

## **SUBJECT: Quarterly Monitoring Report for Local Community Planning**

### **1. Purpose**

This is the Quarterly Monitoring Report for Local Community Planning providing an update and analysis of progress.

The remainder of this report focuses on proposed actions for the partnership board.

### **2. Actions proposed**

The Working Group / Partnership Board is asked to:

2.1 Note progress and key achievements.

### **3. Background to actions**

3.1 Local Community Planning (LCP) has now been rolled out to 3 cluster areas across East Lothian, the North Berwick Coastal ward, Dunbar and East Linton ward and the combined Musselburgh wards, which collectively covers 51% of the East Lothian population.

3.2 This section will high-light some of the key Local Community Planning outcomes over the past 6 months and the current status on the delivery framework for LCP.

Following discussion at the last Community Planning Working Group meeting, it was agreed that consideration should be given to the current framework and delivery model of LCP, having learned lessons since its inception. This process is still staking place and it is anticipated that any recommended changes will be reported to the next board meeting.

The Fisherrow Waterfront Group, a task group that emerged from local consultations in 2011, is working together with ELC officers to take action to regenerate the area. In November they worked with ELC amenities service to [launch Dog Watch in the area](#) by distributing information door to door and holding a mass dog-walk and litter pick along the promenade. They are currently developing an application for the west beach to be designated as a bathing beach by SEPA and exploring the feasibility of reorganising some of the parking around the Harbour frontage to better accommodate community use and local events.

Following extensive [community consultation](#) over July – September 2011 the Musselburgh Town Centre Task Group has been working with ELC staff from Policy and Projects, Economic Development and Landscape and Countryside to consolidate recommendations and prioritise the information gathered. This is informing the Town Centre Strategy for Musselburgh (soon to be released) and the proposals for the Esk Valley Landscape Partnership Project.

The Transition Town Musselburgh Group, who formed through a shared interest in creating a more sustainable and resilient Musselburgh, have been working with ELC officers to plan action to create more opportunities for local food growing. In October 2011 the group met to identify sites potentially suitable for food growing and they are now working with various partners, including

the National Trust, ELC and Queen Margret University to take actions forward. They are developing ambitious plans to make Musselburgh '[Incredibly edible](#)'

Currently Local Community Plans are in place in Dunbar and East Linton and the Musselburgh area and the process of preparing a plan is underway for the North Berwick Coastal ward.

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

4.1. 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)**

There are no resource implications to this report.

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

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

Local Area Forum in Musselburgh In November a forum [celebrating partnership working](#) brought together representatives from across the wards to review achievements throughout 2011 and set priorities from the Local Community Plan for attention in 2012.

Gullane Health Centre A partnership has been formed with the Hub South East Scotland to facilitate community engagement across Gullane in relation to building of the Gullane Health and Day Centre and develop work placement opportunities for young people across the North Berwick Coastal ward.

Whitecraig Community Facility Following a public meeting in November 2011 a community working group has been formed to undertake engagement with the community throughout the process of developing a project brief for the new build. A [household survey](#) distributed at the end of February will begin this consultation.

Managing Together The LCP team has been working with CLDS Capacity Building Practice group to organise a networking and information event for local committees managing community facilities – from ELC Community Centres to local Village Halls. This will take place on the evening of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March with guest speakers from Scottish Government (speaking about the Community Empowerment bill), the Development Trust Association Scotland and the Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations.

Local Community Plan for the North Berwick Coastal Ward After a range of consultation events across the ward [5 key themes](#) have emerged that will provide a framework for the development of the Local Community Plan. To further explore these themes and identify actions for the plan 2 local engagement events have been organised:

[Living Streets](#): bringing the streets where you live back to life – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

[It takes a community to raise a child](#): a community forum focussing on the needs of children and young people across the ward - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### **7. Background Papers / Appendices**

7.1. Further information about what is going on in any of the Local Community Planning areas can be found on the local pages of the East Lothian Community Planning website:-

- <http://www.eastlothiancommunityplanning.org.uk/northberwick.aspx>
- <http://www.eastlothiancommunityplanning.org.uk/musselburgh.aspx>
- <http://www.eastlothiancommunityplanning.org.uk/dunbar.aspx>

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APPENDICES

*Insert documents as per section 7.*