SDO	ELC is supporting Climate Week and Earth Hour, with a range of activities planned for staff in March.  Information on Earth Hour and Climate Week has been forwarded to Schools in East Lothian.
<b>1.17</b>	Raise awareness of environmental stewardship among children and young people by continuing to support initiatives, such as Eco-Schools and Forest Schools	Ongoing	DS	ELC has supported Dunbar Primary School's funding application to Education Scotland for an open day to showcase sustainability within the curriculum.

<b>1.18</b>	Encourage Community Planning Partners to sign up to the Scottish Climate Change Declaration or similar	Ongoing	SDO	QMU are signatories to the Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland. They developed an Action Plan in August 2011. The progress report published December 2011 details how the university has reduced electricity consumption, waste and has promoted sustainable transport, has a sustainable procurement policy and gained Fair Trade Status in 2011, sought to embed sustainability throughout the curriculum and engaged with the local community.
<b>1.19</b>	Support events across East Lothian to raise awareness of climate change issues	Ongoing	SDO	ELC is supporting Port Seton and Cockenzie Environmental Awareness Day.
<b>1.20</b>	Raise awareness of local residents, staff, visitors and recreation users of individual environmental responsibility	Ongoing	SDO	
<b>1.21</b>	Encourage volunteer action to actively manage local environment	Ongoing	SDO	

#### A4. QUARTERLY UPDATE ON SOA ACTION PLAN – OUTCOME 13

For the Environment, Housing & Places SOA Theme Group meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

**East Lothian Outcome:** East Lothian has well connected communities with increased use of sustainable forms of transport

##### **Short Term Outcome(s):**

- Increased access to communications systems and promotion of local working models
- Increased use of more sustainable forms of transport, moving away from single car occupancy

##### **22. Are there any changes/additions to the initiatives in the Action Plan/Table?**

- The Haddington to Abbeyhill section of the River Tyne Path has been completed. This means that there is now a complete route along the River Tyne from Haddington to John Muir Country Park and the John Muir Way at Dunbar.

##### **23. Are there new opportunities in relation to achieving the outcome or initiatives in the action table or partnership working<sup>7</sup>?**

- No

##### **24. Are there new risks/threats in relation to achieving the outcome or to specific initiatives in the action table or partnership working?**

- No

##### **25. What community engagement activity or consultations are taking place or are planned<sup>8</sup>?**

- ELCPP is hosting the Community and Supported Transport Conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 to raise awareness and consider how these can be improved using existing financial resources.

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<sup>7</sup> When looking at the opportunities / risks / threats / you may want to make use of the PESTELO model as checklist  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PEST\\_analysis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PEST_analysis)

<sup>8</sup> Also include local community planning work with Local Area Forums.

**26. Is there any other relevant information not covered above, including: links with other Theme Groups, Local Area Forums or partnership groups; changes in resources; changes in key indicators?**

- No

**27. What do we need to take up with others? What action is needed by?**

- **This SOA Theme Group:** N/A
- **Other Theme or Partnership Groups:** N/A
- **Working Group or Board:** N/A

**28. Please append the updated Action Plan/Table**

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## APPENDICES

### A1. Action Plan Update – Outcome 13

**SOA ACTION PLAN/TABLE: East Lothian Outcome 13 - East Lothian has well connected communities with increased use of sustainable forms of transport**

#### Short-Term Outcome 1: Increased access to communications systems and promotion of local working models

Ref.	Initiative/Action	Timescale	Lead Person	Progress/ Update
1.1	Promote and increase accessibility to communication systems, e.g. internet access, online services, etc.			
1.2	Promote greater use of local flexible working models, e.g. local hubs / home working	Ongoing	SDO	

#### Short-Term Outcome 2: Increased use of more sustainable forms of transport, moving away from single car occupancy

Ref.	Initiative/Action	Timescale	Lead Person	Progress/ Update
2.1	Develop new East Lothian Local Transport Strategy	March 2012	PI	
2.2	Support the establishment of low carbon vehicles in East Lothian through procurement and infrastructure development		DE	ELC is currently ordering two electric vehicles with Lothian and Borders Police ordering one. In addition, four electric charging posts are being purchased across public sector sites in the county.

<b>2.3</b>	Create path infrastructure for walking, cycling and horseriding		MJ	<p>The Sustrans funded cycle path projects at Goose Green, Musselburgh, Meadowmill railway steps and the Haddington - Longniddry Railway Walk are almost complete.</p> <p>The Haddington – Abbeymill section of the River Tyne path has been completed. This means that there is now a complete route along the River Tyne from Haddington to John Muir Country Park and the John Muir Way at Dunbar.</p>
<b>2.4</b>	Develop and Implement East Lothian Access Strategy		MJ	
<b>2.5</b>	Increase public awareness and promote benefits of sustainable transport modes		PI	
<b>2.6</b>	Mapping and consultation to identify the barriers and improvements to public transport use.		PI	Community and Supported Transport Conference to be held 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2012 to raise awareness and consider how these can be improved using existing financial resources.
<b>2.7</b>	Promote the health and well-being benefits of active transport		PI	
<b>2.8</b>	Encourage active transport of children to school, through provision of safe routes to school, walking buses, cycling facilities, etc.		IR	