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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan for 2026-2036.
- 1.2 To update Members on the updated language for community planning in East Lothian.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider and note the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), which was approved by the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership Board (EL CPP) on 9 March 2026.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The EL CPP Board agreed to the earlier development of a new Local Outcome Improvement Plan at their meeting in October 2024. The current LOIP was due to end in 2027. This decision was in recognition of the vast amount of work that would need to be undertaken for a refresh, the number of actions which had already been completed, and the feelings reflected by community members that their voice was not reflected in the plan.
- 3.2 Coproduction of the plan was undertaken through a series of IIA's and CRWIA's, which planned the engagement and participation of the community with partners from October 2024 to July 2025.

- 3.3 By bringing together data available and community voice, an Officers' Group was established in July 2025 and has been meeting monthly to develop the themes and priorities based on this feedback. This work informed the three key themes: Living Well, Keeping Safe, and Money Matters.
- 3.4 Through August and September, the key themes and priority areas were taken back to the community through a video and questionnaire for feedback. The responses agreed that the themes and priorities reflected community need.
- 3.5 A draft of the key themes and priorities were brought to the Board in October. The Officers' Group had progressed the work of two of the streams.

Keeping Safe – Online and Phone Safety, Safer Communities, Gender Based Violence and Abuse, Substance Use, and Climate Resilience and Adaptation.

Money Matters – drew on the priority areas from the poverty plan which aligned with feedback; Good Quality Jobs that Pay Fairly, Enough Money from Benefits, A Good Life with Access to the Essentials, Climate Change Ready, and Stigma-aware and Trauma-Informed with Lived Experience.

The third theme, **Living Well**, required further officer work and undertook a further piece of engagement with the community in February 2026. This identified and condensed the four original priorities into three: Wellbeing, Staying Connected, and Health and Active Places and Spaces. Once again, the feedback was that these reflected the community need.

- 3.6 The final combined IIA/CRWIA took place in February 2026 which can be accessed [here](#). It identified ten action areas. These actions have all been undertaken or information requested by officers identified. The Child Friendly IIA, is available [here](#).
- 3.7 The Officers' Group have developed Logic Frameworks and handed these over to the strategic groups leading on Living Well, Keeping Safe, and Money Matters for their development and embedding.
- 3.8 Two new strategic groups have been established for the delivery and governance of the LOIP, which join the Poverty Working Group already established, leading on the three themes of Living Well, Keeping Safe, and Money Matters;
 - A Living Well strategic group which will be co-chaired by VCEL and NHS Lothian Partnership and Place team representatives.
 - A Keeping Safe Oversight group will bring together key pieces of work through; Community Justice Partnership, Community Safety Group, Mid and East Lothian Drugs and Alcohol Partnership, East

and Midlothian Public Protection Committee, Children's Strategic Partnership, and Equally Safe.

3.9 At the East Lothian Partnership Board meeting on 9 March 2026, members approved the plan, the governance structure and adoption of a change of language.

- The East Lothian Partnership will now be known as the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership (EL CPP).
- The Governance Group will now be known as the Board.
- The East Lothian Plan will now be known as the East Lothian Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The East Lothian Community Planning Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plan was developed considering and reflecting relevant policies from partners. Details of these are provided in the East Lothian Local Outcome Improvement Plan Appendices Pg 17-19.

4.2 The LOIP will resource and inform in other partnership plans which are currently in development including Children's Services Plan, Area Plans (Locality Plans) and Community Engagement and Participation Strategy.

5 RESOURCE AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance: none

5.2 Human Resources: Commitment from partners to release staff to attend Officers' Group.

5.3 Other (e.g. Legal/IT): Alignment of Area Partnership and One Council Partnership funding with the themes and priorities in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. Alignment and prioritisation of any holiday hunger or poverty streams of funding under the Poverty Working Group actions.

5.4 Risk: The challenges in community planning are highlighted in the introduction from the Chair and within each section of Living Well, Keeping Safe and Money Matters. These include East Lothian being the second fastest growing population in Scotland, along with budget pressures on partners.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 ***Select the statement that is appropriate to your report by placing an 'X' in the relevant box.***

An Integrated Impact Assessment screening process has been undertaken and the subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on: equality and human rights; tackling socio-economic disadvantages and poverty; climate change, the environment and sustainability; the Council's role as a corporate parent; or the storage/collection of personal data.

or

The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and impacts have been identified as follows:

Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
Equality and human rights	Y
Socio-economic disadvantage/poverty	Y
Climate change, the environment and sustainability	Y
Corporate parenting and care-experienced young people	Y
Storage/collection of personal data	Y
Other	

[Enter information on impacts that have been identified]

The Integrated Impact Assessment relating to this report has been published and can be accessed via the Council's website:

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality_and_diversity/12014/integrated_impact_assessments

7 APPENDICES

- 7.1 East Lothian Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2026-2036
- 7.2 East Lothian Local Outcome Improvement Plan Appendices

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 East Lothian Community Planning Partnership Engagement report can be accessed [here](#).

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East Lothian Community Planning Partnership



Local Outcome
Improvement Plan
2026-36



Working together to promote
healthy, safe communities
and reduce poverty

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Foreword

As Chair of the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership, I am delighted to present our East Lothian Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) for 2026–2036.

This Plan sets out a shared ambition for how we, as partners across the public and voluntary sectors, will design and deliver services that make a meaningful and lasting difference to the lives of the people and communities of East Lothian. The plan represents over a year of engagement, collaboration and transformation, and we are proud that more than 25,000 people have helped shape the themes and actions within it.

Community planning within the context of public sector reform and the population health framework focuses on creating collaborative, people-centred systems that improve wellbeing, reduce inequalities, and strengthen local outcomes. By aligning services and bringing together sectors, we can shift from reactive service delivery to preventative, holistic approaches rooted in local priorities.

East Lothian is Scotland's second fastest-growing local authority, and while this growth brings real potential, it also arrives during a period of significant budget pressures for all partners.

More than ever, our collective ability to work together effectively, to intervene early, and to focus our support on those experiencing poverty and inequality is essential if we are to ensure that growth is managed sustainably and that the consequences of poverty and inequality which affect us all are addressed.

Critical to the success of the plan and ultimately, for the Partnership it was critical that the plan wasn't developed for communities but with them. The LOIP 2026–2036 is anchored by the priorities communities and partners have identified and which they believe will have the greatest impact over the next decade.

This new plan builds on firm foundations and effective partnership working over the previous decade. Over the past nine years, we have achieved over 48% of our targets — including delivering more affordable homes, increasing adult and youth employment, and reducing deliberate fires and missing-person incidents. But progress over the past decades also highlights that we must go further and faster if we are going to meet the needs of our communities. The creation of our new strategic group, *Living Well*, dedicated to improving health, wellbeing and reducing social isolation, is just one example of our renewed commitment.

As a partnership, we remain firmly dedicated to continuous improvement and to working alongside our communities to deliver the best possible outcomes for everyone in East Lothian. I am confident that in partnership with our communities we can shape a confident, fair and thriving future for our county.



Laurence Rockey | Chair of East Lothian Community Planning Partnership
& Chief Executive | East Lothian Council

Our Vision

Working together to reduce poverty, inequality and improve the wellbeing of people living in East Lothian.

Our Strategic Themes

Living Well

The Partnership is committed to supporting communities to maximise their health and wellbeing.

Our priority areas:

- Wellbeing
- Staying Connected
- Healthy and Active Places and Spaces

Keeping Safe

The Partnership is committed to supporting residents to keep themselves and their communities safe.

Our priority areas:

- Online and Phone Safety
- Safer Communities
- Gender Based Violence and Abuse
- Substance Use
- Climate Resilience and Adaptation

Money Matters

The Partnership believes everyone in East Lothian deserves to live a life free from poverty.

