AGENDA ITEM: 5

LIBERTON/GILMERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

SUB STRUCTURE GROUPS - COMPOSITE REPORT

9th March 2011

PURPOSE OF PAPER

This paper is intended to provide the Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership with progress made in respect of developing local priorities and the regeneration agenda through the following sub groups:

- Employment Training & Education Group 8th February 2011
- Health Inequalities Group 22nd February 2011
- Youth Issues Group 16th February 2011
- Better & Safer Communities 3rd February 2011
- Fairer Scotland Fund Panel 21st January 2011
- Community Grants Fund Panel No Meeting this cycle

The Board is asked to agree to any recommendations contained herein.

INTRODUCTION

The following report has been devised as a means of reducing the amount of papers that are presented to the Neighbourhood Partnership Board. The report is in effect a composite report outlining key aspects of discussion, decisions taken and any known impact on the Neighbourhood Partnership and/or its partner agencies/members.

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### Details

**Employment Training & Education**

| Item 1. Citywide Employability Strategy: Capital City Partnership lost Government funding as of March 2011. Clearly this will have an impact on their ability to deliver the citywide strategy. Through the use of reserves and Council award they have a cushion which will enable them to continue short-term whilst at the same time lobbying the Scottish Government for long-term sustainable funding. WeAct service progressing well. Since its inception staff have engaged with 100 people. Drop-in service running each morning at Gilmerton Community Centre. Main source of referral is Jobcentre 18-24 Advisers. Project keen to receive more local referrals. Just Do It Course extended from 5 to 20 weeks due to the bad weather. Six of 10 completed. Of these 1 – Apprenticeship; 1 Voluntary placement with childcare provider; 3 – College and 1 – Access Course. The course will be re-run after Easter. 

The Partnership will recall that the FSF allocation was awarded on the basis of a two year employability programme. However in light of current developments the position in respect of 2011/12 is uncertain. |

| Item 2 Breakfast Clubs: Craigour Primary Breakfast Club up and running again but numbers of children attending is down from previous years. |

| Item 3. Unemployment Statistics: The figures for Liberton/Gilmerton as at December 2010 stood at 885 ie a rise of 84% from December 2006. The rise in women and young people unemployed being of particular concern. The figures show pockets of deprivation within the area. Knowledge of the demographics should assist the Partnership target specific areas/groups. 

Should be noted that Childcare Connections reporting a higher than usual number of children being removed due to parents having been made redundant. 

The changes to the benefit system as of April 2011 will impact on the statistics, particularly relating to women, as they move from Income Support to Job Seekers Allowance. |

| Item 4. GOALS – Valley Park Community Centre: Course finished in early January after delays due to the severe weather. Full evaluation not yet available. High retention rate with 7 of 8 completing the course. Of this 8, 3 are attending Jewel & Esk Valley College; 1 doing European Computer Driving Course, 3 sports/play volunteering at Telford College; 1 employed and 2 actively seeking employment. The costs have yet to be assessed fully but have largely been offset against existing budgets. Course well received and those who participated are hopefully now better placed to secure a positive destination. Collaboration between Working for Families, Apex, Jewel & Esk and other participating organisations worked very well. |

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### Item 5.  **Little France Working Group:** Developments at Little France have stalled given the current financial recession. Contact has been made with the University in respect of the SCRM (Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine) and Bio Incubator. Unfortunately they will not be recruiting in the short term. Staff housed in these buildings will be largely relocating from other parts of the city.

Edinburgh Development Initiative (EDI) has recently appointed four Zone Managers with individual responsibility for the four development areas across the city. Jennifer Conway has been appointed Zone Manager for the South. New business plans will be developed and aggressively marketed. Jennifer attending Little France meeting on 7th March.

Concern raised that due to Government funding decisions the Sick Childrens Hospital is now dependent on Scottish Futures Funding which may result in a scaled down hospital.

### Item 6.  **School Leaver Destinations:** Overall both local schools have improved on last year with Gracemount High School now showing positive outcome results in excess of the overall figures for Edinburgh.

**JET Programme:** JET now operating in 21 of the 23 city high schools. The programme has a high retention rate of 88% and a high calibre of employer placements. Participants are entering and sustaining positive post-school destinations; many taking up employment and modern apprenticeships with their JET placement employer.

It was recognised that youth unemployment overall is on the increase with the figure for Liberton/Gilmerton running at c.30% which is a disproportionate representation of young people.

### Item 7.  **Review of the Community Plan:** Discussions now taken place with all the sub groups and work begun on the 2011-14 plan with a number of action points being promoted by the sub groups. The Neighbourhood Team is about to start consultation with the wider community. Actions suggested by the ETE Group include (1) One-Stop-Shop housing the six individual employment advisers; (2) Provide space for colleges to run bespoke upskilling training courses locally; (3) Do women with children require special treatment given the new conditionality of benefits; (4) Tackle youth unemployment. This list is by no means exhaustive.
### HEALTH INEQUALITIES GROUP

**Item 1. Parenting Priority Working Group**

(a) **Oral Health Priority**  
At the November meeting of the group it was agreed that the Oral Health Priority should be amalgamated with the Parenting Priority since the remaining tasks associated with the Oral Health are now dependent on parental involvement. As already reported the Oral Health Priority had proved to be very successful in achieving significant additional services for the children and young people of Liberton Gilmerton through the provision of a dedicated dental service at Conan Doyle Health Centre. In its first year the service treated over 500 young people who otherwise would not have had access to a service or would have faced a long wait. It now regularly sees between 100 and 120 young people per week. The Parenting Priority Working Group will now be supporting the remaining work.

