

Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership

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Item 5.3

South Community Engagement Plan 2014

(Incorporating South Central & Liberton Gilmerton NP neighbourhoods)

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Executive summary

South Community Engagement Plan 2014

Summary

This report is intended to provide members of the Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership with a synopsis of the proposed South Community Engagement Plan 2014.

Recommendations

- To make any suggestions for additional engagement activity to the Community Engagement Plan.
- To approve the Community Engagement Plan 2014
- 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 effective joined up and appropriate services. The Community Engagement Plan sets out proposals as to how the Neighbourhood Partnership intends to engage with the community in order to better involve local people in improving services and decision making processes. Key measures of the overall success of the actions undertaken by partners within the context of Community Engagement plan 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.

Financial impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Equalities impact

The Liberton Gilmerton 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 community engagement process. Special efforts will be made to engage with the hardly reached sections of the local community.

Sustainability impact

The ethos of the Community Engagement Plan is to ensure that an increased number of local people feel able to make their views known, should they so wish, and feel confident to participate in the local decision making process.

Consultation & Engagement

It would be the intention to consult with all sections of the community in a variety of methods appropriate to the subject matter. These would include small group sessions, focus groups, voting boxes, survey monkey, email, library exhibitions, themed events etc.

Background reading / external references

Draft Community Engagement Plan 2014 as per attached Appendix 1.

South Community Engagement Plan 2014

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report is intended to inform the members of the Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership on proposals in respect of the South Community Engagement Plan 2014 which includes provision for consultation on the 2014-2017 Local Community Plan.

2. Main Report

- 2.1 The South Community Engagement Plan 2014 outlines the Partnership's commitment as to how it will engage with the local community in order to provide them with an increased opportunity to have a say in the local decision making processes. The plan will be key to the success of the Partnership activity.
- 2.2 A workshop session for partners and officers took place on 22nd October 2013 to draft an initial plan for consideration by the Neighbourhood Partnership. The proposed synopsis plan is attached at Appendix 1 and members of the Partnership are asked to approve this plan and, where appropriate, make further suggestions to be included.
- 2.3 The engagement plan will be used as a tool to connect with the community throughout the coming year and in particular in respect of the consultation with regard to selecting the priorities for the 2014-2017 Local Community Plan.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 To make suggestions for additional engagement activity to the Community Engagement Plan 2014
- 3.2 To approve the Community Engagement Plan 2014
- 3.3 To note the content of this report.

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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

Appendix 1 – South Neighbourhood - Community Engagement Plan 2014

Outcomes-

Increased no of people who feel able to have say on local services (SC 35% LG 26% City average 34%)

Increased no of people who feel that the council takes account of residents views when making decisions (SC 69% LB 45% City average 55%)

Increased no of people who agree that their neighbourhood is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together
(SC 93% LB 86% City average 90%)

What do we want to achieve?	How are we going to do it?	Who's doing it?	When will it be done?	What's been done so far?
Support local Community Councils and Neighbourhood Forums to raise their profile and improve their representation	Review the Community Council Liaison Officer service	Mags Campbell	end Mar 14	
Increase involvement and awareness of Neighbourhood Partnership activity/ meetings	Review the NP Priority/ Sub Groups in the light of the newly selected priorities for the Local Community Plans	Evelyn Kilmurry	May-14	
	Deliver appropriate themed events/ activities to involve the community in the development of the priority action plans e.g. Care and Support Health Information Event	Lead officer will depend on event theme		
	Use social media techniques- facebook/ twitter- to promote NP activity	Scott Donkin/ Vanessa Chalmers	Ongoing	x no of followers- South Neighbourhood Team
	Develop the NP websites and keep postings current	Scott Donkin/ Mags Campbell	Ongoing	Community Engagement section developed
	Increase use of local media opportunities e.g. Morningside Reporter	All	Ongoing	
	Develop Partnership Information Boards in libraries and selected community venues	Vanessa Chalmers	Mar-14	
Widen community input to the Local Community Plans 2014-17	Attend community events/ outreach sessions			
	Use voting boxes at selected community venues			

	Publicise decisions on LCP priorities to the wider community- You Said- We Will Do			
Increase knowledge of the Community Grants Fund and ways for local people to become involved in decision making	Support and develop the EUSA "Students in the Community" Event at Teviot Row	Sheona Lawson/ Evelyn Kilmurry/ Margaret Campbell	Jan-14	Planning meetings held
	Highlight/ promote positive outcomes from successfully funded projects- NP website/ media opportunities/ Partnership Information Board displays	Margaret Campbell/ Vanessa Chalmers/ Scott Donkin	Ongoing	
	Present paper on participatory budgeting and CGF to Lib/ Gil NP/ South Central NP	Evelyn Kilmurry/ Margaret Campbell	10-Dec-14	
Increase young peoples involvement in the development of local services and awareness of the Neighbourhood Partnership/ Youth Forums	Undertake consultation with young people in South Central area and agree strategy of wider engagement activity	Caroline Lamond/ Evelyn Kilmurry	Sep-14	
	Develop the Children, Young People and Families Priority Group or equivalent	Caroline Lamond/ Evelyn Kilmurry	May-14	
	Develop Social Media and other methods of engaging with local young people	Scott Donkin/ Vanessa Chalmers	Ongoing	
	Involve local secondary schools/ Pupil Councils in engagement activity	Caroline Lamond/ Douglas Jeffrey/ Scott Donkin/ Margaret Campbell	Jun-14	
	Ensure the views of young people expressed at YouthTalk13 and as part of the Youth Services Review are taken forward by partners and outcomes publicised to those involved	Scott Donkin/ Brian Jennings/ Douglas Jeffrey	Dec-13	Report produced/ YouthTalk 13 stakeholders event planned
Wider input and involvement in the Neighbourhood Environment Programme projects	Produce proposals for the review of the NEP process and present to NPs	Paul Swan	Dec-13	Planning meetings held
	Promote opportunity for people to make suggestions for environmental improvements and publicise using social media, NP websites, library displays, electronic networks	Paul Swan/David Doig	Jan-14	
	Feedback/ publicise outcomes to the wider community through electronic networks and in libraries -You Said We Did	Paul Swan/ as above		
	Consider ways to involve more people in the decision making process	Paul Swan		

	Use VOICE software to plan engagement activity	Paul Swan/ Scott Donkin		
	Discussions at NP Priority / Sub Groups and Forums	Paul Swan	Jan-14	
	Develop online/ hard copy survey and distribute	Paul Swan/David Doig	Dec-13	