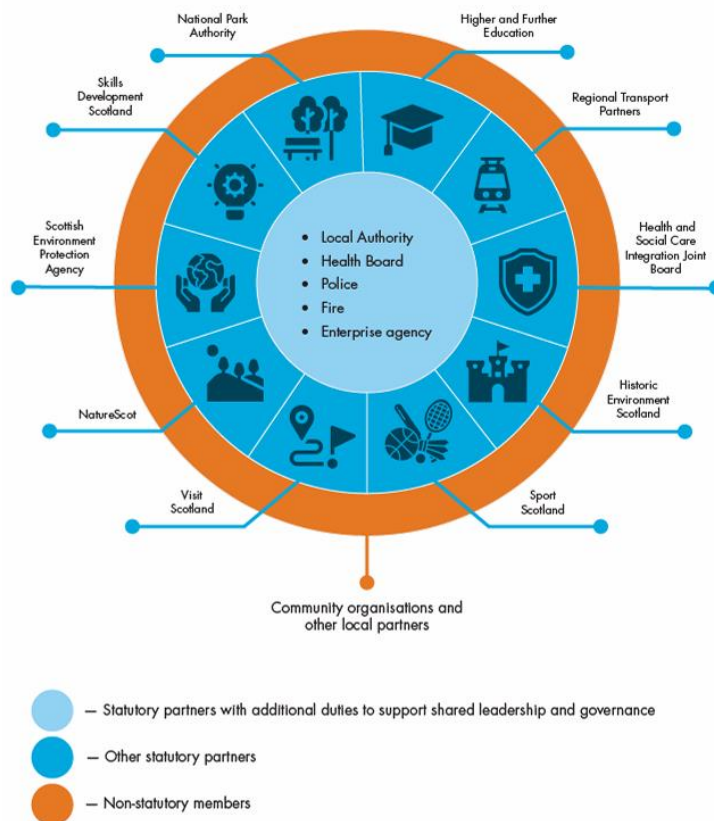
Our priority areas:

- Good Quality Jobs that Pay Fairly
- Enough Money from Benefits
- A good life with Access to the Essentials
- Climate Change Ready
- Stigma and Trauma Informed, with Lived Experience

About Us

East Lothian Community Planning Partnership (CPP) is a group of organisations from across the public, private, third and community sectors. We work together to make life better for the people of East Lothian. Our **Local Outcome Improvement Plan** focuses on where partners' collective efforts and resources can add the most value to our local communities, with particular emphasis on reducing inequality.

Structure of Community Planning Partnerships



Source: Scottish Parliament

Our focus is embedded in prevention, early intervention and reducing inequalities (inequity). The East Lothian CPP will work to the following definitions of Prevention, Early Intervention and Inequity, further detail in Appendix 4.

Prevention

Invest to stop problems happening in the first place.

Early intervention

Focusing on early detection of a problem to support early intervention and support or reducing the level of harm.

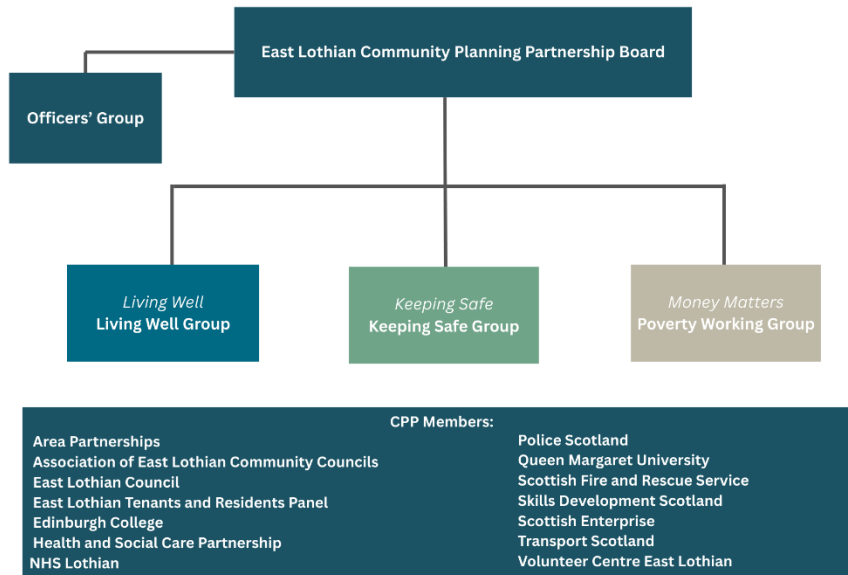
Inequity

Identify where inequities exist, understand what drives them, and take targeted action to reduce them.

East Lothian Community Planning Partnership Structure

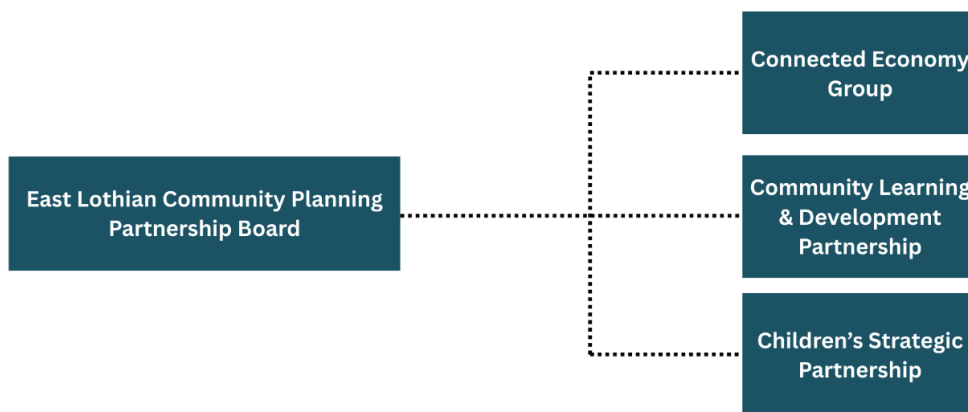
East Lothian Community Planning Partnership Structure

Our governance structure includes a Board, an action focused Officers Group and three strategic groups.



Reporting function

The East Lothian Community Planning Partnership has reporting and oversight function for the following groups:



The sub groups under Connected Economy and Childrens Strategic Partnership are highlighted in Appendix 7 (pg 19).

Improvement Plan

Since December 2024 the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership has been undertaking a development and improvement journey. Working with the Improvement Service, all partners took part in a self-assessment and workshops where we produced an Improvement Plan.¹

The areas of improvement identified, and progress so far includes

- A review of how ***Elected Members and community representatives*** engage with the leadership of the partnership.
 - Leaders of the three political parties have joined the Board
 - Inclusion of our local community planning partners in the Board; Area Partnerships, Association of East Lothian Community Councils and East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel

- Improving awareness and transparency of community planning and its ***governance and accountability***.
 - Updating our community planning webpages² and producing a monthly 1-page email bulletin

- Strengthening the monitoring and reporting to show the ***impact the partnership was making***.
 - Producing easy to read and plain English versions of documents and guides.

- Developing the CPP's approaches to ***community engagement*** to ensure the views of the wider community influence the work of the partnership.
 - Engagement Plan and process for the new LOIP with 25,000 voices represented
 - Work on a new CPP Community Engagement and Participation Strategy for August 2026

A short life working group of Board members will continue to lead on areas of improvement and partnership working, identified through the self-assessment process.

¹ Appendix 3

² <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/community-planning>

Establishing a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)

The East Lothian LOIP is required by Section 6 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015¹.

The Act requires Community Planning Partnerships (CPP's) to produce a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) setting out:

- A demonstration of clear, evidence-based and robust strong understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations of its local communities
- Translate that understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations into a genuine plan which reflects the CPP's priorities for improving outcomes and tackling inequalities in their area.
- Clearly and specifically state what will be different for communities as long-term outcomes in 10 years; and the contributory outcomes, indicators and targets by which progress towards these will be demonstrated over the short (1 year) and medium (3 years) terms.
- What steps will be undertaken over the medium term, either in the LOIP or in publicly accessible supporting documentation detailing how they are deploying resources, promoting prevention, reducing inequalities and building community capacity.

Scotland's National Performance Framework ³ (NPF) is Scotland's wellbeing framework and sets the vision for the kind of Scotland we all want to live in. This framework is currently under reform in 2026, but has strong links with our LOIP.⁴

The East Lothian CPP will be working over the next 6 months to finalise the data collection methods, measurement and performance management of this plan. This will ensure we are continuing improvement and can report annually on our progress to the Board, partners and communities.

³ <https://www.gov.scot/collections/national-performance-framework/?via=https://nationalperformance.gov.scot/>

⁴ Appendix 6

Strategic Needs Assessment

A Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) is used to gather evidence about the current and future needs of our population. An SNA⁵ was carried out in 2023-2024 and provided an analysis of the key trends, challenges and opportunities faced by East Lothian.

Key Issues Highlighted in the 2024 Strategic Needs Assessment



Our population is predicted to grow by 1,000 per year for next 20 years, which will put pressure on services



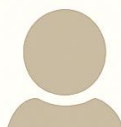
All partners are facing extreme budget pressures



We acknowledge the urgency of the climate emergency



Lack of affordable housing and high cost of private housing



Persistent poverty related attainment gap

The Children's Services Plan 2026-2029 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Social Care Partnership Joint Strategic Needs Assessment add to the wider context of community need.

The CPP Strategic Needs Assessment is detailed in Appendix 1.