(b) **Parenting Information Event**  
The Parenting Priority Working Group will be hosting a parenting information event on **Friday 18th March 2011 at the Valley Park Community Centre at 9.30 am**. It is intended that this event will both provide information to parents and will also seek their views and opinions on issues and service provision in the area.

(c) **The Parenting Priority Working Group** is due to meet again Tuesday 12th April 2011 when it will be further developing the action plan, taking account of the information garnered from the Parenting Information Event.

### Item 2. Working Groups

(a) **Drugs and Alcohol Practitioners Forum**  
This group met recently on Wednesday 2nd February and it is intended that it will work more closely with the Edinburgh Drugs and Alcohol Partnership.

(b) **South East Older People’s Services Group**  
This group met on 23rd February 2011. The group has identified three areas for specific exploration and action this year, ie (i) better communication between agencies and departments, (ii) mental health services for older people, and (iii) barriers to accessing services eg need for home adaptations. The group would wish to be involved in the development of services associated with the Change Fund for 2011.

(c) **Mental Health and Well Being Forum**  
This group is due to meet again on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 3.00 pm in Gracemount Medical Centre.
| Item 3 | **Links with Edinburgh Leisure**  
Edinburgh Leisure have recently made contact with both the South Central and Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnerships with a view to improving links. Their representative James Brandon has attended meeting of both NP Health Groups. As a result of the positive feedback and networking Edinburgh Leisure is hosting a special event on **Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 1.30 pm in Gracemount Leisure Centre**. This event will provide information to agencies and service providers in the area who have an interest in physical activity and sports at any level. Members of the Neighbourhood Partnership will be particularly welcome to attend. |
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| Item 4 | **Development of Community Plan**  
The Health Inequalities Group discussed the development of the new community plan at both its November meeting and the February meeting. The group agreed that it would wish to widen the priority to “Tackling Health Inequalities in Liberton Gilmerton” with the 2 principal identified strands as Parenting and Older People.  
The group also discussed whether men’s health should be on the agenda for the Health Inequalities Group to progress and this was agreed. An informal group is currently drawing information about men’s health inequalities together with a view to creating a small working group at its next meeting. |
| Item 5 | **Visit to Liberton Gilmerton by Dr Charles Winstanley – Chairperson of NHS Lothian**  
A high level delegation had visited Liberton Gilmerton on 25th November to explore the extent and effectiveness of partnership working around health issues. The visiting delegation consisted of Dr Charles Winstanley Chairperson of Lothian Health,  
Cllr Paul Edie Leader, Health, Social Care and Housing  
Mr Mark Turley Director, Services for Communities  
Ms Maria Gray Manager, Children and Families, Community Learning and Development  
The visit consisted of a presentation and discussion session at which the delegation were provided with a portfolio about the Health related aspects of the community plan and the various health groups which Liberton Gilmerton Hosts. Thereafter the group made visits to 2 of the neighbourhood projects ie Libertus Services for Older People and the Craigour Community Health flats. It is hoped that a further visit will be undertaken in due course to look at the Parenting Information Point at Moredun Library and other services.  
The portfolio will be available should anyone wish a copy. |
### YOUTH ISSUES GROUP

**Meeting Held on:** 16\(^{th}\) February 2011

**Item 1.** **Sports Forum:** The Sports Forum has embarked on developing an ambitious ‘Sports Festival’ to take place on 10\(^{th}\) June at Inch Park. Over 20 sports providers will be available to allow young people to participate in taster sessions throughout the afternoon with a view to increasing overall participation thereafter.

Funding applications are about to be submitted to ensure that appropriate, high quality publicity is developed and to ensure that as many sports as possible can be available.

All involved are keen to see as many young people as possible in attendance and other agencies that engage young people in the widest sense.

**Item 2.** **Youth Engagement:** A number of activities including the summer 2010, October 2010 and the February week 2011 have been supported.

This has involved a wide range of organisations using a number of methods from trips out to arts and sports based activities. The police had highlighted that summer 2010 was one of the quietest for many years in respect of young people related anti social behaviour.

**Item 3.** **Young People & Alcohol:** Work is progressing on the development of the Young People & Alcohol Strategy for 2011-2014. The group taking this forward involves a wide range of agencies including High Schools, police, council and voluntary sector agencies. The strategy will focus on 4 key themes:
- Support
- Education
- Prevention
- Communication

The overall aim is to reduce the amount of alcohol young people are consuming therefore reducing risk taking behaviour and preventing harm.

The strategy will be completed by March 2011 thereafter; it will be recommended for adoption by the LGNP.

