

## **Appendix A:**

### **Strategic Plan - Executive Summary**

#### **The Process**

Managers undertook a review of plans both within the council and the wider community planning partnership, and made use of these plans; a logic modelling exercise undertaken by the Improving Opportunities Midlothian (IOM), the CPP's Strategic Assessment, and Midlothian statistical profile and existing and draft Neighbourhood plans to create a first draft version of a plan. Stakeholder engagement was then undertaken and the results were used to redraft the plan. The revised draft was circulated to the CPP CLD delivery partners, and discussed at a series of partnership forums. Further revisions were made before the finalised version was approved by the CPP. To fulfil regulations a series of data gathering process have also been undertaken, mapping assets and current services across the 16 Neighbourhood planning areas.

#### **Plan Priorities**

This summarises the key priorities for 2016/17, and is not a full list of activities.

##### **Shared priority:**

- Improve communications and marketing and access to new technologies.

##### **Young People**

- Develop a partnership shared Youth strategy
- Create partnership baselines to measure performance against
- Increase accreditation – offer a wider range of awards to young people
- Increase youth participation in influencing /co- designing programmes
- Deliver the Developing Scotland's Young Workforce strategy
- Increase 1-1 support work for vulnerable young people in transition

##### **Adults**

- Accreditation – deliver a wider range of accredited awards to adults
- Employability Programmes – deliver learning leading to employment
- Volunteering – deliver increases in volunteering and support to volunteers
- Progression Pathways – enable learners to move on easily to the next step

##### **Communities**

- Funding coordination, advice and support to allow communities ideas to be delivered
- Neighbourhood planning- implement improvements from last years major review
- Identify resources that community groups can share to become more efficient
- Support Community Councils to modernise, engage and implement their new constitutions
- Support Community Asset Transfer as required by the Community Empowerment Bill.

#### **Monitoring and evaluation of performance**

The CPP and Council share use of the covalent performance system with quarterly performance reports for the council and six monthly for the CPP Board. CLD services will

continue to use the How Good is our CLD2 model for self evaluation and in the council this will link into the new self evaluation “delivering excellence” internal system.

The IOM group has overall responsibility for monitoring and reporting on partnership progress and receives regular updates on progress within topics from its sub groups – including the adult learning partnership, youth work group, neighbourhood planning groups, employability action network, Developing Scotland’s young workforce, financial inclusion network and child poverty working group as well as the covalent performance reports. Performance reporting development in the CPP is focussed on streamlining reporting and improving the measurement of impact on the community.

A full copy of the CLD Strategy is available in the members’ library.