Using the key issues highlighted in the SNA and the review of the LOIP 2017-2027, we planned the community engagement and development of the LOIP using a series of Integrated Impact Assessments⁶(IIA) and Children Rights and Wellbeing Assessments⁷ (CRWIA).

These considered the potential consequences of a proposed action, policy, or project on people, the environment, and organisations to support informed decision-making. A copy is available [here](#).

This process guided our approach to listening and engaging communities.

⁵ https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/35094/2024_strategic_needs_assessment

⁶ https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality_and_diversity/12014/integrated_impact_assessments

⁷ https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality_and_diversity/12014/integrated_impact_assessments/2

Listening to local communities

To co-produce this plan East Lothian Community Planning Partnership engaged with partners to gather over **24,599** people's experiences on the issues which are important in their local communities, to inform the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

- **9,592** children, young people and families' voices
- **15,007** community voices from the wider community
- Over **60** organisations contributed to this piece of work
- **140** plans, strategies and pieces of research and data

The engagement identified three key themes:

Safety, Health and Poverty



Climate resilience and adaptation, childcare, transport, and communities were also important themes

Some feedback from the engagement will not be addressed directly in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, but it will be taken forward by partner agencies through pieces of work, as outlined in Appendix 4.

Living Well



We are committed to supporting communities to maximise their health and wellbeing.

Communities highlighted three priorities under this theme: **Wellbeing** so people stay mentally and physically healthy, **Staying Connected** to reduce isolation and build peer support, and ensuring we promote **Healthy and Active Places and Spaces**.

Strategic Group: Living Well

Lead Agencies: Volunteer Centre East Lothian

NHS Lothian



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Key Data and Trends:

Projected population growth of **37.6%** in the **65+** age group by 2047 and growth of **109.1%** in the **75+** age group by 2047 (*National Records of Scotland*)

80% of what affects health is out with the health and social care system (*Scotland's Population Health Framework 25-35*)

There were 14 suicides in East Lothian in 2024, but only 6 were known to Mental Health Services.

50% of neurodivergent children go onto develop anxiety and/or depression according to recent research with onset in primary school (*EPIC Think Learn*).

Health Visiting Team identified Mental Health as the top issue affecting families they support, which is also reflected by perinatal health services.

OECD report rural wellbeing report on isolation and distance penalty with **RSABI** reporting an increase in their provision for mental health support to farmers with pressures of 49%

1/3 students at **Queen Margaret University** identify as carers.

Over one fifth of East Lothian's population (22.4%) report that their daily activity is

impacted to some degree by a longer-term health issue or disability. (*HSCP JSNA*)

92% of carers identified it affects their mental health, 69% affects their physical health and 70% caring affects their relationships (*Carers of East Lothian*)

A higher proportion of takeaway, gambling and alcohol establishments in deprived areas (*Public Health National Observation*)

62.7% of 16-24 young people feel loneliness some or all the time (*CSP JSNA*)

Lancelot Commission 2020 report on dementia prevention, intervention and care identified twelve potential modifiable risk factors which include less education, hypertension, hearing impairment, smoking, obesity, depression, physical inactivity, diabetes, low social contact, excessive alcohol consumption, traumatic brain injury and air pollution. 40% on dementias could potentially be prevented or delayed through targeted interventions.

High neurodiversity waiting lists in East Lothian, for example Adult ADHD waiting list is 118 weeks for initial appointments (31st August 2025). (*Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe)2025*)

In the Residents Survey (2024) road and pavement repairs was the top priority for improvements in their local area at 75%.

Community voices

Margaret, 82: *At first, I didn't think anything could change. Now, I'm joining a weekly group and planning ahead.*

*Many young carers report persistent stress, anxiety, and low mood. Some express feeling overwhelmed, mentally drained, or "numb" from long-term exposure to distressing home environments. Several describe overthinking, feeling guilt when not helping, and being affected by the emotional states of parents or siblings. **Young Carers***

*During the focus group session, I was also struck by the importance all contributors placed on being able to speak to someone about how they feel - this very much reflects the wider student population who are increasingly accessing mental health and well-being support whilst studying. **QMU***

I think if anyone was on a waiting list like myself I think they should give out other resources local to you that could help if you are struggle while waiting. The only reason I found out about resources to use was my doctor. I think there should be more leaflets on the situation or even posters on the toilet doors from the inside with a list of organisations from phone numbers to emails to get the support and help you need.

John, 74: *I used to feel invisible. With support, I've gained confidence and can speak to services without fear.*

Living Well: Wellbeing

Communities of East Lothian have opportunities to build and maintain physical and mental wellbeing throughout life, preventing illness wherever possible and supporting those living with long term conditions.

1 Year Actions

- Promote engagement of mental health support and wellbeing tools for communities.
- Develop innovative, preventative approaches to suicide.
- Promote consistent resources for adults who are on waiting lists to help them manage their health and wellbeing while they wait.

3 Year Actions

- Grow social prescribing models across East Lothian by learning from current projects and strengthening links with doctor practices and in/outpatient services.
- Develop the reach of information hubs⁸ to include rural communities and further education locations both in person and online to raise awareness of support and activities across East Lothian.
- Improve how people move between mental health services and support at different stages of life.
- Identify whole system approach to improve healthy weight levels, identifying areas of higher risk and creating long term strategies.

10 Year Impact

People in East Lothian can more easily access high-quality, activities, resources, and spaces that support their wellbeing including those waiting for services.

⁸ Information hubs bring together friendly faces from charities, the council and the NHS – all in one place, right on your doorstep.

Living Well: Staying Connected

East Lothian communities are connected to one another and to the places they live, creating community spaces where people share, learn, and grow together. Through shared indoor and outdoor community spaces/activities and thoughtful use of technology people are enabled to come together and access opportunities that strengthen wellbeing and connection.

1 Year Actions

- Promote and raise awareness of community activities across the partnership and to communities which encourage connection.
- Promote, raise awareness of and embed peer support for carers.

3 Year Actions

- Enhance indoor and outdoor community spaces and improve access for intergenerational support, connection, and projects.
- Increase training and awareness of good brain health to assist in supporting pre-diagnostic and mild cognitive impairment in dementia and opportunities to stay connected and encourage connection.

10 Year Impact

People of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances in East Lothian have regular opportunities to connect with others in warm, welcoming indoor spaces and welcoming outdoor spaces. Spaces are accessible, inclusive, and inviting. As a result, individuals feel a sense of belonging, build friendships, and have strong social networks that reduce isolation and strengthen community resilience.

Living Well: Healthy and Active Places and Spaces

East Lothian communities enjoy welcoming, inclusive public places and spaces where everyone can participate and live well. Our place will support physical and mental wellbeing by making it easy to be active, enjoy green, safe, and friendly spaces, and benefit from surroundings that encourage and support good health.

1 Year Actions

- Identify options to act on making local places and services more supportive of good health; for example, the food environment through planning and other opportunities/levers.

3 Year Actions

- Take forward actions on making local places and services more supportive of good health.
- Explore and deliver options to enhance and improve growing and greenspace quality and access in priority areas.
- Enhance opportunities for individuals to walk wheel and cycle.
- Support the development of inclusive community physical activities for everyone with a focus on those who face additional challenges such as carers.

10 Year Impact

People in East Lothian have easy access to safe, welcoming, and well-maintained spaces that encourage regular physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices. These spaces support individuals to be active, connect with nature, and participate in community life-helping maintain good health, independence, and fulfilling lives.

Living Well: Governance

Strategic Group: *Living Well*

Lead Partners: *Volunteer Centre East Lothian
NHS Lothian*

Key Strategies: *Appendix 6.4, Pg 17*

Governance Structure and Subgroups

As Living Well will be a new strategic group, they will establish any subgroups required as they progress.

Membership of the new Living Well strategic group will include Mental Health Partners, Youth Vision Steering Group, CLD Partnership, Suicide Prevention Group, Children’s Strategic Partnership Mental Health and Wellbeing Group, ELC - Education, Community Wellbeing Service and Children’s Services, HSCP, Dementia Friendly EL, QMU/Edinburgh College Student Services, Health and Wellbeing subgroups of Area Partnerships.



Keeping Safe



We are committed to helping residents keep themselves and their communities safe.

Communities highlighted five priorities under this theme: **online and phone safety**; **safer communities** that are clean, welcoming and well-lit; **gender-based violence and abuse** and its harmful impact; **substance use**; and **climate resilience and adaptation**.

Strategic Group: Keeping Safe Group

Lead Partners: TBC



Key Data and Trends:

In the **Residents Survey** Residents feeling safe walking alone after dark has dropped from 94% in 2019 to 72% in 2024.

