

South Central Neighbourhood Partnership

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South Central Local Community Plan 2014-2017

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Executive summary

South Central Local Community Plan 2014-2017

Summary

This report is intended to provide members of the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership with details about the development of the 2014–2017 Local Community Plan and the associated priorities.

Recommendations

- To note the content of the report.
- To authorise Neighbourhood team to engage with the wider community during January, February and March 2014.
- Agree to receive a report including recommendations for 2014-17 Local Community Plan priorities at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 17 March 2014 (date to be confirmed).

Measures of success

Neighbourhood Partnerships aim to improve the quality of people's lives through the delivery of effective, joined up and appropriate services. The new South Central Local Community Plan will identify the specific outcomes, actions and performance measures for the key priorities that local people recognise as being of concern to them. Key measures of the overall success of the individual identified priorities will be agreed by the appropriate Priority Groups. Other measures of success include:

- Increased number of people who feel able to have a say on local services
- Increased number of people who feel that the Council takes account of residents' views when making decisions.
- Increased number of people who agree that their neighbourhood is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together

Financial impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Equalities impact

The South Central Neighbourhood Partnership is aware of the Equalities Act 2010 and will take cognisance of this legislation when planning any engagement provision ensuring that all sections of the community are given the opportunity to participate in the selection of the priorities for inclusion within the 2014-2017 Local Community Plan.

Sustainability impact

The selection of appropriate priorities for inclusion within the Local Community Plan will be intended to assist the Neighbourhood Partnership to create a strong and cohesive community within South Central which is able to participate with confidence in the life of the city of Edinburgh.

Consultation & Engagement

In the first instance, the existing Priority Groups within the Neighbourhood Partnership have been or will be consulted and asked for their views on the priorities for the coming three years. This will form the basis of a much wider consultation period throughout January, February and March which will involve all sections of the community in a variety of methods appropriate to the subject matter. These would include small group sessions, surveys, focus groups, voting boxes, survey monkey, email, hard copies, library exhibitions etc.

Background reading / external references

When discussing the potential priorities at Priority group level, members are asked to ensure any priorities proposed are fit for purpose. This includes linking with the [2013 – 2016 Edinburgh Community Plan](#) (SOA) outcomes and the [Capital Coalition Pledges](#).

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report is intended to inform the members of the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership about the development of the 2014-2017 Local Community Plan and the associated priorities.

2. Main Report

- 2.1 The 2011–2014 Local Community Plan is nearing the end of its cycle and the Priority Groups will be undertaking a review over the coming months culminating in a formal report being presented to the Neighbourhood Partnership at its meeting in March 2014
- 2.2 To ensure a level of continuity, planning for the 2014–2017 Local Community Plan is underway. This report and associated papers have been or will be submitted to all the Partnership's Priority Groups over the coming weeks. Each Priority Group is asked to put forward two priorities which will be presented to the wider community during January, February and March 2014.
- 2.3 Whilst this work is being developed as the current Local Community Plan enters its final phase, it is vital that any work already underway to support actions associated with the current priorities can continue.
- 2.4 Having now developed two Local Community Plans, there has been a great deal of learning in terms of how they were established, the supporting evidence used, the community engagement processes and ultimately how they were taken forward using action planning processes. From the experiences of developing the current Local Community Plan and taking forward the priorities, it is clear that further refining will assist to ensure all aspects of the Local Community Plan are manageable but can also deliver measurable outcomes, attributed to true partnership approaches.
- 2.5 It is essential that the 2014 – 2017 Local Community Plan is developed in a way that enables improved reporting of activity against the agreed priorities to ensure that communities and partners are able to identify how positive action contributes to specific outcomes.
- 2.6 The methodologies proposed include small group sessions, surveys, focus groups, voting boxes, survey monkey, email, hard copies, library exhibitions etc.

2.7 Each Priority Group will be asked to discuss and identify two proposed priorities which will then be used as the basis for wider consultation subject to agreement by the Partnership. It should be noted that the initial development or identification of a priority does not guarantee it will be adopted. At the time of writing three Priority Groups have met and their suggestions are noted below.

2.8 Health & Well Being Priority Group:

- Improved Mental Health of Older People by the introduction of initiatives which alleviate and reduce health inequalities.
- Bridging and bonding the age gap by encouraging intergenerational activities.

2.9 Children Young People & Families Group:

- Engaging positively with young people
- Increased enjoyment of outdoor space and activities by children and young people.

2.10 Dumbiedykes Quality of Life Group:

- The group wish Improved Quality of Life in Dumbiedykes to be continued. The group will focus its work on specific areas of concern eg isolation of elderly residents but this would require further discussion..

2.11 The two remaining Priority Groups ie Environment & Town Centre and Community Safety will meet in early December and they too will be asked to consider and recommend two priorities.

2.12 In order to allow all key stages to be developed the undernoted timeframe has been developed.

Action	By When?
Partnership priority groups to discuss and identify potential priorities for the 2014 – 2017 Local Community Plan	November/December 2013
Undertake extensive community consultation to reach a consensus on the draft priorities and to highlight any others which could be adopted	March 2014
Report Community Consultation outcomes and recommend priorities to the Partnership	March 2014
Priority groups to develop action plan and Key Performance Indicators against the agreed priorities	May / June 2014
Develop outline summary of new community plan	August 2014
Publish the 2014 – 2017 Local Community Plan	September 2014

3. Recommendations

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Links

Coalition pledges	P33 - Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used
Council outcomes	CO23 - Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community
Single Outcome Agreement	SO2 – Edinburgh’s citizens experience improved health and wellbeing, with reduced inequalities in health SO3 – Edinburgh’s children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential SO4 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric