

# South West Neighbourhood Partnership

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## South West Neighbourhood Partnership: Annual Review

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### Executive Summary

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The 2014-2017 South West Local Community Plan details the five priorities the local community want the Neighbourhood Partnership to focus upon. The Review offers an update on work towards those priorities and other Partnership business. The Review focuses on work of the Partnership Action Groups in the South West, collaborative working between the community and partner organisations, as well as looking to how the Partnership can improve community engagement in future.

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Coalition Pledges	P33
Council Priorities	CO23 and CO24
Single Outcome Agreement	SO1, SO2, SO3 and SO4

## South West Neighbourhood Partnership: Annual Review

### 1. Recommendations

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The South West Neighbourhood Partnership agrees to:

- 1.1 Note the work undertaken by the Partnership over the previous twelve months (2016-2017);
- 1.2 Note the work undertaken by the Partnership over the previous three years in meeting community priorities in the Local Community Plan 2014-2017.

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 The current South West Local Community Plan (LCP) was approved by the South West Neighbourhood Partnership (SWNP) Board in autumn 2014 and sets out six priorities for the Partnership area. To work towards these priorities the Neighbourhood Partnership delegates work to themed action or sub-groups. These groups vary in composition including service providers and often community representatives and local councillors.

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 The South West Neighbourhood Partnership Review details work undertaken by community planning partners in the South West between 2014 and 2017.
- 3.2 The South West Locality Improvement Plan has been in development since October 2016 and has involved representatives from community organisations and members of the public, offering them the opportunity to talk to professional officers, network, and suggest ideas. This has provided a base for locality planning and consultation in light of the need for a refresh of community priorities this year.

### 4. Measures of success

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- 4.1 Action and working groups set objectives and measures of success for the work they undertake, within the context of the South West Local Community Plan priorities.

## **5. Financial impact**

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- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications from the recommendations in this report.

## **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 This report proposes no change to current policies, procedures, or compliance arrangements.

## **7. Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 This report proposes no change to current policies or procedures and as such a full impact assessment is not required. The contents have no relevance to the public sector Equality Duty of the Equality Act 2010.

## **8. Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 There is no sustainability impacts associated with this report as defined by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

## **9. Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 The Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Review has been written in consultation with service teams, partners, and work stream leads.

## **10. Background reading/external references**

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- 10.1 Annual Report to South West Neighbourhood Partnership, dated 9 June 2015, [Annual Review Report](#)
- 10.2 Annual Report to South West Neighbourhood Partnership, dated 7 June 2016, [Annual Review Report](#)

**Mike Avery**

South West Locality Manager

## 11. Links

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<b>Coalition Pledges</b>	P33 - – Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used.
<b>Council Priorities</b>	CO23– Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community  CO24 – The Council communicates effectively internally and externally and has an excellent reputation
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	SO1 – Edinburgh’s economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all  SO2– Edinburgh’s citizens experience improved health and well being, 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
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# South West Neighbourhood Partnership

Review

Local Community Plan 2014-2017



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# Annual Review 2014 – 2017

South West Neighbourhood Partnership

## Introduction

Welcome to the South West Neighbourhood Partnership Review for 2014-17.

We have all been working hard over the last three years to make a difference in Pentlands by acting on the priorities highlighted by local people in the South West Local Community Plan.

Edinburgh's Neighbourhood Partnerships bring services closer to local people, and help partners understand local needs. It is a framework that allows the effective coordination of resources to solve problems and deliver at local level. The multi-agency network focuses upon sharing local intelligence to solve problems. This means that the range of expertise from across the public and voluntary sectors is brought to bear on the issues that really matter to the South West Neighbourhood Partnership communities.

In the following pages this review will report on an overview of projects, which contributed towards the delivery of the local community plan and community priorities, and where of particular interest, such as the intergenerational events organised collaboratively by Health all Round and St. Martin's Community Resource Centre (SMCRC); Participatory budgeting (PB) initiatives, one aimed at engaging young people, and another that looked to address health concerns in the community. These PB projects gave local people the opportunity to vote on how they wanted grant money spent. Work of the Transport and Environment group to engage local people and promote use of public parks. It also details community safety initiatives between the Council, police and local people, as well as the work of the Area Board and South West Funding Panel.

The South West Neighbourhood Partnership has also been keen to support community organisations and encourage small scale projects that benefit the local community. The Community Grants Fund has been an important resource supporting community organisations to deliver local projects. This year there were seventeen recipients of grants from the SW Funding Panel totalling £30,249. In addition The SW Partnership received £20 000 in matched funding to deliver South West Health Matters, a participatory budgeting project aimed at promoting better health in the community. With this extra cash it meant that the Partnership delivered a total of £70 249 in grants to the local community.

