



Midlothian Council
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Single Midlothian Plan 2021-22

Report by Chief Executive

Report for Noting

1 Recommendations

It is recommended that Council notes the publication of the Single Midlothian Plan 2021-22 to meet the legal requirements of the Community Empowerment Act.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

This Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board's thematic partnership developed the attached annual plan, outcomes and indicators for 2021-22. The final draft was approved on Wednesday 31st March 2021.

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3 Background

The Community Planning Partnership established under the Local Government Act 2003, and strengthened legislatively by the Community Empowerment Act 2015, is required to publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan each year. This plan must set out what shared local outcomes the partners are pursuing within the outcomes framework established by the National Delivery Group for Community Planning

- 3.1 The Midlothian Community Planning Partnership is a statutory board, under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act 2015. Governance arrangements include elected member direct involvement in the partnership structures. The governance arrangements confirm the link between statutory boards for adult health and social care (Integrations Joint Board, IJB) and Community safety and justice board (CSJPB) and the CPP Boards. There are also three other thematic partnership groups: Getting It Right for Every Midlothian Child, with its statutory duty to deliver an integrated children and young peoples' plan. Improving Opportunities for the People of Midlothian with a remit for addressing inequality, increasing employability and delivering the statutory duty to have a plan for community learning and development; and Sustainable Growth which brings together physical development planning with economic development, housing and environmental actions.
- 3.2 The Council agreed in 2012/13 to adopt the Single Midlothian Plan as its strategic plan and to require services to have regard to the outcomes set out in this when creating their annual service plans.
- 3.3 In 2020 the CPP board extended its top priorities to include a shared commitment to address the climate emergency as set out in the motion adopted by Council in December 2019, reaffirming this at the board meeting on 25th February 2020.
- 3.4 The normal shared planning cycle of the partners is detailed in the plan, however it should be noted that Covid-19 has impacted on our ability to progress plans and to undertake full consultation sessions. This said whilst we did not manage to meet on a face to face basis in November virtual consultation took place over two half day sessions in December 2020 and January 2021.
- 3.5 The CPP agreed in 2018 to continue to focus on the follow priorities for the period 2019-22
 - Reducing the gap in learning outcomes
 - Reducing the gap in health outcomes
 - Reducing the gap in economic circumstances

A forth priority was added in 2020 in recognition of the climate emergency declaration of Scottish Government and all 32 councils in Scotland.

Reducing carbon emissions in Midlothian to net zero by 2030.

- 3.6 The CPP Board remains committed to working using three approaches: Preventive intervention; Changing access; Capacity building and co-production.

3.7 Area Targeting:

Given our legal requirement under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 we have a locality outcome improvement plan for the communities which fall into the top 20% of SIMD. The CPP has set a clear shared target of closing the gap in those three areas (Dalkeith Central/Woodburn, Mayfield/Easthouses & Gorebridge) however recognises that new small areas across the county have emerged and so closing the gap for residents affected across all areas of the county is of primary importance.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

The Single Midlothian Plan for 2021-22 comprises outcome indicators agreed with Community Planning partners. The designated members of the CPP Board are now required by law under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 Section 9 (3) to provide joint resourcing of actions to improve agreed outcomes, and to jointly resource the CPP processes to enable community participation in decision making. In particular, the 5 core partners (Council, NHS, Fire, Police and Scottish Enterprise) must co-facilitate the arrangements for community planning.

Emerging from the pandemic will require a collaborative approach across the CPP Board to ensure we are aware of any new demands/themes placed upon our communities as our lives return to 'normal'.

4.2 Risk

The Covid-19 pandemic has seriously disrupted all aspects of life in Midlothian. The new plan reflects the impact of this and as such appropriate targets have been agreed.

4.3 Ensuring Equalities

Equalities issues are key, and a separate section of the plan identifies the proposed specific improvement actions by partners for 2021-22, an impact assessment has been completed for the three year strategy for 2021-22.

Appendices

Appendix A –Report Implications

Appendix B - Single Midlothian Plan 2021-22

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- ☒ Holistic Working
- ☐ Hub and Spoke
- ☐ Modern
- ☒ Sustainable
- ☒ Transformational
- ☒ Preventative
- ☒ Asset-based
- ☒ Continuous Improvement
- ☐ One size fits one
- ☐ None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- ☒ One Council Working with you, for you
- ☒ Preventative and Sustainable
- ☒ Efficient and Modern
- ☐ Innovative and Ambitious
- ☐ None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

Best Value delivery is a core principle of community planning working arrangements

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The SMP is a product of wide ranging community engagement processes.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The report sets out the single shared plan for Midlothian developed with partners including outcomes, indicator targets and baselines that council service plans relate to.

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Preventative approaches are a core approach of community planning partnership working.

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

The CPP is committed to support the Council carbon neutral target.

Appendix B Single Midlothian Plan 2021 - 2022 (attached)