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# East Lothian Partnerships

## Key Achievements 2024-25

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. In 2024-25 our **key achievements** include:

### Adult and youth employment

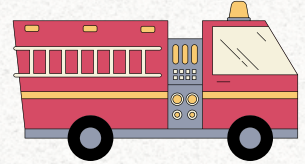
The **adult employment** rate in Scotland (as of March 2025) is 74% and in East Lothian it is higher at 84.4%



24.9% of East Lothian **16-19-year-olds** are in employment compared to Scottish average of 20.7%

### Deliberate fires

Cases of Deliberate Fires have **reduced by 48%**.



### Missing Persons

The number of missing people has **reduced by 40%**.



### Children's Development

Only **6.84%** of children were flagged with developmental or wellbeing concerns at 27-30 months—down from 15.7%.



### Affordable homes

During 2024/25 there were a total of **136** affordable housing completions, of these 43 were East Lothian Council. 83 were completed for Registered Social Landlords. A further 10 properties were for mid-market rent.



### Living Wage Accreditation

Anchor institutions in East Lothian have signed up to be Real Living Wage employers. 81% of employees in East Lothian earn above the Real Living Wage.



## Areas for improvement

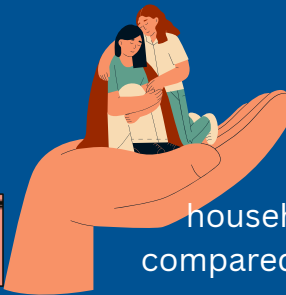
### Town Centre vacancies

Town Centre vacancies increased to 12%, more than double the target of 5%.



### Poverty

22.1% of children in East Lothian live in households with less than 60% of median net household income after housing costs, compared to the Scottish average of 23%.



### Community perceptions

Decline in:

- Feeling safe walking alone after dark (from 85% to 72%)
- Trust in neighbours/friends for help (from 91% to 78%)
- Perception of neighbourhood as a good place to live (from 98% to 93%)



### Suicide Rates

Death by suicide has increased by 15% since 2014-2018 5 year average. This increased to 32.1 per 100,000 (2020-2024) from 27.8 (2014-2018).

For more information on the East Lothian Partnership and the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2026-2036 visit: <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/community-planning>



### Care where it's needed - in the community

The Musselburgh Meeting Centre has made a real difference for people living with dementia and their carers in East Lothian. Thanks to regular sessions and peer support carers shared that they felt more supported and better prepared to manage their caring roles, which made a big impact on their wellbeing too. The project also helped raise awareness about dementia in the wider community encouraging a more inclusive and compassionate approach.

The Centre started in collaboration with Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), Volunteer Centre East Lothian, Connected Communities, Musselburgh Area Partnership – Health & Wellbeing subgroup, · Dementia Friendly East Lothian, Alzheimer Scotland, Local GP Practices and NHS, The Hollies, St Andrews Church and Family Carers and Peer Support Networks.

### Working Together to Keep East Lothian Safe and Well

The East Lothian Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating Group (ELTAG) meets every week, led by Police Scotland, to bring together local partners and share updates on individuals, incidents, fires, and anti-social behaviour. By teaming up, we can tackle issues early and make sure the right support is in place—using resources where they're needed most. An example is multi agency approach to supporting a resident who had a fire in their house, with noted mental health, substance abuse and ASB issues.

Partners include Police Scotland, the Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue, MELD, NHS Lothian, and a range of East Lothian Council teams—like Community Protection, Housing, Connected Communities, Licensing, Countryside Rangers, and Sports.



### Increasing financial resilience

A client reached out after receiving a letter demanding over £72,000 for a mortgage shortfall from a property repossessed more than 11 years ago. They hadn't previously heard anything about this debt, despite living at the same address for 10 years. East Lothian Advice Consortium (ELAC) advised the client to send a letter stating the debt was likely prescription barred (too old to be enforced). The mortgage company continued to pursue the debt, so the client submitted a complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). Following a review of new evidence showing the company had sent letters to outdated or incorrect addresses, the FOS supported the client that the mortgage company should write off the £72,433.90 debt.

ELAC is a collaboration between Musselburgh and Haddington Citizens Advice Bureau, East Lothian Council Financial Inclusion and Housing Teams.