This review will highlight the work carried out throughout the year, made possible by the assistance and contribution of many local people and partner organisations.

## **South West Neighbourhood Partnership Board Membership**

Each Neighbourhood Partnership in Edinburgh has a core membership made up of local Councillors, the NHS, Police, Fire and Rescue, the voluntary sector and the local communities that make up the partnership.

**Councillor Eric Milligan (Convener)**

**Councillor Cathy Fullerton**

**Councillor Andrew Burns**

**Councillor Donald Wilson**

**Councillor Denis Dixon**

**Councillor David Key**

**Councillor Gavin Corbett**

**Betty Milton**, Sighthill, Parkhead & Broomhouse, Community Council

**Ann Denholm**, Wester Hailes Community Council

**Rona Brown**, Gorgie Dalry Community Council

**Harry Sutherland**, Hutchinson Chesser Community Council

**Andy Davenport**, Tollcross Community Council

**Kevin McKay**, Craiglockhart Community Council

**John Allan**, Longstone Community Council

**Tom Graveson**, Merchiston Community Council

**Inspector Scot Richardson**, Police Scotland

**Andy Shanks**, Integrated Health and Social Care

**John Hanlin**, Scottish Fire and Rescue

**Linda Arthur / Bridie Ashrowan**, Voluntary Sector

The South West NP is supported by the South West Neighbourhood Team based at the local office at Westside Plaza, Wester Hailes.

The Neighbourhood Manager for South West Edinburgh is **Mike Avery**

## **Annual Review - South West Neighbourhood Partnership – 2016/17**

Over the last year work being developed by the Partnership has involved looking at options to encourage community engagement and shift from formal meetings towards project work. This approach allows much greater focus on particular pieces of work. To this end the Partnership has trialled a new engagement approach, using workshops and engagement events to reach out to the wider community, looking at priorities previously discussed at the SW Transport & Environment Action Group.



### ***South West Health Matters - Participatory Budgeting Initiative***

The South West Neighbourhood Partnership at its annual review on 7 June 2016 sought to continue the successful participatory budget (PB) initiative, where local people vote for the projects they want to see delivered, carried out the previous year under the title of Grant a Grand which was aimed at young people in the partnership area. The new theme was to promote health and wellbeing projects with the focus on non medical or community referral interventions and activities offered by social prescribing to encourage more community and third sector involvement. The community indicated they wanted to have more preventative health activity and more positive healthier lifestyle choices.

The Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to increase the funding from the community grant budget from £10,000 provided to the previous PB project, to £20,000. The increase was aimed at maximising the opportunity offered by the Scottish Government to match fund thereby doubling the grant budget to £40,000.

In total 175 partner organisation and community groups were targeted in the promotion phase of the PB initiative, resulting in 13 applications totalling £54,600.

In all, the partnership used 15 facilities for voting purposes from 28th November to 16<sup>th</sup> December. Voting venues were spread across the South West Neighbourhood Partnership area and 545 people in total cast their votes during the voting period.

Members of the community were encouraged to select a maximum of three projects on their voting ballot papers. Using this multiple voting method the finalists collected 1716 votes, with 32.8% of the votes coming from the 11-17 age category.

A list of the successful applicants is detailed on Page 8.

## ***Transport & Environment***

This group has been chaired by Councillor Gavin Corbett, the membership had consisted of elected members, residents & tenants organisations, community councils, key council teams, Scottish Canals, voluntary and third sector organisations. Following a change in the way the group operates the group adopted a different model to broaden community participation in the work of the partnership to tackle some of the community environmental priorities. In place of more formal meetings the group carried out community workshops to get views from more people and enable local people to work directly with service providers. The group members continue to engage with different partners to take forward their priorities.

The group has focused on three main priorities:

- Ensure parks and public spaces are maintained and accessible
- Make travel easier across the Neighbourhood
- Increased and better use of the Union Canal

Members of the group have continued to promote informal networks for those interested in local parks and green spaces by promoting engagement with the ranger service at weekends, and promoting facebook and other community networking.

Following the Canal Festival in June, the Partnership started to look at holding a workshop/drop-in event to promote the Union Canal. The Canal is unique asset and has many local users, lots of whom want to get more involved and have opinions regarding how the South West communities could promote and use the canal more. Further details will be gathered and furthered by a workshop organised with third sector partners, building on the success of the parks and green space workshop held in last year.

## **Revitalised Saughton Park**

Work at Saughton Park has moved along and construction works have been out to tender. As work starts the team are making plans for the Grand Re-opening for the summer of 2018. Prior to this the 'Last Hurrah' party with the Friends of Saughton Park was held hosting on 11 June, a final farewell and celebration before construction works starts.



## **Community Safety**

Chaired by Cllr Denis Dixon the Community Safety action group brings together community groups, Council services, Police Scotland and third sector organisations. It's an opportunity to share local intelligence as well as plan and deliver joint local initiatives.

Over 2016/17 the group have focused on information sharing and promoting activities with the local community. This has involved publicising work of action group within community networks, increasing community involvement and participation which has not always been consistent. The group has also looked at developing case studies, highlighting good projects to wider communities via Community Councils and Resident Tenant Associations.

The aim has been to learn from partners' experiences in tackling local community safety issues. This has also included working with the Community Safety and Environment Actions groups to look at potential barriers stopping people enjoying parks and green spaces

## **South West Funding Panel – Community Grant Fund Awards**

**2015/ 16, Budget – £50,249**

**(with additional £20,000 from the Scottish Government for SW Health Matters)**

This small fund allows local community, voluntary and third sector groups to apply for funding up to £5000. The funds are used to deliver projects or pieces of work that will make a difference in the local community.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Broomhouse Young Carers	£1,332
Pregnancy and Parents Centre	£1,598
SBPCC	£750
The Health Agency	£1,737
Sighthill Comm. Centre MC	£2,000
Broomhouse Health Strategy Group	£2,000
Foursquare	£1,609
Community One Stop Shop	£1,520
Friends of Craiglockhart Woods and Nature Trail	£3,428

Health Agency & HAR	£2,000
St Martin's Community Resource Centre	£1,815
Merchiston Community Council	£267
Stenhouse Saughton Mains & Whitson CC	£1,018
Edinburgh Pentland Transition	£600
EPIC Assist Scotland	£1,050
Friends of Tollcross Primary School	£4,970
Gorgie Collective Art	£2,555
<b>Health Matters</b>	
Dalry Primary School and Parent Council	£5,000
About Youth	£2,938
The Health Agency	£5,000
Health All Round	£5,000
EPIC Assist Scotland	£810
Westerhaven Cancer Support & Information Centre	£4,970
Dunedin Canmore	£4,360
Broomhouse Centre	£4,736
WHALE	£4,536
RE-Union	£2,650

## **Neighbourhood Environment Projects (NEPs)**

### ***Housing Revenue NEPs***

Housing revenue projects are allocated funds jointly by representatives from the Pentlands and South West Neighbourhood Partnerships through the Area Board

Listed below is the Area Board projects for 2016-2017.

#### **South West NEP's**

Completed

- **1341** Balgreen Road Refuse Handling - £3375
- **1346** Haliesland Grove Footway Improveemnts - £8000
- **1347** Broomhouse Street North Soft Landscaping - £5000

In Progress

- **1348** Murrayburn Canal Fencing - £10 000
- **1361** Haliesland Gardens Ramp to Bus Stop - £30 000
- **1367** Westfield Court Park Improvements - £20 000
- **1376** Murrayburn Grove Play Landscaping - £5000
- **1378** Calders Canal Relocate Pavillion - £5000
- **1377** Sighthill Playpark Upgrade - £8000
- **1341** 9 Calder Gardens Footpath - £5000

#### **Pentland NEP's**

Completed

- **1124** Pentland Trees - £15 000
- **1342** Oxgangs Ave / Oxgangs Grove Junction Footpath - £5000
- **1366** Wester Hailes Footway Improvements - £15 000
- **1371** Oxgangs Bank Soft Landscaping - £2500
- **1375** 10-12 Oxgangs Street - £5000

In Progress

- **1189** 1-7Oxgangs Place - £23 000
- **1293** 40-52 Oxgangs Brae - £5000
- **1388** Barn Park Hard Landscaping - £60 000
- **1365** Oxgnags Brae Sheltered Housing Hard Landscaping - £30 000
- **1387** Greenacre Soft Landscaping - £30 000
- **1369** Kingsknowe Place Hard Landscaping - £30 000
- **1373** Baberton Park Install Seating Areas / Soft Lanscaping - £4000
- **1374** Oxgangs Car Park Sketch Design - £TBD

### **Roads & Footways NEPs**

The South West Neighbourhood Partnership introduced a new process for selecting NEPs projects during 2015/16. This annual report marks the start of the second year of the new format.

#### **Ward 7**

<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Hailesland Gardens	Construct a ramp to assist wheelchairs
Redhall Park	Renew and improve access
Sighthill View	Resurface footways

#### **Ward 9**

<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Colinton Road	New street tree planting and footway works
Lower Gilmore Place	Widening of footway
Hutchison Place	Resurface footway



Above: Ward 9 – Colinton Road

Left : Ward 7 - Sighthill View

## South West Neighbourhood Partnership 2014-2017

### *Health Inequalities*

This group is jointly chaired by Catriona Windle from Health All Round and supported by colleagues from NHS Lothian. It is made up health practitioners from a range of service providers including the third sector, the council and the NHS.

The group has gone through a period of transition in which members have reviewed the overall membership and remit of the group and potential future actions to be taken forward which contribute to the local community priorities. Two key strands of work have emerged: Mental Health and Gender Based Abuse.

Separate to this the Partnership delivered the Health Matters PB project in late 2016, building on intergeneration work undertaken by Health All Round and St Martin's Resource Centre. They delivered a project bringing people of all ages together for activities relating to the history of the Gorgie Dalry and Saughton / Stenhouse areas. They ran a number of events including:

- Tea dance – in Saughton Park Winter Garden Café, older people teaching younger people dances
- Dinner Dance at Fresh Start – with discussion and activities focusing on food and health past and present
- Exhibition – history of Saughton Park, participants to bring stories and pictures etc
- Storytelling event
- Ceilidh –including a group of older Chinese people who are interested in going to a ceilidh.

Reporting back to the Partnership at the 2016 SWNP Annual Review, the project was very well received and the Board was keen to continue work of this type.



## ***Children, Families and Young People***

The Grant a Grand Participatory budgeting initiative was the South West Neighbourhood Partnership first Participatory Budgeting (PB) project. 'The Results' of Grant a Grand were the culmination of a year long process that aimed to engage young people in the South West, and were announced on the 26 February 2016. The project sought to encourage young people to develop projects, and then gave them the choice of which got funding.

In February 2015 the South West Partnership Board asked the Partnership team to present options for a PB project similar to Leith Decides. Following consultation with partners, the team recommended working with the local youth providers' forum to develop a plan where young people help develop and vote on the projects.

By the end of November 2015 the team had received sixteen eligible applications. The voting period then ran from the 1st to the 26th February in South West libraries and community centres, local high school students could vote online, and at the Results Event young people who attended were also encouraged to cast ballots.

The event to announce the results was held at Carrickvale Community Centre along with live music from local young people, sports tasters and stalls from local youth projects. In total over 600 votes were received and Lord Provost Donald Wilson rounded off the event by announcing the winning projects.

For more information on which groups were successful just check out the [SW Neighbourhood Partnership website](#).



## ***Transport & Environment***

This group has been chaired by Councillor Gavin Corbett, the membership consists of elected members, residents & tenants organisations, community councils, key council teams, Scottish Canals, voluntary & third party organisations. The group's broad remit falls into two priority areas of the Local Community Plan (LCP). Ensure parks and public spaces are maintained and accessible, by supporting community involvement in local parks, increasing use of parks for sport and leisure, tackling dog fouling and litter.

The other priority is making travel easier across the neighbourhood, by promoting active travel such as walking, cycling and encouraging the use of public transport. In the last year the group have addressed the following items;

- Secured representation on council Canal Delivery Board
- Engaged with Scottish Canals to refresh the poster campaign on various aspects of canal code of conduct, cycle safety & reducing speed, walkers, litter, dog fouling, wildlife protection and general consideration to other canal users
- Promotion of Friends of Parks initiative in SWNP area.
- Promotion of the Edinburgh Living Landscapes initiative in parks and open spaces
- Investigate safer local cycle routes and associated information promoting activity as alternative transport option in SWNP area
- Inputting to parking measures in Shandon

The group has also contributed to the 20mph initiative, identifying possible streets for focus and particular attention as it rolls out.

Over the last three years the action group has looked to offer a wider engagement activity focusing on parks and green space. On 28 April 2016 a workshop was held at Stenhouse Church Buildings and attracted wide community representation who discussed the following areas;

- Community gardening
- Funding opportunities
- Community projects
- Friends and informal groups

The workshop was a resounding success with a range of interest in the work streams above. This has been a departure from the norm will be the move to develop these pieces of work into local projects. This approach will also be important in upcoming locality planning and identifying of Community priorities moving forward after 2017.

## **Community Safety**

This group is Chaired by Councillor Denis Dixon; the group has a membership made up from elected members, community representatives and key partners including the Police, Fire and Rescue and council. The group's broad remit is to make our community safe, by tackling hate crime, antisocial behaviour, domestic violence and building an environment that feels safer for all communities.

