

East Lothian Partnership

Call for Nominations to Chair East Lothian's Area Partnerships

PRESTON SETON GOSFORD AREA PARTNERSHIP	HADDINGTON & LAMMERMUIR AREA PARTNERSHIP	MUSSELBURGH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NORTH BERWICK COASTAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	DUNBAR & EAST LINTON AREA PARTNERSHIP	FA'SIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP

Each of East Lothian's 6 Area Partnerships are now seeking to appoint a Chairperson from within their local community.

When Area Partnerships were first established in 2014 a senior East Lothian Council official was appointed to chair each Partnerships on an interim basis. This was a way for the East Lothian Partnership to show its support to the local Area Partnerships while they consolidated their membership and became familiar with the new role they were being asked to take on as a ward wide consultative and planning groups.

Now that the Area Partnerships are all well established, and working together to identify local priorities and initiatives that will make a real difference in their ward, the members agree that it is time to appoint an independent chairperson from the local community.

The position of Chairperson for each of the Partnerships is a voluntary post open to East Lothian residents aged 16 and over who would like to contribute to the development of community planning in their local area by taking on an important leadership role. Applications close on the 1st June 2015

This is an exciting time for the Area Partnerships as they work to develop their Area Plans and begin to take control of the £1,250,000 devolved from East Lothian Council this financial year to deliver on local priorities. The person who takes on the role of Chairperson at this stage will therefore have the opportunity to contribute to making a real difference in their local area.

For more information or to request an application pack you can contact East Lothian Partnership at ELP@eastlothian.gov.uk, or contact your local Area Partnership directly (email addresses below) or call the Local Community Planning Team on 01620 827822.

The six Area Partnerships in East Lothian are:

- Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership – PSG-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk
- Fa'side Area Partnership - Faside-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk
- Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership – H&L-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk
- North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership - NBC-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk
- Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership – D&EL-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk
- Musselburgh Area Partnership (combining the wards of Musselburgh West and Musselburgh East and Carberry) – Musselburgh-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk

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Background to Area Partnerships

Between March and June 2014 six Area Partnerships were established across East Lothian as the local voice of community planning in the county. The role of Area Partnerships is to strengthen the links between communities, area-based services and East Lothian Partnership and provide an opportunity for local communities to contribute to the [East Lothian Plan: SOA 2013-23](#) and influence service planning and delivery in their area.

To do this Area Partnerships will:

1. Develop an Area 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.
2. Monitor the delivery of the Area Plan and its impact; reporting progress to the Safe and Vibrant Communities Partnership at least once a year.
3. Show creative and active leadership to meet the challenges which people and communities face and to maximise the opportunities which arise.
4. Oversee resource allocation devolved to the area in accordance with priorities established by the Area Plan.
5. Act as the principal point of contact, consultation and engagement on the delivery of local services and service improvement.
6. 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.

Each Area Partnership is made up of:

- All East Lothian Council elected members from the ward;
- Representatives from each Community Council in the ward;
- Members from Tenants and Residents Associations;
- Parent Council members representing the interests of children and families;
- Representatives from the Pupil Councils from the local high school

Across East Lothian there are also 20 different active community, voluntary sector and business groups involved in Area Partnerships within their communities.

For further information about Area Partnerships:

- [East Lothian Partnership Information sheet](#)
- [The East Lothian Plan: SOA 2013-23](#)
- [Role and Remit of Area Partnerships](#)
- [Area Partnership Information sheet](#)
- [Area Partnership Newsletter January 2015](#)
- [Area Partnerships - FAQ](#)
- [Code of Conduct for Area Partnership members](#)
- [Area Partnership Devolved Budgets – Information and FAQ](#)