The higher use of substances in areas with lower socioeconomic status (SIMD 20 areas) is a critical concern. It emphasises the importance of addressing health inequalities and providing targeted interventions and support to vulnerable populations. **MELDAP**

MSYP campaign in EL Schools 2nd most popular issue was safe places indoor and outdoor for young people. With gender-based violence being the 3rd most popular issue for campaigning.

Only 50% of communities with active resilience plan. **East Lothian Council**

Prestonpans ranked 2nd in Scotland for vulnerability within recent **Dynamic Coast Climate Vulnerability report**.

66% of women feel safe alone at night, vs 89% of Men. **Scottish Community Safety Network, 2020**

Coercive and controlling behaviours are so common, young people consider them normal. **SafeLives 2021**

LGBTQI are 3 times as likely to face discrimination and harassment, **Scottish Community Safety Network, 2020**

Transgender and gender non-conforming people are disproportionately affected by sexual violence victimisation, partner physical violence and homelessness, **Scottish Community Safety Network, 2020**

Minority Ethnic people are twice as likely to experience discrimination and harassment. **Scottish Community Safety Network, 2020**

Those identifying as religious feel 73.1% safe compared to 82.5% of non-religious people. **Scottish Community Safety Network, 2020**

Disabled people are 50% more worried about robbing and mugging, violent crime and sexual assault. **Scottish Community Safety Network, 2020**

Age affects community safety with children at higher risk of hospital admission for injury, teenagers with bullying, young adults being worried about violent crime and sexual assault and older people at higher risk of admission in hospital due to falls. **Scottish Community Safety Network, 2020**

Community voices

A place to go where we don't just have to walk the streets.

Haddington Youth Club

Adults need to take young people's safety seriously. Without feeling safe, without safety, we cannot feel respected, valued, included happy, heard, or healthy. **Youth Vision**

It's not just about young women getting support. It's about, stopping men from doing things, men and other people stopping them from doing the things that mean that women need support.

Your Vision: Support for young women

Issues with alleyways and street lighting.

**Families Together – Animation
Tranent Young People**

Feedback from a representative of an organisation working particularly with women from ethnic minority groups highlighted verbal intimidation and racist comments causing the women to avoid parks and civic spaces.

Open Space Strategy Feedback

Mum not physically abusive but mentally abusive—mind games and guilt trips.

He throws things, or blocks our bedroom door... makes me feel uncomfortable.

Young Carers

Keeping Safe: Online and Phone Safety

By understanding all the online and phone risks and working in a preventative approach, we can respond with care and knowledge. We can help create digital and online spaces where everyone feels safe, seen, and heard.

1 Year Actions

- Deliver workforce training on online harm, along with organised crime in relation to exploitation of young males, and financial scams targeting older people.
- Research resources to help young people, parents, and carers understand online risks linked to artificial intelligence, including deepfakes and identity cloning.

3 Year Actions

- Develop and enhance online/digital training in parenting programmes
- Develop online resources to help young people, parents, and carers understand AI-related online risks.

10 Year Impact

When awareness is raised, and training is in place, and people know where to go for help, everyone in our community can feel safe, supported, and respected online.

Keeping Safe: Safer Communities

Building stronger relationships between services, addressing issues early and activities that bring people together help to tackle community safety issues. Clean, well-lit spaces and places that welcome and respect everyone no matter their gender, identity, or background will help people feel safe, valued, and included.

1 Year Actions

- Strengthen a joint approach to contextual safeguarding by improving how concerns about risk are reported, shared, and acted on.
- Develop an East Lothian Charter to tackle racism reflecting Race Equality Framework for Scotland.

3 Year Actions

- Understand perceptions, and improve experiences, of safety through ensuring public outdoor spaces and routes feel safe and welcoming, to support lifelong wellbeing.
- Support adults who offend regularly by taking a person-centred approach and holding regular meetings between local services, health, housing, justice, fire, and police.
- Embed Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) within primary schools, secondary schools and across CLD Partners.

10 Year Impact

Communities will feel safer, have clean, well-lit spaces, respectful behaviour, and kindness for everyone. Residents will want to be actively involved in their community and green spaces.

Keeping Safe: Gender Based Violence and Abuse

Help should be kind, respectful, and easy to find whether in the community or online. We want our children and young people learning about respect and healthy relationships from an early age.

1 Year Actions

- Require mandatory Violence Against Women and Girls training for all partners working in early intervention and frontline services, with examples of good practice.
- Develop gender-based violence prevention in primary schools and youth work settings, focusing on healthy gender views and positive gender language.

3 Year Actions

- Increase understanding of Gender-Based Violence and Abuse for 16–25-year-olds through CLD partners, using evidence and lived experience.
- Use local data and partner knowledge to understand risks and gaps in Honor Based Violence and Abuse, working with partners across Edinburgh and Lothians.

10 Year Impact

Everyone, especially women and girls will feel safe, supported, and better understood. Children and young people will learn about respect and healthy relationships, helping to prevent harm before it happens. Services will be kind, trauma-informed, and easy to access, whether in the community or online. People from all cultures will feel included, and no one will be afraid to ask for help. Harmful ideas about gender and power will be challenged. People will have the right to live in a home where they feel safe.

Keeping Safe: Substance Use

Everyone affected by substance use feels safe, respected, and supported. With the right education, flexible and trauma informed services, and welcoming recovery spaces like recovery cafés, people will have real opportunities to heal, grow, and thrive no matter where they live or when they need help.

1 Year Actions

- Expand trauma-informed, substance-use-informed training beyond HSCP to all frontline services.
- Investigate positive risk-taking approaches used in Midlothian and identify best practice to inform East Lothian policies.

3 Year Actions

- Embed the *I am Me* programme across education and youth work settings.
- Embed positive approaches to managing risk within the wider Drugs and Alcohol strategy.

10 Year Impact

If the right support is in place including education, community support groups and trauma-informed services that are flexible and available during evenings and weekends then people will feel more able to ask for help without fear or judgement. Young people and adults will have better understanding of the risks, and those affected by substance use will have safe spaces to recover and connect. Services will meet people where they are, helping them feel respected, supported, and hopeful about their future.

Keeping Safe: Climate Resilience and Adaptation

We are all affected by climate change. Working with our communities we want to better understand, limit the impact, and identify effective solutions that protect and enhance nature, and seek to utilise nature-based solutions to help adapt to climate change.

1 Year Actions

- Support communities to lead, shape, and take ownership of their local Resilience Plans.
- Review the Community Safety Group membership and add partners working on climate resilience and adaptation.

3 Year Actions

- Deliver training and practical support within Resilience Plans for communities most affected by climate change, particularly those in areas of deprivation.
- Create an online space to help communities learn simple ways to reduce climate-related risks they face now and, in the future, such as flooding, drought, wildfires, pests, storms, and extreme heat or cold.

