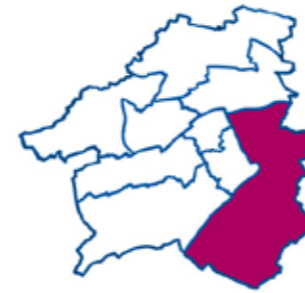


Locality planning aims to address these health inequalities, through the work of the Daisy Drop In and its partners, through education, awareness raising and support to the early years community in a belief that early intervention work will make the greatest impact on tackling the local health issues in the community.

Many of the indicators and activities listed below focus on young people however many of the benefits will impact families and wider communities, ensuring health inequalities are reduced from cradle to grave.



# SUMMARY LOCALITY PLAN

## East Livingston & East Calder 2008 – 2011

Example issue identified	Example of action proposed
Need to improve health in the early years	Individual/ group support to encourage and maintain breastfeeding / safer weaning
	Fresh as a Daisy (Food Initiative Craigshill)
	Oral health programme at Daisy drop in
Increased level of parental support	Parenting Courses operating under Daisy drop In
	Outreach Worker to support hard to reach families to engage in activities/ support
	Capacity building programme of Daisy Drop In management group

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### 1. Introduction

The West Lothian Community Planning Partnership has committed itself to developing and delivering locality plans in each of the nine multi-member wards. Locality Planning is about planning and developing services at a local level - allowing services to be targeted in the most appropriate way and providing a more complementary, co-ordinated approach to service delivery.

The West Lothian Community Planning Partnership (CPP) brings together statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations who work together to plan and deliver services that can't be delivered by any partner on their own. The CPP has agreed a Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) which is an improvement plan for West Lothian based on jointly agreed outcomes that sets out targets against key priority areas.

- The objectives of Locality Plans are to:-
- Support delivery of Single Outcome Challenges at local level
  - Engage with and involve communities in identifying and addressing local priorities
  - Provide a Focus for Action on local priorities
  - Encourage integrated service delivery by Council Services and Community Planning partners

This plan is aligned to the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA), where it can contribute to the delivery of the challenges and outcomes. It has a particular focus on areas of greatest need; targeting key issues in local areas to improve the quality of life and reduce inequalities.

The priorities highlighted in this plan for the communities of Craigshill, Mid Calder, East Calder, Kirknewton, Uphall Station and Pumpherston have been developed by a multi- agency Steering Group comprising of local workers from the Community Planning Partnership. This plan will be implemented by this group of people and their services over the next three years. It is intended that this is a working document, which will be updated and monitored on a regular basis. Each ward has a dedicated Locality Planning Officer who supports the work of the Steering Group and is led by the Lead Officer, who is a senior manager from across the Community Planning Partnership.

### 2. Information on the Locality Planning Structure

After reviewing recent work in the area and examining local statistics, the steering group identified three core priorities for the locality. These were Young People, Early Years / Health, and Employability. These local priorities both recognise opportunity and tackle disadvantage and will be validated through further community engagement work and discussions with relevant senior officers.



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These themes are a carry over from the previous Inveralmond Locality Plan 2006 -2008. These priorities had been identified through wide ranging community engagement process with local people, statistics and intelligence from local workers.

The East Livingston and East Calder plan's main objectives are to further develop the scope and impact of Locality Planning by:

- Having a strong emphasis on making early interventions for vulnerable individuals and families.
- Focused action on improving employability as a key means of tackling poverty;
- Empowering communities and individuals to influence and inform the decisions made through locality planning.

This plan primarily features tackling issues in **Craigshill** as "locality planning has a particular focus on areas of deprivation; targeting key issues in local areas to improve the quality of life and reduce inequalities" West Lothian Community Planning Partnership, (SOA) 2008. The steering group agreed that these priorities should continue in Craigshill for the East Livingston and East Calder plan. This Steering group will meet regularly (twice a year) to evaluate progress in relation to these priorities.

Working groups for these issues had already been established and operating for the last couple of years in Craigshill. A new working group has been established for the Calders area tackling the theme of young people. This was identified through community engagement in the area as the primary issue by local people and workers in the area.

### 3. Reporting / Review / Governance

This locality plan will be presented to community planning partners in the ward and the East Livingston and east Calder Local Area Committee (LAC) for validation.

Quarterly reports on locality planning activity will be provided to the LAC to allow progress to be monitored. One of these reports will be an annual report highlighting performance relating to the indicators identified in the plan. Prior to annual presentation of the plan to committee, the locality plan will be reviewed by the Steering Group and or partnership groups, where activity can be reviewed and new activity created.

There are several priorities which feature strongly across a number of Locality Plans. For each of these an existing or new West Lothian wide group will monitor the totality of interventions, consider the progress and outcomes from each locality action plan and how this should influence provision across the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) area. These groups will specifically include partners who may not be able to participate in each individual locality working group.

The full Locality Plan contains a Community Profile; section on Community Engagement; information on the Locality Planning Structure; detailed Action Plans; Single Outcome Agreement challenges and outcomes; update on Life Stage Outcome Model pilots; and a Reporting / Review / Governance section. The main part is the Action Plan which details current activities and proposed activities that contribute to achievement of the outcomes.

The Locality Plans will be reviewed in April 2009.

### 4. Priorities, Issues and Actions

#### Priority A: Young People

Community engagement and evidence from services operating in the ward suggest that there are challenges with anti-social behaviour, low aspirations and alcohol misuse.

Prior to Locality planning working in Craigshill there was only one youth work activity aimed at teenagers from Craigshill. The added value now is that there is a multi agency partnership group which has:

- Engaged with local communities to identify gaps in provision, this is a continuous process as the group are currently engaging with the community re issues facilities in the community. Evidence from services operating in the ward suggests that there are challenges with anti-social behaviour, low aspirations and substance misuse.
- Facilitated two large scale youth festivals which have developed into community gala events which are now run by local people.
- Riverside youth wing which was in very poor repair now offers a wide range of activities to young people both in Craigshill and West Lothian including a youth drop in.

- Funding secured to operate two youth programmes to tackle teenage under age drinking
- Development of Letham Park as a community resource/ friends of the park group to organised activities in the park for all ages in the community.

This local approach has been very successful as it has been able to act quickly to address expressed issues and needs.

The aim is to increase the opportunities for young people in the ward. Through informal education, address and reduce instances of anti-social behaviour, challenge and support young people to develop their aspirations.

Example issues identified	Example of action proposed
Need for diversionary activity for young people in Craigshill. (tackling underage drinking)	Friday afternoon arts based project based at Craigsfarm campus. Continued development of Riverside Youth Wing as a venue for young people to meet and take part in youth work activities.
Need for diversionary activity for young people in East Calder/ Mid Calder/ Kirknewton (tackling underage drinking)	Friday afternoon Sports based project based at East Calder Sports Centre
Develop play facilities in the area	To use the recently redeveloped Letham Park as a venue to develop play activities for young people.

#### Priority B: Employability

A key strand of the plan for East Livingston and East Calder ward in the next three years is employability. Raising the career aspirations of young people leaving school and supporting individuals who face barriers finding and sustaining employment. Within Craigshill there are areas where there are high numbers of young people who are not working. Statistical information also reveals that health inequalities and educational attainment are below average for Scotland, reinforcing the links between employability and a range of complex issues.

The aim is to reduce these figures and through the development of Locality Planning in East Livingston and East Calder a partnership approach to the multi-faceted issues of young people, employability and benefit dependency will be taken.

Example issue identified	Example of action proposed
Raising career aspirations of young people	Teen Options programme at Inveralmond Community High school targeting Christmas and summer leavers.  Riverside Youth Drop In introduce employability focus to programme
The need to expand training capacity for young people in Craigshill	Craigshill Employment group to work in Partnership with Access to Employment, Careers Scotland and Youth Inclusion Project (YIP) to support young people into employment.

#### Priority C: Early Years/health

Recent study into the health issues of the West Lothian population has highlighted the need to improve health in the early years, with support to young children who are at most risk within their families and their communities. There are areas in Craigshill where this health disadvantage is highlighted.