**Item 4.** **Youth Provision:** A calendar of activities and services for young people has been created to both inform young people and the wider community. This will be published in the spring 2011 edition of the Link and is also available on the Partnership website [www.edinburghnp.org.uk](http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk)

The information will be updated as and when more information or changes become available.

**Item 5.** **Youth Event:** The Youth Issues Group is keen to explore the possibility of developing another youth engagement event possibly in August/September. A small working group has been agreed and will meet very soon to start the process. Building on the success of the 2010 event, it is hoped to involve more young people from across the neighbourhood with a focus on ensuring the event itself meets the needs of those participating.

Further information including a date and venue will be provided as soon as this is known.
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<td><strong>21st Century Homes:</strong> Work on site had been held up due to the severe winter weather however, the project is once again progressing well and the timber frames are scheduled to begin construction around May.</td>
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<td>A detailed report is provided at agenda item 7.</td>
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<td><strong>Southhouse Shops:</strong> Again, the project was held up due to the weather for a total of 5/6 weeks. All hard surfacing and improvements should be completed by mid February. There are still concerns locally about the shops themselves and it is hoped to identify a solution to at least achieve some external painting.</td>
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<td>The SNT priorities were discussed. There were 8 preferences put to the group and from these, the following priorities were agreed:</td>
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| **1. Ravenswood Avenue**  
There are a number of issues including drugs and anti social behaviour in and around two stairs in the area. Efforts will be concentrated on resolving many of the issues. |
| **2. Gracemount Drive / Priesthill Street**  
This has remained a priority since November. Whilst some of the issues have reduced, it is intended that further dedicated work will be undertaken in the coming months. |
| **3. Gracemount Primary School (Parking)**  
Indiscriminate parking in and around the school area is a major cause for concern and the SNT will undertake an educational approach to drivers at peak times. This will also involve the school children to re-educate parents about road safety and to encourage walking to school etc. |
### Item 3

**Neighbourhood Environment Projects:** Work is progressing well in respect of the projects identified. To date, 7 projects have been completed, 6 projects are on site with a further 7 projects passed to the contractors for start dates. All projects will be completed before 31st March.

**Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park:** Following the successful Green Flag process, work turns to ensuring that adequate maintenance processes and increased use of the park is in place. The Steering Group continues to drive forward the 10 year management plan and the Friends Group is now regularly holding clean up sessions in all areas of the park.

An ongoing dispute with Sainsbury’s and the dumping of trolleys appears to have been resolved with Sainsbury’s agreeing to work closely with the friends group and CEC staff.

**Winter Maintenance:** It was acknowledged by the group that a great deal of work had been undertaken locally by a wide number of local office staff to assist with supporting the community through the severe weather.

**Roads:** It is evident that the severe weather has taken its toll on local roads. 2 squads have been working in the area carrying out patching work. Added to this has been the complete resurfacing of Burdiehouse Road.

In respect of the Roads Projects, there is one outstanding project from 2008/9 on the Old Dalkeith Road to install a new footway. This will be completed by the end of March.

All 2009/10 projects are complete with 3 projects outstanding for 2010/11: Old Dalkeith Road/Craigmillar Castle Road (improve footway/crossing), Moredunvale Estate (resurface internal footpaths) and Southhouse Shops (redevelopment of footways).

Work is underway to develop the 2011/12 Portfolio. The provisional date for the selection process is 22nd March. Portfolios will be sent out 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

### Item 4

**Neighbourhood Environmental Projects (NEP):** The group were pleased to learn that the area had been awarded a further c. £130,000 to undertake more projects. This will mean that by the end of March 2011 30 local projects will have been completed including 3 large scale in Gracemount, Gilmerton Dykes and Moredun.

The process is now underway to identify potential projects for 2011/12 with the portfolio due to be circulated in the next couple of weeks.

### Item 5

**Tenant Participation:** An interesting presentation was made to the group following the same presentation being made to the NP Convenors group. It highlighted the role of the council in supporting tenant participation and an overview of the work of the Edinburgh Tenants Federation. A number of concerns were raised about tenant participation and these have been addressed under a separate report to the Partnership.
On 21st January the FSF Panel met with senior officials from the three lead departments, i.e., Children & Families, Health & Social Care, and City Development. Each department had undergone a different method of assessing projects but all took cognisance of the requirement for an 8% cut across the total budget. At that meeting, the officials outlined the recommendations they intended to put forward to the full Council on 10th February 2011. The awards recommended for approval in respect of Liberton/Gilmerton are as undernoted.

Over the coming months, the departments will undertake a period of negotiation with the projects, working toward the introduction of Service Level Agreements.

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<td>Childcare Connections: £130,000</td>
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**COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL**

| Item 1. No Panel Meeting during the period. Balance at November 2010 - £1,100. Further application received from Inch Park Community Sports Club which if approved will represent a full year’s spend. The Council has made an allocation to Community Grants for 2011/12 at the 2010/11 level minus 8%. If distributed between the Neighbourhood Partnerships in a similar fashion to last year the figure available to Liberton/Gilmerton would be £29,595. NB exact figure to be confirmed. | Meeting Held on: | No Meeting |