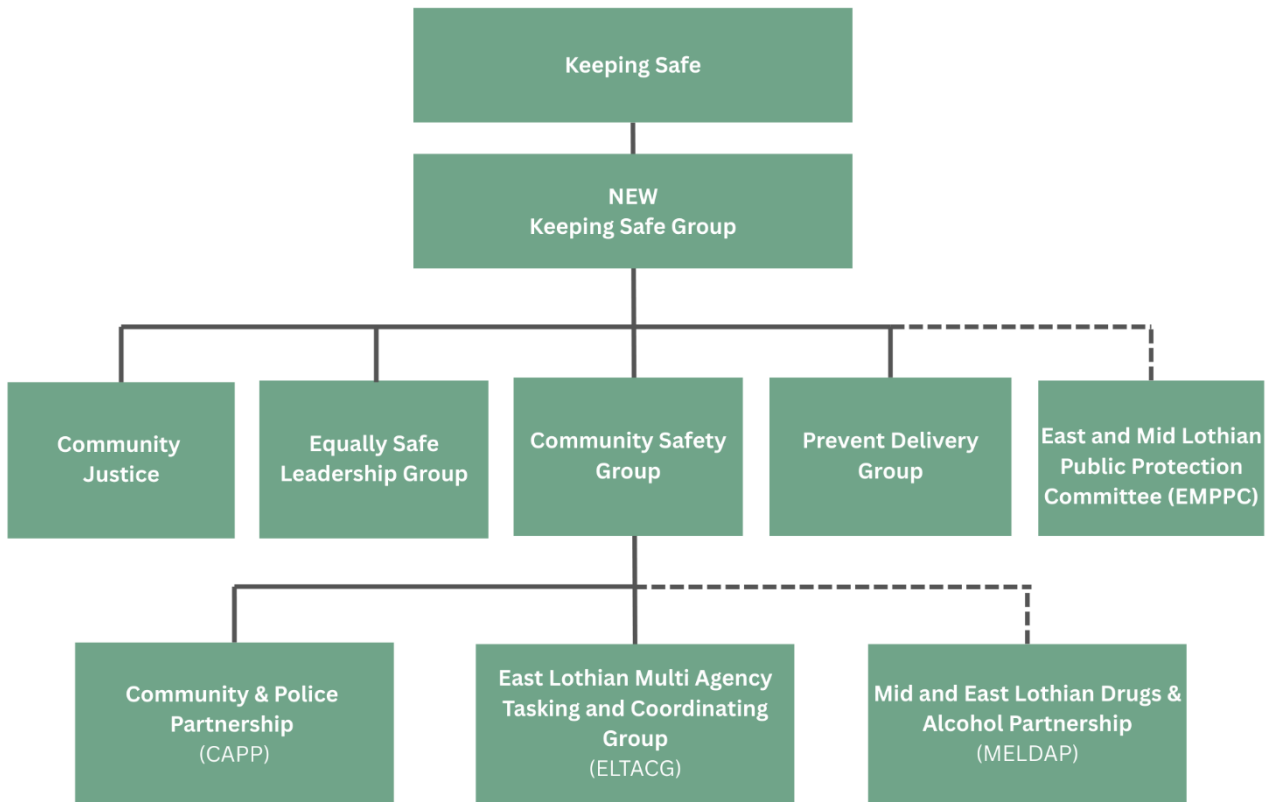
10 Year Impact

Together with communities we can co-create plans to build climate adaptation. Plans better equip communities by raising awareness and making communities feeling included and safe.

Keeping Safe: Governance

Strategic Group: Keeping Safe Group
Lead Partners: TBC
Key Strategies: Appendix 6.4 **Error! Reference source not found.**
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--- indicates where groups feed in and connect, but Keeping Safe does not have governance responsibility

Money Matters



We believe everyone in East Lothian deserves to live a life free from poverty.

East Lothian CPP's poverty plan focuses on five priorities; **good quality jobs that pay fairly** by promoting fairly paid jobs, strengthening our local economy and helping people gain the skills that employers need, **enough money from benefits** through reducing barriers to financial support, **a good life with access to the essentials** by improving information and support around cost of living, **climate change ready** by considering climate and poverty as connected challenges and **stigma-aware and trauma-informed** services informed by lived experience.

Strategic Group: Poverty Working Group

Lead Partners: East Lothian Council
NHS Lothian



Key Data/Trends:

22.1% of children (aged 0-15) are living in poverty after housing costs (compared to 23% nationally).

East Lothian Poverty Profile

9.1% of children live in absolute poverty (compared to 13.3% nationally).

East Lothian Poverty Profile

11,767 adults in East Lothian are claiming Universal Credit. 6,537 have no work requirements and 1,331 are seeking work.

Stat-Xplore (DWP)

There has been a 101% increase since March 2020 in number of people on Universal Credit in East Lothian (additional 5,929 people). This indicates that the level of in-work poverty has increased.

DWP 2026

70% of UK food bank users are on Universal Credit **Community Conversations EL Foodbank**

In 2024-25, East Lothian Foodbank supported 5,687 households made up of 13,385 people. This includes 4,639 children. **ELCPAR 2024-2025**

As of September 2025, there were 4,238 households on ELC's housing list-highlighting a high demand for affordable homes. **ELC, 2025**The Employment Rate in East Lothian is 82.2% (compared to 74.4%

in Scotland). **Annual Population Survey Oct 24- Sept 25**

Between January and September 2025 there were 428 households assessed as homeless. **Scottish Government, 2025**

In 2025 (September) the average time spent in temporary accommodation in East Lothian was 331 days (for cases closed). This is significantly above the Scottish average of 237 days. **Scottish Government, 2025**

Over half of respondents said cheaper bus or train fares (61%) and more recycling facilities (53%) would definitely encourage them to address their own impact on climate change. Only 25% said that more electric vehicle charging points would definitely encourage them to address their own impact on climate change. **Residents Survey 2024**

750 households receive the Child Winter Heating Assistance payments aimed at children with a disability in 2024-25. **East Lothian Poverty Profile**

7220 households received the Winter Heating Payment in 2024-25 (equivalent to £424,000). **Social Security Scotland**

545 households received the Scottish Child Payment in 2024-25. **East Lothian Poverty Profile**

Money Matters

Community voices

Constantly feeling cold, don't feed myself, prioritise kids, depressed and hungry and lonely. No one cares, nowhere to go, panicking, going to be excluded.

EL Foodbank Community Conversations

Affordable food stores, minimum wage, doesn't match increase in prices. Cost of baby basics, milk and nappies.

Olivebank

Not to be labelled or pigeonholed, to be seen as a person.

CAPPS Advocacy

Stressful as I became homeless in September 2024, didn't have a place to go until October. Now 2025 is here I am in supported accommodation receiving government funding ([Local Housing Allowance](#)) to pay the £350/week cost; however, I am going onto an HNC course which will strip me of my funding, and I won't have adequate money to pay for the accommodation.

Better insulation in houses, cheaper heating costs.

Police Young Volunteers

Prevention is key – a lot of work could also be done with families not just with schools. Making sure the whole household is aware of different options.

Local Housing Strategy Engagement

More access to fresh food shops not supermarkets which are affordable would be good.

**Place Standard Tool
HomeStart Family**

Limited availability and high costs of childcare were barriers to work and wellbeing.

Thrive CIC

Partner with training providers to address skill gaps.

Dunbar Area Plan

Some areas of East Lothian can be quite isolated, e.g. Macmerry has had significant cuts to buses, which are impacting people being able to easily and affordably travel.

Place Standard Tool Home Start East Lothian

Money Matters: Good Quality Jobs which Pay Fairly

Everyone deserves fair treatment at work and access to training and support to develop their skills and job prospects. As workforce needs evolve, we will support people through lifelong learning, developing core employability skills alongside technical expertise. Traditional skills remain the foundation for innovation; by connecting these with emerging industries, we can create opportunities for people to learn and adapt within their communities.

1 Year Actions

- Promote Real Living Wage accreditations to employers.
- Continue working with colleges and training providers to develop skills and understand future workforce needs, helping local industries find talent and connect with the East Lothian Partnership.
- The LEP will work with our CLD Partnership to plan for future workforce needs and create learning pathways that support new and changing job opportunities.

3 Year Actions

- Work with partners to create East Lothian actions and indicators that match the national ones set out in the upcoming CWB Bill (expected by April 2026).
- Review best practice pathway models in Social Care, Construction and Childcare, and identify where there is employment demand in key sectors, using the City Deal and IRES to support future growth and planning.

10 Year Impact

People will gain new skills, become more independent, and have access to a wider range of learning and training opportunities across different sectors. Targeted employability support will help reduce the number of households without paid work, support young people at risk of negative outcomes, and assist families with children living in poverty.

Money Matters: Enough Money from Benefits

By joining up services, partners can give households better advice and easier referrals, helping them understand the benefits system. We will focus support on communities with higher costs, such as parents and people with disabilities. How we communicate also matters, so we will use language that is consistent, accurate, and both stigma- and trauma-informed.

1 Year Actions

- Strengthen the Financial Inclusion subgroup of the Poverty Working Group (across statutory and third-sector partners) so we can share recruitment, align referrals, and agree a shared protocol.
- Create a mentoring or buddy system where established providers support new, short-term funded start-ups.
- Develop a 'Tell Us Once' model within council services to reduce barriers to financial support.

3 Year Actions

- Increase income-maximisation support for priority groups now and in the future, including people with disabilities, carers, families with children under 5, and lone parents.
- Develop a 'Tell Us Once' approach across the partnership, exploring consent-based information sharing.

10 Year Impact

By joining up services and raising awareness, support will be better tailored and delivered in places where communities already are. We will also use our data more effectively to help people move through services and access the benefits we can provide, supporting them with the cost of living.

Money Matters: A good life with access to Essentials

We believe that clearer housing, benefits, and financial systems will make it easier for people to get the support they need. We will also make sure young people - especially those with care experience - understand and know how to access housing and benefits support.

1 Year Actions

- Update Housing Education workshops around cost of running a household, skills, housing options available and leaving home transition with S4/5 in line with Local Housing Strategy 2024-29.
- Grow the East Lothian Food Friendly Network in line with member feedback at the East Lothian Food Summit, to support the charter and Fare Share distribution.

3 Year Actions

- Embed Housing Education workshops into the redesign of East Lothian Council and Partnership website and cost of living pages.
- Housing Education workshops are targeted to reach; care experienced, people with disabilities and low-income families.
- Co-develop with QMU a tool or app to reduce and redistribute food waste.

