

The Single Midlothian Plan 2023/27 and Single Midlothian Plan H2 Performance Report (Half year October 2022 to March 2023)**Report by Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive****Report for Noting****1 Recommendations**

It is recommended that Council notes the approval of the Single Midlothian Plan 2023-27 as a live working document to meet the legal requirements of the Community Empowerment Act (2015).

The Community Planning Partnership Board would like Council to note the excellent partnership working which has produced the Single Midlothian Plan 2023/27, with a key focus to work with communities to secure improved outcomes and reduce poverty. In addition the Community Planning Partnership would like you to note the H2 Performance Report 22/23 (October 2022 to March 2023), which highlights progress on indicators and actions in H2 which aimed to improve outcomes in communities and reduce inequalities.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

This Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board's thematic partnerships developed the attached four year plan, outcomes and indicators for 2023-27. It was approved on Thursday 1st June 2023 as a live working document. The purpose of this report is to draw Elected Member's attention to the Single Midlothian Plan 2023/27 and the H2 performance report of Midlothian Community Planning Partnership. It is a statutory duty for the partnership to publish Local Outcome Improvement Plan and associated performance reports. The Single Midlothian Plan is adopting a new structure with 7 thematic groups as opposed to 5 this includes a dedicated poverty thematic group to build on the work of the current Community Planning Strategic Poverty Group and the Elected Member Cost of Living Task Force.

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3 Background

- 3.1** Part 2 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 sets out clear expectations for what the purpose of community planning is, and how it is to operate.
- 3.2** Statutory Guidance flowing from the 2015 Act makes clear that community planning is about: “how public bodies work together and with the local community to plan for, resource and provide or secure the provision of services which improve local outcomes in a local authority area, with a view to reducing inequalities”.
- 3.3 The 2015 Act specifically requires CPPs to:**
- prepare and publish a local outcomes improvement plan (LOIP) which sets out the local outcomes which the CPP will prioritise for improvement;
 - identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes, and prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities. There is a pilot for producing new localised outcome improvement plans taking place called Living Well in central Dalkeith and Woodburn; and
 - review and report publicly on progress towards their LOIP and locality plans, and keep the continued suitability of these plans under review.
- 3.4** The CPP Board has an established annual planning and performance cycle which occurs every 6 months.
- 3.5** All Council service plans are expected to show connections to this strategic plan, known as the “Single Midlothian Plan”, which meets the statutory requirement for a local outcomes improvement plan for Midlothian.
- 3.6** The Community Empowerment Act’s statutory guidance requires CPP’s to set 3 year outcomes and to show one year measurable actions towards these. The top priorities of the Single Midlothian Plan (SMP) for the period 2023-27 are:
- Individuals and communities have improved health and skills for learning, life and work
 - No child or household living in poverty
 - Progress is made towards net zero carbon emissions
- 3.7** The H2 reporting is based on the outcomes and indicators contained in the SMP 2022-23 which encompasses 5 themes of work, identified through public engagement as main areas in which the public expected partners to make improvements. These are summarised as Adult Health and Care, Community Safety, Sustainable Growth, Improving Opportunities and Getting It Right For Every Child. Performance against the outcomes in each of these areas is set out in the attached H2 Performance Report (Half year October 2022 to March 2023) which has been approved by the Community Planning Partnership Board at its meeting on 1st June 2023 for H2 (October 2022 to March 2023).

The SMP 2023-27 encompasses 7 themes of work, identified through public engagement as main areas in which the public expected partners to make improvements. These are summarised as Health, Community Safety, Greener, Improving Skills and Opportunities, Getting It Right For Every Child, Wellbeing Economy including being Better Connected and Reducing Poverty.