Over the last eight years of the 2017-2027 Local Outcome Improvement Plan, progress on the 33 indicators is as follows;

Key	↑	Met/better than target	-	Improvement but not met target	↓	Getting worse/ below target
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## LOIP Report October 2025

### 8 Year End of Plan Update

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### Outcome 1.1 East Lothian people are working, are free from in-work poverty and are able to develop and improve their work skills

Planned impact on communities	October 2025
Year 1: We will work collectively to have a better understanding of in-work poverty and start to tackle the issues	- No data to measure this impact, although there has been development work on the East Lothian Plan
Year 1: We will have identified appropriate actions through our workforce plan	- A multi-agency working group developed an East Lothian Workforce Plan.
Year 1: More East Lothian people will be paid the real living wage	- Provisional data for 2024 shows the % of EL earning below the RLW at 19 with the Scottish average at 11.4%.
Year 1,3,10: East Lothian adult employment rates will be above the Scottish average	- The adult employment rate in Scotland (as of March 2025) is 74% and in East Lothian it is higher at 84.4%
Year 1,3,10: Participation rates of 16- to 19-year-olds will have improved	- There has been a 0.1% increase in participation rates from 94.7% in 2017/18 to 94.8% 2024/25
Year 3,10: Young People employment rates will be higher than Scottish average	- 24.9% of East Lothian 16–19-year-olds are in employment compared to Scottish average of 20.7%

## Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 *2023	Trend
Job density – proportion of people of working age (16-64) in employment in East Lothian (including employed and self-employed)	Economic Development Strategy (NOMIS)	0.55 (2016)	0.60	<b>0.61*</b>	
Percentage earning less than the Real Living Wage	ONS Annual survey of hours & earnings	19.1% (2017) (Scottish av = 18.4%)	17%	<b>2024 (provisional) E.L 19.0%, Scot 11.4%</b>	
Adult employment Rate	SLAED / NOMIS	75.5% (Scottish av = 74.3%)	80%	<b>Apr 24 to Mar 25 EL: 84.5%, Scot 74.0%</b>	
Number of people participating in EL Works operated or funded employability programmes	SLAED	384	450	<b>996</b>	
Percentage participation rate for 16-19 year olds	SDS	94.7% (Scottish av = 91.8%)	96%	<b>94.8% (Scottish Average 93.3%)</b>	

### How we are working to address Indicators below target

The Community Wealth Building subgroup of the Connected Economy Group, are working to increase the number of businesses who are Real Living Wage Employers. Fair Work is a pillar on the Community Wealth Building Charter.

## Outcome 1.2 Local businesses are thriving and the business base is expanding

Planned impact on communities:	Update October 2025
Year 1: The City Region Deal will be in place in East Lothian	- The City Region Deal is in place, although finishes in 2027.
Year 1: East Lothian adult employment rates will be above the Scottish average	- Scottish average for f/y 24/25 is 74% and in EL it is 84.4%.
Year 3: Partners will have identified appropriate employment land from among their assets so businesses can expand	- Land continues to be identified with partners and planning
Year 10: More businesses will be operating in East Lothian	- Figure is fairly static in 2024 compared to 2021; 3760 NOMIS
Year 10: Bigger business will be operating in East Lothian	- In 2024 EL 0.3% of businesses are large (250+ employees) in Scotland 0.5%. 2024 NOMIS.

### Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5	Trend
Business base – number of businesses	Economic Development Strategy	3,135	3,300	3355	
Town centre vacancy rate	Economic Development Strategy	6.1%	5%	12%	
Land supply available for business growth	Economic Development Strategy	55,000 sqmt	155,000sqmt	65,600sqmt	

#### How we are working to address Indicators below target

In the Local Economy Strategy under Communities and Place, regeneration of town centres is an action to support vibrant town and rural settings.

## Outcome 1.3 People and businesses in East Lothian have better access to digital infrastructure & the digital skills they need

Planned impact on communities:	Update:
Year 1: The City Region Deal will be in place in East Lothian	- The City Region Deal is in place, although finishes in 2027.
Year 1: East Lothian adult employment rates will be above the Scottish average	- Adult employment rate in Scotland is 77.9% and in East Lothian the rate is higher at 83.5%
Year 3: Partners will have identified appropriate employment land from among their assets so businesses can expand	- There is 400% more land supply available for business growth
Year 10: More businesses will be operating in East Lothian	- Increase of 21% in businesses based in East Lothian
Year 10: Bigger business will be operating in East Lothian	- No data available to measure impact

### Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/25	Trend
Proportion of East Lothian properties with access to Superfast Broadband (30Mbps)	SLAED from Ofcom	88%	100%	96%	
Indicator of digital skills in the workforce	SDS	Not available	Not available	Not measured	

## Outcome 2.1 East Lothian has strong resilient communities where people respect and support each other

Planned impact on communities	Update October 2025
Year 1: Antisocial behaviour incidents will decrease	- Antisocial behaviour complaints logged by Police and ELC have decreased by 4.2%
Year 3: Reduction in the numbers of deliberate fires	- Fires have reduced by 48%
Year 3: Numbers of people going missing will begin to decrease as people get better help	- The number of missing people has reduced by 17%
Year 3: There will be an increased perception that people from different backgrounds can get on well together	- No data available to measure this impact
Year 10: Number of people going missing will continue to decrease	- The number of missing people has reduced by 40%

### Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 *2023	Trend
Percentage of citizens who say their neighbourhood is a good place to live	East Lothian Residents Survey / Citizens' Panel	98% Very Good = 74.3%; Good = 23.6% (Feb 2017)	Maintain Levels	<b>93%</b> <b>Very Good = 46%</b> <b>Fairly good = 47%</b>	
Proportion of Community Councils with Local Community Resilience Plans	East Lothian Council	25%	75%	<b>50%</b>	
Percentage of citizens who 'Strongly Agree' or 'Tend to Agree' they can rely on a friend / neighbour to help	East Lothian Residents Survey	91% (Feb 2017)	Maintain Levels	<b>78%</b>	

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 *2023	Trend
# question changed in 2024 survey to ask to what extent, with options agree, neither/nor					
Percentage of citizens who feel safe walking alone in their local area after dark # Question changed in 2024 survey – To what extent do you feel safe walking along after dark in your local area?	East Lothian Residents Survey	85% Very Safe = 51%; Safe = 34% (Feb 2017)	Maintain Levels	<b>72%</b> <b>A great deal = 23%</b> <b>A fair amount = 49%</b>	
Number of anti-social behaviour complaints reported to Police Scotland and the Council	Police Scotland / East Lothian Council	6,850 (2017/18)	Maintain levels	<b>6,616</b> <b>Council: 1836</b> <b>Police Scotland: 4780</b>	
Number of deliberate fires excluding dwellings	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	230	2% reduction each year	<b>78</b>	
Missing persons reports (adult / child / LAC)	Police Scotland	5YA (376)	Reduction	<b>5YA (228)</b>	
Number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents	Road Safety Working Group	37 (2017)	Prevent increase	<b>*35</b>	

### How we are working to address Indicators below target

Community Safety and perceptions of neighbourhood has been highlighted as a priority for the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan. Work around the new East Lothian ASB Strategy has also suggested a separate ‘What makes a good neighbourhood’ plan.

## Outcome 2.2 East Lothian people can live affordably & contribute to a thriving community life in a high quality environment

Planned impact on communities	Update October 2025
Year 3: New Haddington Police Station will be in place in the repurposed Haddington Sheriff Court, offering fit-for-purpose, accessible premises to the public	- Delayed due to investment costs and current ELC financial climate check
Year 10: People in East Lothian will be better able to access affordable housing	- During 2024/25 there were a total of 136 affordable housing completions, of these 43 were East Lothian Council, with 83 being complete by RSLs. In addition, there were 10 properties for mid-market rent. The Council will also look for opportunities to provide low-cost home ownership where appropriate to increase the supply of affordable housing. The Council are working on a Local Investment Framework (LIF) which will shape investment across East Lothian, identifying areas where there is greatest demand for housing. A new affordable housing policy will detail the Council's affordable housing policy aligned with the Local Development Plan (LDP2) providing clarity in relation to the affordable housing requirement and contributions in relation to developments within East Lothian.

### Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 2023*	Trend
Number of affordable homes completion and Open Market Acquisitions	Local Housing Strategy	294 <sup>1</sup> (2017 – 18)	945 (over 10 years)	<b>136</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Figure for 2017/18 does not include Open Market Acquisitions

		(Total for 2012 – 2017 = 628)			
Percentage of households in fuel poverty *New definition adopted from 2015-17	Scottish House Conditions Survey	28%* (2014-2016)	23% (2027 target)	<b>24% (2017-19)</b>	
Per capita carbon emissions (tonnes CO2e) within the scope of local authorities in East Lothian	UK Government Department of Energy and Climate Change (2 year lag)	5.21 tCO2e (2016/17)	4.09	<b>4.1*</b>	
Quality of urban greenspace – Landscape Audit Management System (LAMS) score	East Lothian Council	73% Grade B+ (2016/17)	Improve	<b>Data no longer produced</b>	

## Outcome 3.1 We tackle the causes and effects of poverty in East Lothian & we reduce the gap between the richest & poorest people

