



P&C NP – ENVIRONMENT FORUM:

Briefing Note to Neighbourhood Partnership – 20 January 2010

Since the last Partnership meeting a joint meeting of the Environment Forum and Area Board was held on 2 December. Progress reports were noted on the following issues:

Neighbourhood Environment Programme Project Updates

- **Coillesdene Avenue**
Footway works will be completed by 18 December 2009
- **Magdalene Shops**
Hard and soft landscaping will be completed by 23 December. Painting will take place in Feb/March with all but one shopkeeper signed up.
- **Niddrie Mill Terrace**
Work will commence on this in January 2010.
- **Portobello High Street**
4 Phases will be complete by 18 December. No works will be carried out over the Christmas period when all barriers will be removed. Work will recommence in 6 January with an anticipated completion date of mid March
- **Neighbourhood Environment Plan for Newcraighall**
140 letters were issued to residents requesting their views on the area and 8 people attended a public meeting. Priority for improvement was street lighting and speed bumps.
- **Action Plan**
Copies of an updated Action Plan were circulated for information. Several actions are complete with some ongoing.

Neighbourhood Environment Programme 2010/11

- The group agreed to use the first meeting in the New Year to review the project nomination and selection process.
- A future Forum themed meeting on cleaning issues will discuss litter management, CIMS scores etc. As a first step Task Force and Environment Wardens will be invited to a meeting in Portobello Town Hall early in the New Year to talk through the issues which will include

litter hotspots, street litter control notices and the involvement of schools and traders in the area.

- **Local Issues**

Progress reports on local issues raised at the previous meeting were noted; new local issues were raised for action.

- **Date of Next Meeting**

14 January 2010 at 6pm in the East Local Office