10 Year Impact

People will have good information about household costs, housing options and how to access support in East Lothian. Help will be available for those who need support with essential costs, especially care-experienced people, people with disabilities, and low-income families. This support will be delivered in a joined-up, stigma-free way.

Money Matters: Climate Change Ready

Taking action on climate change can also tackle poverty; so our climate work should focus on reducing inequality.

1 Year Actions

- East Lothian Partnerships will include climate alongside poverty considerations, supported by new impact assessments that increases capacity.

3 Year Actions

- Partners will commit to creating a climate risk register that considers future service delivery, the links between climate, poverty and social care, and the co-benefits of climate action.
- Establish a working group to assist in the development of an East Lothian-wide Climate Plan.

10 Year Impact

Taking a joint approach tackling climate change and poverty will create a fairer local economy and new opportunities for communities.

Money Matters: Stigma-aware and trauma-informed with lived experience

The way we run our services can make them harder to access. We will use your experiences to shape better services and train staff across the partnership.

1 Year Actions

- Create an easy-to-use language guide for all partners. This guide will support the Engagement and Participation Strategy and will be based on the Each and Every Child research and the National Trauma Transformation Programme.
- Partners include, review, and use Trauma-Informed training and practice - including culture and housing - in their workforce and volunteer development plans.

3 Year Actions

- Collect and keep a library of composite stories and case studies to show impact and help challenge stigma.
- Partners will create safe, reflective spaces where staff and volunteers can talk openly about the challenges they face when supporting people.

10 Year Impact

Support is easy to access, welcoming, and designed to meet people's needs. People feel able to influence how services are designed and delivered. Staff will receive the training and support they need to work in a trauma-informed and responsive way.

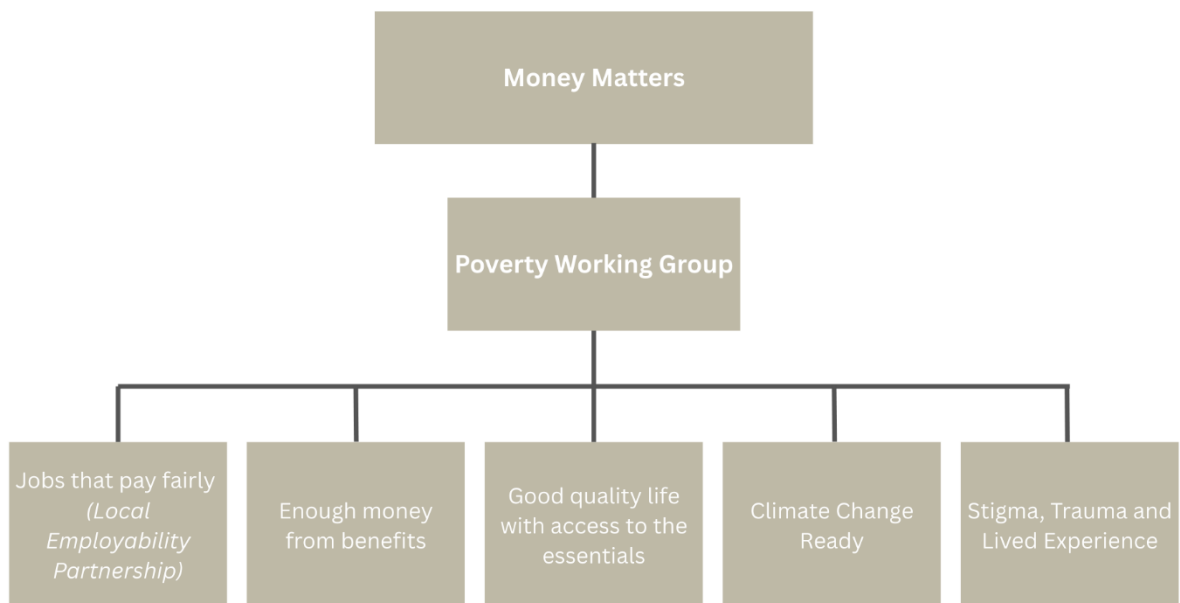
Money Matters: Governance

Strategic Group: *Poverty Working Group*

Lead Partners: *East Lothian Council*
NHS Lothian

Key Strategies: *Appendix 6.5,*
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Next steps

Next Steps

The Local Outcome Improvement Plan is a living document that the Board will review annually and update every 3 years. Action is underway by strategic groups leading on our 3 key themes and we set out below our next steps.

Our strategic groups

- A new Living Well group has been established to support our activities around health, mental health and wellbeing.
- Actions under Money Matters will be developed by our existing Community Planning Partnership Poverty Working Group.
- Actions under Keeping Safe will be developed by our strategic groups, with a new Keeping Safe implementation group being established.

Logic Frameworks

Logic frameworks are being developed that set out:

- Our planned **inputs**,
- Key **partners** who will be involved,
- Year 1 and Year 3 **actions**,
- How we will **evaluate and monitor** these actions, and
- What the **long-term outcome** will be.

These will be handed over to strategic group leads to further develop monitoring and evaluation. This will be presented to the Board by the end of 2026.

Monitoring Dashboard and Reporting

- We are developing a new digital monitoring and reporting dashboard which will use baseline measures to track progress annually.
- The first Annual Review of the LOIP 2026-36 will be produced in September 2027.

Working Groups

- A short life working group of Board members will continue to work on improvements identified through the self-assessment process and report to the Board by the end of 2026.
- The existing Officers' Group will be redesigned to better reflect themes and sub-group Chairs. The Officers' Group which will be chaired by a Partner agency and will report directly into the Board.

Glossary

ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
CEG	Connected Economy Group
CLD	Community Learning and Development
CPP	Community Planning Partnership
CSP	Children’s Strategic Partnership
CRWIA	Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment
CWB	Community Wealth Building
ELC	East Lothian Council
ELTAGG	East Lothian Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-Ordinating Group
EMPPC	East and Midlothian Public Protection Committee
HSCP	Health and Social Care Partnership
IIA	Integrated Impact Assessment
IJB	Integrated Joint Board
LDP	Local Development Plan
LEP	Local Employability Partnership
LOIP	Local Outcome Improvement Plan
MELDAP	Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership
NHS	National Health Service
NPF	Scottish National Performance Framework
SDS	Skills Development Scotland
SG	Scottish Government
SNA	Strategic Needs Assessment
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
VCEL	Volunteer Centre East Lothian

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Appendices

Local Outcome Improvement Plan
2026-36



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Appendix 1 – Strategic Needs Assessment 2024

[East Lothian by Numbers](#) provided the evidence base for the overarching priority and outcomes set out in the 2017-2027 East Lothian Local Outcome Improvement Plan. The Strategic Needs Assessment provided an analysis of the key trends, challenges and opportunities faced by East Lothian in 2017.

The Strategic Needs Assessment was structured around the three key objectives of the East Lothian LOIP 2017-2027 – Sustainable Economy; Resilient People; Safe & Vibrant Communities.

The Assessment was to be updated and expanded periodically as the evidence base developed and more data became available. The Assessment was due to be updated in 2020 and then 2021 but the work was put on hold due to the prioritisation given to supporting the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and then delivery of the Recovery and Renewal Plan. It was also acknowledged that the long-term impact of the pandemic on society, the economy and public health would not be evident for some years.

Therefore, detailed work on revising the 2017 Strategic Needs Assessment and producing a revised Assessment began in early 2023. The revised Strategic Needs Assessment has been used to inform the new East Lothian LOIP 2026-2036.

East Lothian CPP gathered data through a wide range of data sources including, but not exclusive to;

- 2024 Poverty Profile
- Economic Strategy 2024-34
- Local Housing Strategy 2024-29
- Health and Social Care Partnership Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Public Protection Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Police Scotland Performance Reports
- Fire Scotland Performance Reports
- East Lothian Council's Top 50 Indicators

Two multi-agency Partnership workshops took place in 2023 to begin the work of revising and updating the Strategic Needs Assessment. These workshops reviewed the key trends, challenges and opportunities identified in the 2017 Strategic Needs Assessment, identified the up-to-date data that is available and where there might be gaps, and identified post pandemic issues and challenges facing East Lothian.

The conclusion was that although Covid-19, Brexit and the ongoing cost of living crisis have had/ are having substantial impacts on East Lothian's economy, communities and people the key issues continue or are more serious than found in 2017 SNA.

- population growth is projected at a rate of approximately 1,000 per year for the next 20 years
- all partners are facing extreme budget pressures
- climate change is a bigger issue than at the time of the previous plan and needs to be reflected in the new plan
- lack of affordable housing and the high cost of private housing
- persistent poverty related attainment gap

Appendix 2 - Local Outcome Improvement Plan End Report 2017-2027

A review of the 2017-2027 plan was undertaken in October 2025 with two reports published; East Lothian CPP LOIP Annual Review 2024-2025¹ and East Lothian CPP October 2025 End of Plan Update².

The end of plan report highlighted the progress on indicators.

	↑	Met/better than target	-	Improvement but not met target	↓	Getting worse/ below target
Key	13		6		8	
		Not measured	4	Data no longer produced	2	

Eight indicators were getting worse or performed under target;

Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 *2023	How are we working to address?
Percentage earning less than the Real Living Wage	ONS Annual survey of hours & earnings	19.1% (2017) (Scottish av = 18.4%)	17%	2024 (provisional) E.L 19.0%, Scot 11.4%	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.

¹ https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/35553/east_lothian_partnership_loip_annual_review_2024-2025

² https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/35552/east_lothian_partnership_october_2025_end_of_plan_update_-_accessible_version

Town centre vacancy rate	Economic Development Strategy	6.1%	5%	12%	In the Local Economy Strategy under Communities and Place, regeneration of town centres is an action to support vibrant town and rural settings.
Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 *2023	How are we working to address?
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	93% Very Good = 46% Fairly good = 47%	Work around the new East Lothian ASB Strategy has also suggested a separate "What makes a good neighbourhood" plan.
Percentage of citizens who 'Strongly Agree' or 'Tend to Agree' they can rely on a friend / neighbour to help # question changed in 2024 survey to ask to what extent, with options agree, neither/nor	East Lothian Residents Survey	91% (Feb 2017)	Maintain Levels	78%	Staying connected and wellbeing are key themes of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan plan to ensure people do not feel isolated
Percentage of citizens who feel safe	East Lothian Residents Survey	85% Very Safe = 51%;	Maintain Levels	72% A great deal = 23%	Community Safety and perceptions of neighbourhood has been highlighted as a

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?		Safe = 34% (Feb 2017)		A fair amount = 49%	priority for the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan
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Indicator	Source	Baseline 2017/18	Target	Latest 2024/5 *2023	How are we working to address?
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	22.1%	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.
Falls per 1,000 population aged over 65	Information Services Division (ISD)	19	Reduce	21 (figure for calendar year 2024)	Falls and Frailty is a priority in the new IJB/HSCP Strategic Plan.
Suicides registered in East Lothian 2014-2018 – this is a 5-year	ScotPHO	27.8 (2014-18 rolling average)	Reduce	32.1	Wellbeing has been identified as a key priority in the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan with a recognition of

<p>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.)</p>				<p>(2020-2024 rolling average)</p>	<p>increased suicide rates and the need to work in preventative approaches to embed support and places to feel safe.</p>
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Appendix 3 - Improvement Plan

In December 2024, the East Lothian CPP, agreed to work with the Improvement Service on a National Review of Community Planning Partnership Boards.

This process involved a self-assessment process with governance group members and an improvement plan session following the results.

The Partnership also agreed to a further self-assessment with community representatives and a follow up session due to be held in October 2025, which has been rearranged for January 2026.

The Improvement Plan, produced in March 2025, focussed on two areas; community engagement and elected member and community representation in leadership.

Improvement Area: Further develop the CPP’s approaches to community engagement to ensure the views of the wider community influence the work of the partnership.	
Action	Progress
Learn from the participation and engagement strategy work that is currently taking place.	New Community Engagement Strategy scheduled for March 2026
Engage with communities to clarify what they would like to see in terms of engagement.	Work through the Engagement Report for Local Outcome Improvement Plan which detailed over 25,000 voices
Establish clear mechanisms for supporting communities to engage with the work/ decision making of the partnership.	Session with Community Partners in January 2026. Chairs from Area Partnership , Association of East Lothian Community Council and East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel invited to Board.
Establish reporting processes to share outputs from engagement with communities - Ensure these are easy to read such as bulletin.	Monthly update bulletins from East Lothian CPP Easy to read and accessible format reporting. Use of videos and graphics during co-production of new plan.

Improvement Area:**Review how Elected Members and community representatives engage with the leadership of the partnership.**

Action	Progress
Consult with Council Administration on how they would like to see Elected Members engage with the partnership.	Leaders of three political partners now attend governance group
Follow up with community partnerships in relation to the community self-assessment checklist	Session with Community Partners in January 2026.
Consider which local community groups/ organisations could feed into the work of the partnership; this could be based on updated LOIP	Community Representatives added to Board Review to be undertaken by strategic groups of their membership

Appendix 4 – Prevention and Early Intervention

Establishing a shared language of East Lothian CPPs' approach to Prevention and Early Intervention is essential to reducing inequalities across community planning partners. This is a point which has been highlighted in Scotland's Population Health Framework ³;

“When people and organisations talk about prevention, they often use the same language to talk about different things. This is a barrier to investing in the full range of prevention needed to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland.” (pg13)

The Public Sector Reform Strategy⁴ sets out a broad definition of prevention;

Prevention and Early Intervention approaches seek to identify and tackle the root and underlying causes that result in some communities having negative outcomes in their lives and health.

“means stopping (preventing) the establishment, or escalation, of problems that lead to negative outcomes for people.”

A joint statement on Prevention⁵ was recently released by a partnership of national and local third and community sector intermediary organisations including; [Edinburgh Community Health Forum](#), [Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland \(the ALLIANCE\)](#), [Scottish Community Development Centre](#) (including [CHEX](#)), and [Voluntary Health Scotland](#). They were in agreement that the language of the Public Health Framework, Public Health Scotland's 'public health approach to prevention' which provides a common language.

NHS Lothian Public Health has produced 'A Strengthened approach to prevention across the Lothian health and care system'⁶, which sets the benefits of preventative and defines 3 levels of approaches.

“Prevention is one of the most cost-effective interventions the NHS and wider health and care system can make in relation to improving population health and reducing inequalities. Maintaining a focus on prevention, early intervention and mitigation is critical in delivering long-term sustainability and reducing the future burden on the health and care system”.

³ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-population-health-framework/>

⁴ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-public-service-reform-strategy-delivering-scotland/>

⁵ <https://www.chex.org.uk/prevention-statement>

⁶ <https://services.nhslothian.scot/publichealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/105/2024/08/NHS-Lothian-Public-Health-and-Health-Policy-A-strengthened-approach-to-prevention-across-the-Lothian-health-and-care-system.pdf>

Appendix 5 - Wider Engagement Responses

It has been recognised that there were responses collated in the engagement activity which will not be addressed directly through the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. These responses will however, feed into other pieces of work through partnership agencies and plans.

Poverty	
What you raised	Where will take this be taken forward?
Parking	Parking Strategy
Work opportunities in Rural Settings	Local Economy Strategy
Growth required in Tourism	Local Economy Strategy
Identify local employer skills needs for staff	Local Economy Strategy
Investing in Small Businesses	Local Economy Strategy
Broadband and Wi-Fi Coverage	Scottish Government Objective and Local Economy Strategy/Economic Development (Billy Agnew)
Low cost and affordable Homes – 1 bed properties	Local Development Plan 2
Traveller and Gypsy Families requiring a stable site	Housing Strategy (informed by lived experience)
Adaptions to houses	Housing Strategy
Kinship Carers and house overcrowding	Children’s Strategic Partnership /Housing Strategy
Community Learning/Adult Learning in community settings	CLD Partnership/East Lothian Works/LOIP
Recognising achievements outside of the school	School Improvement Plans
Health	
What you raised	Where will take this be taken forward?
Transition between children and adult services for mental health	HSCP Strategic Plan Children’s Services Plan
Access to GPs/Acute Services	HSCP Strategic Plan
Transport to health appts	HSCP Strategic Plan

Community Care v Acute Care	HSCP Strategic Plan
Waiting times for appointments	HSCP Strategic Plan
Frailty and Falls	HSCP Strategic Plan
Parents need holistic, wrap around services - = emotional, financial, and social needs	Children's Strategic Partnership
Improved Beach and Green Space Access	Open Space Strategy, ELC Community Wellbeing Service and partners
Accessible active travel/pavements appropriate for wheelchairs/buggies	ELC Active Travel Team and Open Space Strategy
One stop shop for services	Asset review
Safety	
What you raised	Where will take this be taken forward?
Domestic Abuse/VAWG	East and Midlothian Public Protection Committee
Expansion of mediation and restorative justice work	Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan
Transport and moving around El – connections, road upkeep, signage, and traffic calming	Road Safety Advisory Group/ Local Development Plan/ Roads Team
Youth Homelessness	Youth Homelessness Team
Substance Misuse crossover	Children's Strategic Partnership
Waste Water/Sewage discharge issues	Scottish Water, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Environmental Health

Appendix 6 – Key Policies and Plans

6.1 Strategic Priorities of Community Planning Partners

In reviewing the strategic priorities of partners in line with the Section 15 of Community Empowerment Act ⁷ of Local Outcome Improvement Plan it highlights links with **Living Well, Keeping Safe and Money Matters**;

Agency	Strategic Priorities				
East Lothian Council	Ensure the financial sustainability of the Council through the delivery of approved savings and transforming the way we deliver services	Target resources on statutory services and focus on the highest risks and those most in need	Deliver key infrastructure, economic development and environmentally sustainable projects within available Council resources and maximising external funding.		
Edinburgh College	People	Place	Performance		
HSCP	Transformation and Change	Early intervention, prevention and self-management	Reducing Health Inequalities		
NHS	Citizens live longer, healthier lives, with better outcomes from the care and treatment we provide	We connect health and social care services seamlessly, wrapping around the citizen in their home	We improve performance across our system, with better experiences for citizens and those who work for and with us		
Police Scotland	Protecting Vulnerable People	Tackling Crime in a Digital Age	Working with Communities	Support for Operational Policing	

⁷ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/schedule/1>

Agency	Strategic Priorities				
Population Health Framework	Prevention	Access	Person-Led	Quality	
Queen Margaret University	Health and Rehabilitation	Sustainable Business (including hospitality, food and drink)	Culture and Creativity		
Scottish Enterprise	To create internationally competitive renewable energy industry in Scotland	To scale the impact of Scotland's innovation strengths in high growth industries for the future	To drive capital investment to deliver a step-change in Scotland's productivity		
Scottish Fire and Rescue	Safer communities through prevention	Safe and effective response	Investing in people	Improving Performance	Innovation and Investment
NatureScot	Secure the conservation and enhancement of nature and landscapes	Foster understanding and facilitate the enjoyment of nature and landscape	Advise on sustainable use and management of nature and landscape		
Scottish Sports Council (Sport Scotland)	Making an impact together	Making sport more accessible	Progressing to your level of sport	Contributing to an active Scotland	Celebrating the benefits of sport
Skills Development Scotland	Industry Focused Skills	Inclusive Talent Pool	Invested Employers	Intelligence-led skills system	Impactful Organisation
The Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Rigorous Stock Selection	Trend following and breakout	Risk Management	Technical Analysis Tools	
The Scottish Programme for Government	Growing the Economy	Eradicating Child Poverty	Tackling the Climate Emergency	High Quality and Sustainable Public Services	

Transport for Scotland	Reduces Inequalities	Takes Climate Action	Helps deliver inclusive economic growth	Improves our health and wellbeing	
VCEL	Strengthened local voluntary sector	Volunteering	Cross-sector working		
<i>Although Scottish Ambulance Service isn't mentioned in the legislation their strategic priorities are also key;</i>					
Scottish Ambulance Service	Saving more lives	Reduce inequalities	Improving Health and Wellbeing		
<i>'National Park Authority' is mentioned in the legislation: although it is not specifically relevant to East Lothian, their strategic priorities are also key;</i>					
National Park Authority	Working to protect and enhance their natural and cultural heritage	Promoting responsible access to nature	Supporting local economies and communities	Managing Millions of visitors annually	

6.2 Scotland's National Performance Framework

Scotland's National Performance Framework⁸ (NPF) is Scotland's wellbeing framework and sets the vision for the kind of Scotland we all want to live in. Following the latest Statutory review of the National Outcomes, and the subsequent Scottish Parliament inquiry, the Scottish Government has committed to a period of reform to support the development and implementation of a more strategic and impactful framework for Scotland. Whilst work on NPF framework has commenced, it is expected to be launched in 2026 at the start of the new parliamentary session and new government.

The NPF highlights links with **Living Well, Keeping Safe and Money Matters**;

- Children and Young People - We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential.
- Communities – we live in communities which are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
- Culture – We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely
- Economy - We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Education - We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society

⁸ <https://www.gov.scot/collections/national-performance-framework/?via=https://nationalperformance.gov.scot/>

Appendix 6 – Key Policies and Plans

- Environment - We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment
- Fair work and Business - We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone
- Health - We are healthy and active
- Human Rights - We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination
- International - We are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally
- Poverty - We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally

6.3 Living Well Key Strategies

- [East Lothian Allotments and Local Food Growing Strategy](#) (in preparation)
- [East Lothian CPP Area Plans](#)
- [East Lothian CLD Partnership Plan](#)
- [East Lothian IJB Strategic Plan](#)
- East Lothian Physical Activity and Sport Strategy (to be published August 2026)
- [East Lothian Transport and Active Travel Strategy](#)
- [ELC East Lothian Open Space Strategy 2026](#)
- [HSCP Carers Strategy](#)
- [HSCP Dementia Strategy](#)
- [NHS Lothian A Strengthened Approach to Prevention](#)
- [Population Health Framework](#)
- [Public Health, Together We Can](#)
- [SG, National Performance Framework](#)

6.4 Keeping Safe Key Strategies

- [Curriculum for Excellence, Cyber Resilience, and Internet Safety Curriculum](#)
- East Lothian CPP ASB Policy (to be published Spring 2026)
- [East Lothian CPP Youth Vision](#)
- [East Lothian CLD Partnership Plan](#)
- [East Lothian Equally Safe Strategy](#)
- [East Lothian Children's Services Plan](#)
- [ELC Climate Change Strategy 2025-2030](#)
- ELC Coastal Change Adaptation Plan (to be published 2027)
- [ELC East Lothian Open Space Strategy 2026](#)
- ELC Education Digital Learning and Teaching Strategy (DRAFT)
- ELC Flood Risk Management Plan (to be refreshed 2027)
- [ELC Prevent Strategy](#)
- [ELC Resilience and Event Planning](#)
- [EMPPC Financial Harm Protocol](#)

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- [EMPPC Guidance on Financial Harm](#)
- [EMPPC Human Trafficking and Exploitation Guidance](#)
- [EMPPC Honor Based Abuse Guidance](#)
- [EMPPC Vulnerable Young Person’s Protocol](#)
- [MELDAP Delivery Plan 2024-2027](#)
- [National Trauma Transformation Programme \(NTP\)](#)
- [Police Scotland Strategy](#)
- [SG, Equally Safe Education Priorities](#)
- [SG, Getting it Right for Every Child \(GIRFEC\)](#)
- [SG, Joint Drugs and Alcohol Strategy \(under review 2026\)](#)
- [SG, National Performance Framework](#)
- [SG, Race Equality Framework](#)
- [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategy](#)
- [The Terrorism \(Prevention of Premises\) Act 2025, Martyn’s Law](#)

6.5 Money Matters Key Strategies

- [Climate Change \(Scotland\) Act 2009](#)
- [Community Wealth Building Bill](#)
- [Construction Accord Transformation Plan](#)
- [Curriculum for Excellence, Financial Literacy](#)
- [SG, Tackling Child Poverty](#)
- [SG, Adult Learning Strategy](#)
- [ELC Local Housing Strategy 2024-2029](#)
- [East Lothian CLD Partnership Plan](#)
- [East Lothian Community Wealth Building Charter](#)
- [East Lothian CPP Youth Vision](#)
- [East Lothian Local Economy Strategy 2024 - 2034](#)
- [ELC Climate Change Strategy 2025-2030](#)
- [ELC Poverty Plan](#)
- [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2025](#)
- [Local Development Plan 2](#)
- [National Tourism Strategy, Scotland Outlook 2030](#)
- [National Trauma Transformation Programme \(NTP\)](#)
- [No One Left Behind: Employability Strategic Plan 2024 to 2027](#)
- [SDS Inside Scotland’s Tourism & Hospitality Sector](#)
- [SDS Regional Skills Assessment](#)
- [SDS Interactive Data Matrix](#)
- [SG, Climate Change: Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3 \(SNAP3\)](#)
- [SG, Fit for the Future – Developing a post sector learning system to fuel economic transformation](#)
- [SG, Getting it Right for Every Child \(GIRFEC\)](#)
- [SG, National Strategy for Economic Transformation](#)

- [SG, Reducing the cost of the school day](#)
- [SG, Strategic Early Learning and School Age Childcare Plan 22-26](#)
- [SG, Our commitment to Childminding: report, SG 2021](#)
- [The Housing Emergency Action Plan](#)
- [The Promise Scotland](#)

7.0 Governance Structures for Oversight and Reporting Groups