Planned impact on communities:	Update October 2025
Year 1: Communities will be aware of, and supportive of, the East Lothian Partnership's ongoing determination to tackle poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No data available to measure this impact</li> </ul>
Year 1: Vulnerable families in the Musselburgh area will start to benefit from Musselburgh Family Focus project through more focused interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Families First has been working within Musselburgh and is now linked with Whole Wellbeing Family Service.</li> </ul>
Year 1: As public sector partners begin to work together more effectively, any problems associated with the roll-out of Universal Credit will have been identified and mitigated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Universal Credit has moved to managed migration since Winter 2023. This is the process where claimants are being compulsorily transferred from legacy benefits to Universal Credit. Social Security Scotland, ELC Financial Inclusion team, CAB Haddington and Musselburgh provide support for those who need it.</li> </ul>
Year 3: The difficulties associated with the roll-out of universal credit will have been smoothed (provided the forthcoming Scottish Social Security Agency works with the partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Universal Credit has moved to managed migration since Winter 2023. This is the process where claimants are being compulsorily transferred from legacy benefits to Universal Credit. Social Security Scotland, ELC Financial Inclusion team, CAB Haddington and Musselburgh provide support for those who need it.</li> </ul>
Year 10: Fewer people in East Lothian will be suffering from poverty and inequality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 22.1% of children (aged 0-15) are living in poverty after housing costs (compared to 23% nationally). This measure compares against the median in the same year.</li> <li>- 9.1% of children live in absolute poverty (compared to 13.3% nationally). This measure compares against the median in a baseline year (2010-11), adjusted to remove the effects of inflation.</li> <li>- 54% of children in relative low-income families are one parent households.</li> <li>- 10,606 adults in East Lothian are claiming Universal Credit. The highest area of claimants is in Musselburgh. This equates to 14.8% of the working age population, compared to a national average of 16.2%.</li> </ul>

## Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5	Trend
Percentage of children in families with limited resources 'living in a household whose income is less than 70% of median net household income and experiences material deprivation'	Scottish Government indicator	8% (2014-16)	6.5% (2023) National targets – 8% by 2023; 5% by 2030	<b>Data no longer produced</b>	
Percentage of children living in households with less than 60% of median net household income after housing costs	Scottish Government indicator	18.9% (Sept 2017)	National targets: Less than 18% by 2023. Less than 10% by 2030	<b>22.1%</b>	
Percentage of children (in any domain) with a developmental or wellbeing concern at their 27-30 months assessment	Children and Young People's Partnership	15.7% (2017)	14%	<b>6.84%</b>	

### How we are working to address Indicators below target

We are working across the partnership on reducing cost of the school day measures, developing support for children transitioning into adulthood to prevent them entering poverty, targeted work around income maximisation, employment for parents and employability skills.

## Outcome 3.2 People in East Lothian are enjoying healthier lives

Planned impact on communities:	Update October 2025
Year 1: Reduction in the number of emergency admission to Accident and Emergency Services in the relevant groups in East Lothian (over 65's and under 5's)	- Emergency (or preventable) hospital admission rate is an improvement in 2024 of 9,204 compared to 9,545 in previous year. This does not differentiate however under 5 or over 65 years.
Year 3: People with mental health problems will get help more quickly	- No tangible measure set for recording this
Year 10: Reduction in cardiac deaths in East Lothian of around 19 persons per year	- Unable to obtain data in time for the report
Year 10: Reduction in suicide rates	- Death by suicide has increased by 15% since 2014-2018 5 year average, but has decreased by 5% from 2019-2023 and 2020-2024 averages.

### Our indicators for this outcome

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 2023*	Trend
Potentially Preventable Admissions rate per 1,000 (Annual figure is estimated based on quarterly rates. There are 19 conditions including emergency admissions defined as 'potentially preventable', such as COPD, angina and diabetes complications.)		15.53	Reduce inequality of PPA admission rate	<b>Not measured</b>	
Type 2 diabetes prevalence rates by SIMD	Integration Joint Board	Not yet available	Not yet available	<b>Not measured</b>	

Falls per 1,000 population aged over 65	Information Services Division (ISD)	19	Reduce	<b>21 (figure for calendar year 2024)</b>	
Premature mortality rates for people aged under 75 (per 100,000 persons)	Integration Joint Board	372	Reduce inequality of premature mortality rates	<b>363 *</b>	
Percentage of 65+ and under 65s with long-term care needs receiving personal care at home	Integration Joint Board	62.3%	Increase	<b>64% (figure for 2024 calendar year – all adults)</b>	
Suicides registered in East Lothian 2014-2018 – this is a 5-year standardised rolling average rate per 100,000 pop (5 year rolling averages include registered suicides from 2014-18, and is in line with National strategy for monitoring any future trends.)	ScotPHO	27.8 (2014-18 rolling average)	Reduce	<b>32.1 (2020-2024 rolling average)</b>	
Slope Index for Inequality for individuals ages 15+ prescribed medication which is used primarily to treat depression or anxiety	Integration Joint Board	107.8 (quintile)	Baseline / target still to be established	<b>Not measured</b>	
Percentage of children in Primary 1 who are overweight or obese	Data collected by NHS	At risk of being overweight/obese 21.9% Clinically overweight/ obese 14.0%	13% (2020) 18% (2020)	<b>At risk of being obese/ overweight 21%* Clinically overweight/ obese 14.2%*</b>	

### How we are working to address Indicators below target

Falls and Frailty is a priority in the new IJB/HSCP Strategic Plan. Wellbeing has been identified as a key priority in the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan with a recognition of increased suicide rates and the need to work in preventative approaches to embed support and places to feel safe.

