

South Central Neighbourhood Partnership

6.00 pm – Monday, 25 November 2013

Neighbourhood Partnership Priority Group Activity Report

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Executive summary

Neighbourhood Partnership – Priority Group Activity Report

Summary

This report is intended to provide members of the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership with a detailed activity report on the work of its Priority and Working Groups.

Recommendations

- To note the content of the report

Measures of success

Neighbourhood Partnerships aim to improve the quality of people's lives through the delivery of more effective, joined up and appropriate services. The South Central Local Community Plan identifies the specific outcomes, actions and performance measures for the five key priorities that local people identified as being of concern to them. Key measures of the overall success of the actions undertaken by partners in the Priority Groups include.

- Dependence on out of work benefits or child tax credits
- Percentage of crime solved – anti social behaviour
- Satisfaction with recycling facilities
- Satisfaction with parks and green spaces
- Youth work attendance (all sectors)
- Satisfaction with facilities for teenagers
- Satisfaction with facilities for older people
- Number of people receiving an intermediate care service
- Satisfaction with the way anti social behaviour is dealt with
- Satisfaction with dealing with vandalism and graffiti
- Satisfaction with street drinking or alcohol related disorder is not a problem in our neighbourhood.

Financial impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Equalities impact

The Priority Groups of the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership are aware of the Equalities Act 2010 and any changes to service provision arising from these groups would be subject to consideration of an Equalities Impact Assessment

Sustainability impact

The work of the Priority Groups seeks to improve the physical, social and health environment for all of its residents and visitors.

Consultation and engagement

The Priority Groups comprise representatives from the Community Councils throughout the Partnership area along with local residents with an interest and/or expertise in specific areas or work. They also include representatives from the statutory and voluntary sectors as appropriate. Community Council members report to their membership on the work of the Priority Groups. The Priority Groups, when required, consult with the wider community using a variety of methods of engagement.

Background reading / external references

Minutes of Priority Group meetings in Services for Communities files on the Neighbourhood Partnership web site. <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/south-central/downloads/priority-groups/>

Neighbourhood Partnership – Priority Group Activity Report

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership on the development and activity related to the following local community plan priority groups
- **Dumbiedykes Quality of Life Priority Group:** This group is responsible for taking forward the Quality of Life in Dumbiedykes priority.
 - **Environment & Town Centre Priority Group:** this group is responsible for taking forward the Improve the Environment & Town Centre priority.
 - **Children Young People & Families Priority Group:** This group is responsible for taking forward the Better Services for Young People priority.
 - **Health & Well Being Group:** This group is responsible for taking forward the Better Services for Young People priority.
 - **Community Safety Group:** this group is responsible for taking forward the Improvement Community Safety priority,
- 1.2 The Meadows & Bruntsfield Links Advisory Group (MABLAG) and Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) Working Group also both report directly to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

2. Main report

- 2.1 The report sets out activity with the Partnership's Priority Group structure for the period 2 September 2013 to 25 November 2013.
- 2.2 **Dumbiedykes Quality of Life Priority Group** met on 14th November 2013. Items considered included:
- **Changeworks – Heat Advisory Service:** Presentation by Affordable Warmth Adviser. Presentation concentrated on Heat Heroes - service available for over 65's. Programme funded by NHS Lothian. Group of volunteers provide advice on availability of energy efficiency grants and practical advice on the use of various heating systems. Advice given in individual's home.
 - **Transport:** Local representatives continuing to push for bus service with access to the Pleasance. Awaiting decision in January.

- Community Plan: Progress to date noted. Group agreed that still more to be achieved and requested Improved Quality of Life in Dumbiedykes again be put forward as a Neighbourhood Partnership priority. The group felt that there is considerable social isolation in respect of the elderly. Transport key to its improvement. People in Dumbiedykes don't have access to public transport and are therefore more trapped than their counterparts elsewhere in the city. Group would consider focussing efforts on support for carers, kinship initiatives and the like.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, 13 February 2014.

2.3 **Environment & Town Centre Priority Group** met on 20 June 2013. Items considered included:

- Recycling: Update included issues
 - Causewayside – Earthy removed Glass Bank due to misuse.
 - Tollcross: Gillespie site should be in place in the next few months.
 - Kerbside re-design: Looking at 140 ltr wheely bins for tenements.
 - Food Waste – trial had good uptake
 - Student Campaign – ran throughout Freshers Fairs at Edinburgh, Napier and Heriot Watt.
- Shrub Swap Shop: Presentation on recycling swap shop funded via Community grant and aimed at reducing fly-tipping at the end of the academic year.
- Summer Action Programme: Three areas selected for action ie Dumbiedykes, Tollcross and Southside/Burdiehouse.
- Update given on items included on Action Plan.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, 2 December 2013

2.4 **Children Young People & Families Priority Group:** Met on 12 November 2013. Items considered included:

- Team Around the Cluster – Update from Brian Jennings, Area Co-ordinator. In South Central this involves five schools. Each Team has chosen a different emphasis depending on issues apparent throughout that specific area. Basic premise behind this concept is that of sharing information and concentrating efforts for the benefit of individual young people who may need extra support.
- Community Engagement 2014: Discussed proposals on how best to engage with community with specific regard to young people.
- Discussed potential priorities for possible inclusion in the 2014-17 Community Plan. Agreed the undernoted will go out to community consultation in 2014:

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

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, 21 January 2013

2.5 **Health & Well Being Priority Group:** met on 5 November 2013. Items considered included:

- Main item on the agenda was consideration of the 2014-2017 Community Plan and how the group wished to progress into the future. After considerable debate the undernoted two priorities were suggested for consideration by the wider community
 - 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.
- Dementia Awareness Programme: Short presentation by Manager of Home Instead Senior Care to make group aware of this programme. Designed to help train staff in shops etc on how to assist people that may be confused. Efforts underway to make Edinburgh a Dementia Friendly city.
- Community Connecting/Vintage Vibes: Paper circulated and discussed regarding how the two elderly befriending initiatives complement each other.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, 6 February 2014

2.6 **Community Safety Priority Group:** met on 25 September 2013. Items considered included:

- **Community Policing Team (CPT) Priorities:** All previous priorities discharged. Priorities for current three months as undernoted.
- Meadows/Morningside:
 - West Meadows – Action Against Graffiti
 - Advice given to Tollcross Traders re prevention of shop-lifting
 - Inconsiderate/illegal parking at Primary Schools
- Southside/Newington
 - East Meadows – Action Against Graffiti
 - Target bicycle theft & prevention within the environs of the Edinburgh University campus.
 - Dumbiedykes – address anti social behaviour associated with drug misuse – in particular within the area surrounding Viewcraig Gardens.

- **Local Police Update:** Reported that there will be no reduction in Community Officers, at least for the foreseeable future. However changes in shift patterns from January 2014 may impede their ability to attend Partnership and/or community meetings. The community representatives commended the work of the Community Officers and reiterated their concerns that their input and knowledge not be lost to the communities within which they serve.
- **Behaviour of Cyclists on the Meadows & Bruntsfield Links and Pavements throughout the area:** Complaints received regarding inconsiderate cycling. Noted that cycling on the pavement, at any age, is illegal and entirely a police matter. Cycling permitted on all pathways within the Meadows & Bruntsfield Links. Agreed to ask Neighbourhood Partnership to approve setting up a small working group to look into the issue and what actions could be taken to make the area safe for both cyclists and pedestrians.
- **Action Plan:** Updates given including:
 - New City Centre Warden Team comprising 12 Officers. Specific remit to combat and enforce dog fouling, litter and trade waste legislation.
 - Operation Kingaroy – High profile police presence of community officers in specific area.
 - Festival Posters – poster system around West Richmond Street and Pleasance worked well. Favourable comments received from residents.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, 4 December 2013

2.7 **Meadows & Bruntsfield Links Advisory Group:** met on 26 August 2013 Items considered included:

- Events Impact/Turf conditions/Worn Ground: Drainage points now tracked; Main drain opened at Townswomens Guild Walk; Funfair on site for further week; meeting with Meadows Festival organisers re issues raised. Depressions on Short Hole Golf Course; noted soil supplied and work in progress to remediate the depressions.
- Future Events: Events which may cause damage to turf have been discouraged. Moonwalk and similar sized events encouraged to use other venues to enable the park to recover.
- Voluntary Project Work: Proposed dates supplied for upcoming voluntary work.

- Review of Parks Manifesto: Current manifesto runs to 2014. Review of 2013 events to be undertaken and passed to Transport & Environment Committee. Group asked to comment on Review of Events Governance report prepared for Policy & Strategy Committee.
- Artwork to Scottish Power Building: Formal application made to Neighbourhood Partnership to fund half the artwork costs etc. Scottish Power agreed to pay half.
- Toilets: Issues of public urination still a concern. Investigation into the installation of pissoir style facilities.
- Outdoor Gym: Suitable area been identified for the installation of outdoor gym. Funding still required to be sourced c.£70.

Next Meeting Scheduled for 25 November 2013.

2.8 **HMO Working Group:** met on 7 October 2013 Items considered included:

- Overprovision: discussion about progress made in examining the overprovision issue following introduction of new legislation giving Local Authorities a discretionary power to introduce over-provision policy. Working Group was carrying out research on this and will report to Regulatory Committee; no current timescale for report.
- Private Rented Services has drafted a Charter aimed at driving up standards in the sector. Approved at Heath, Wellbeing and Housing Committee on 6 September 2013.
- Private Rented Services has developed an Enforcement Policy, also approved at Heath, Wellbeing and Housing Committee, giving general guidance on the approach taken by the service on enforcement in the sector.
- Noise Standard – Council introduced an “exemption process” in May 2013 to allow landlords to apply for an exemption to the requirement for carpeting in living areas and halls that was introduced in 2012. Landlords are keen for a review of this process so that carpeting is only required if there have been complaints about noise. Confirmed that the process is to be reviewed and comments could be submitted to the Regulatory Committee for consideration.
- Next Meeting - to be arranged

2.9 Full copies of the minutes of the respective meetings can be accessed via the Neighbourhood Partnership Website
<http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/south-central/>

3. Recommendations

3.1 To note the content of this report

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4. Links

Coalition pledges	P33 - <u>Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used</u>
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

ATTENDEES AT PRIORITY GROUP MEETINGS THIS CYCLE

<p>Dumbiedykes Quality of Life Meeting: 14 November 2013</p> <p>Cllr Cameron Rose CEC Cllr Ian Perry CEC Cllr Steve Burgess CEC Lesley Roy Advice Assistant to M Biagi Marion Bradley BCM – Writers Maureen Chalmers Braidwood Management Com Liz Mulligan Braidwood Management Com PC Graham Watt Police Scotland - CPT Suzanne Quinnan Canongate Youth Drew Murphy Changeworks Paul Harrison Local Resident Linda Ellison Local Resident Isa Duncan Local Resident Fiona Kelly Local Resident Agnes Logan Local Resident Joe Logan Local Resident Sheila Fisher Local Resident Pamela Spiers CEC – C&F CLD Debbie Ritchie CEC – Property Team Kevin Hawes CEC – Community Safety Margaret Campbell CEC -SfC</p>	<p>Environment & Town Centre Group Meeting: 9 September 2013</p> <p>Cllr Jim Orr CEC Tony Puntis Tollcross CC Tony Harris Grange Prestonfield CC Steve Gregory Morningside CC Rosy Barnes Morningside CC Robin Morris Merchiston CC Elspeth Zank Local Resident Jo Scott Southside Association Douglas Dalglish Savile Area Residents Assoc David Summerville University of Edinburgh Joe Thompson SHRUB Co-opertive David Doig Local Environment Manager Hema Herkes SfC Waste Gareth Thomas SfC Environment Team</p>
<p>Community Safety Group Meeting: 25 September 2013</p> <p>Cllr Cameron Rose CEC Cllr Paul Godzik CEC Iain Doig Merchiston CC Ann Wigglesworth Tollcross CC Sue Tritton Grange Prestonfield CC Steve Gregory Morningside CC Ginette Lowdean EUSA – Advice Place Co- Sgt Steven Cairns Police Scotland Paul Swan Housing & Regn Manager Kathy Evans Community Safety Manager Margaret Campbell P’ship Development Officer</p>	<p>HMO Working Group Meeting: 7 October 2013</p>

**Health & Well Being Group Meeting:
5 November 2013**

Jennifer Fairgrieve	NHS Lothian, ECHP
Sue Muir	NHS Lothian, ECHP
Adam Fuller	Prestonfield Neigh Centre
Linda Wright	Prestonfield Neigh Centre
David Stevenson	Grange/Prestonfield CC
Heather Goodare	Tollcross CC
Dianna Manson	Merchiston Resident
George Pitcher	Southside Association
Ann Young	SEAG
Milind Kolhatkar	EVOG
Adnrew Senew	Home Instead Senior Care
Pamela Spiers	CEC – C&F CLD
Evelyn Kilmurry	CEC SfC
Margaret Campbell	CEC SfC

**Children Young People & Families Group
12 November 2013**

George Pitcher	Southside Association
Jo Young	Morningside CC
Vicky Ridley	Canongate Youth
Sgt Steven Cairns	Police Scotland
Caroline Lamont	CEC C&F CLD
Brian Jennings	CEC C&F
Evelyn Kilmurry	CEC SfC
Vanessa Chalmers	CEC SfC
Margaret Campbell	CEC SfC

**MABLAG
26 August 2013**

Chris Wigglesworth	Tollcross CC
Linda Hendry	Southside Assoc
Alison Service	Marchmont Sciennes CC
Heather Goodare	FOMBL
Cllr Melanie Main	CEC
David Doig	Local Environment Manager
Mike Shields	South Comm Parks Office
Gareth Thomas	SfC Environ Devel Officer