3.8 Next Steps

The Single Midlothian Plan over the next 4 years will be a live working document with changes and adjustments being made as the context and factors dictate. Further work will be undertaken to embed the Shaping Places for Wellbeing recommendations which strengthen the plans focus on place based outcomes. Further work will be undertaken to enhance success stories and the impact of community planning, as well further embedding feedback and changes from the recent consultation events. A review of membership of the community planning thematic groups will be taken place and meeting dates will be set for the next four years. A chair for the new poverty thematic group will be required. A community planning launch event will take place in November 2023 formal progress, scrutiny and monitoring will continue 6 monthly with the inclusion of an annual report, which will focus on highlighting the impact of community planning and success stories. Over the next 4 years there will be an increased profile of community planning led events, showcasing the work of the partnership.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

As per the Community Empowerment Act 2015 the Council provides staff to lead and coordinate community planning with partners. Community planning has a budget of £10,000 which funds the community planning conference and citizen's panel. Police Scotland provides a member of staff to support the actions in the plan. This is the role of Police Scotland Midlothian Local Authority Liaison Officer. In addition external funding and a range of stakeholders contribute their time to ensure the actions and outcomes are achieved and implemented.

4.2 Digital

We have recently established an interactive scorecard for community planning to support performance reporting, as depicted in Appendix D. In addition a film has been produced on the impact of community planning in Midlothian in association with the thematic leads. The film can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/H9CpFtqiFsU>

4.3 Risk

Failure to publicly produce or report progress against the SMP is a breach of law. The Council is a core partner in the community planning partnership and, failure to produce a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (Single Midlothian Plan) and associated reporting of progress would therefore also impact negatively on the Council's performance management and responsibility to communities.

4.4 Ensuring Equalities (if required a separate IIA must be completed)

The SMP is subject to an equality impact assessment process available in Members Library. Key Priorities established by the partnership focus on reducing inequalities.

4.5 Additional Report Implications

APPENDIX A - Report Implications

APPENDIX B - Single Midlothian Plan 2023/27

APPENDIX C - Single Midlothian Plan Performance Reporting H2 October 2022- March 2023

APPENDIX D - Single Midlothian Plan Performance Reporting Scorecard

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

All Single Midlothian Plan Priorities

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 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The core of community planning is partnership working, both between agencies in the public, private and voluntary sector and with the communities of place and interest that make up Midlothian. The publication of the Single Midlothian Plan and performance reports is an essential part of engaging citizens, as well as demonstrating collective accountability amongst the partners.

The Midlothian Community Planning Partnership Conference, took place in November 2022, which focused on Working Towards a Thriving and Greener Future. The conference also considered the updated Midlothian Profile, Strategic Analysis and Citizen Panel survey results which will inform the Single Midlothian Plan for 23/27. In addition a youth Hackathon was held at Dalkeith Secondary School campus where the young people articulated clearly the outcomes and actions to be undertaken in Midlothian.

We have worked with the improvement service to self-evaluate the work on child poverty and identify improvement recommendations. In addition the Hopkins Report 2023 on Reducing Poverty in Midlothian which included the voice of those with lived experience has greatly influenced the outcomes and actions contained in the Single Midlothian Plan.

A.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Performance is tracked using the “Pentana” performance management software system. This system is used by over 50% of Scottish Local Councils. A scorecard has recently been developed for the Single Midlothian Plan and the indicator and actions are reflected in the scorecard approach for H2 (22/23) and are noted in appendix D.

A.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

The CPP is committed to adopting a ‘Preventive approach’. Preventive work takes place at a variety of levels including universal and targeted. Partnership work throughout 2022 has focused on key preventative areas for work for example young people’s mental health, community resilience and more recently in terms of climate change. The main focus going forward overall will be reducing poverty and supporting those most affected by the cost of living crisis.

A.7 Supporting Sustainable Development

The theme of sustainable growth commits the CPP to achieving a balance between economic growth, environmental sustainability and meeting housing demand whilst protecting the planet. This connects physical development planning and community planning ambitions. Given the scale of physical development taking place and planned , this theme presents a significant challenge to all partner agencies to ensure new and established communities connect, services, facilities and employment opportunities keep pace with population growth and the natural environment is protected and enhanced .