The group has focused on major issues raised through the Local Community Plan 2014-2017. They have undertaken work to tackle hate crime across the neighbourhood by coordinating partners in delivering preventative talks, surgeries, promotion of services and responding to hate crime to associated groups as advised by SCORE Scotland.

They have looked to address domestic violence in the area by developing an early prevention pilot project in SWNP involving community safety, family solutions, the domestic abuse team, Police Scotland and third sector organisations. Key partners created a plan of activities and have recognised the issue as a high priority, with actions being taken against offenders and support offered to victims.

Over the last three years the group have also addressed the following issues:

- Community reps to build on or establish social media channels (or other) to increase awareness and involvement in the Action Group
- Add to Dog Fouling Tracking System and follow through on interventions as appropriate.
- Identify hotspots of location or themed Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) in the SW Neighbourhood and deliver interventions to cease or reduce ASB.
- Tackle Hate Crime, some good work has been addressed so far with the community and SCOREScotland;
- Raised awareness of the services available
- Delivered a number of surgeries with Sighthill, Broomhouse & Parkhead Community Council

They have also been central to tackling youth disorder/ vandalism at Saughton Winter Gardens – Action plan created amongst partners with regular meetings to address issues. ASB have greatly reduced as a result. Further plans in place for the summer period

### **Area Board**

This action group covers both the South West and Pentland NP's and has been chaired by Maud Wylie, from Hailesland Neighbourhood Council. The group usually meet twice a year, with a membership consisting of elected members, residents and tenants' organisations, community councils and Council officers. The core activity of this group is to select the Neighbourhood Environmental Projects (NEPs) it wishes to take forward. Project suggestions are welcome from the community groups, elected officials and officers. All projects are assessed and scored before being sent back to the Area Board for final approval.

In the three financial years from April 2014 £782 541 has been spent on improvements to Council housing properties. These have included a range of projects improving footpaths, tree planting, fencing, bin chutes and landscaping.

The Board has also acted as an information distribution body passing on key information which will impact on local tenants and residents on a variety of subjects such as Welfare Reform and Income maximisation.

### **Roads & Footways NEPs**

These awards have funded a diverse range of projects across both wards 7 and 9. .

<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Longstone Road (at bus stop) – Construct ramp for disabled access</li><li>• Murrayburn Road – Refuge island</li><li>• Longstone Road (at roundabout) – Reconstructing wall centre</li><li>• Dalry Road – Resurfacing of footway</li><li>• Redhall Park – Resurfacing footway</li><li>• Craiglockhart area – Traffic calming</li><li>• Chesser Loan – Traffic calming</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broomhouse Road - Access improvement</li><li>• Caledonian Road - Construct kerbed area to house trade waste bins</li><li>• Longstone Road - Repositioning of D-islands</li><li>• Hutchison Avenue - Replace old kerbs</li><li>• Hutchison Avenue - Resurface footway</li><li>• Gardners Crescent - Access into garden</li><li>• Ashley to Dundee Street area (old railway line) - Area to be scraped back, drained with general improvements</li></ul>

### **Funding Panel**

As well as providing feedback and advice for the participatory budgeting projects, the South West Funding Panel has continued to award grants to third sector and community groups in the area.

Between April 2014 and March 2017, the over £150 000 in community grants have been made on the recommendations from the South West Neighbourhood Partnership.

## Future Community Priorities

### *South West Locality Improvement Plan*

Since autumn 2016 the South West team have been working to develop priorities across the South West Locality.

In developing the plan for the South West locality consultation was divided into two phases. The first phase consulted with the community locality wide and phase two focused on small areas experiencing higher levels of inequality in the locality.

Locality wide engagement took place at Neighbourhood Partnership meetings and events. Attendees were asked what changes they hoped to see in future followed by workshops for Neighbourhood Partnerships members.

A community wide questionnaire was issued online and through libraries asking people what they would like to see South West Edinburgh look like in the future. There was also a specific questionnaire designed and targeted at local young people.

Phase two involved looking at community priorities with residents in areas identified as having high levels of inequality. All partners identified opportunities to have conversations with service users and local people to understand specific need in these smaller geographic areas. In addition, work was commissioned to specifically engage with residents and find out how they feel about the services in their area and where they felt they could be improved.

The result from the community engagement was presented to work stream leads in summer 2017. Work stream and small area priorities were developed from this feedback in combination with other recent partner consultations and data profiles.

Priorities have been divided into five workstreams and four small areas.

#### **Workstreams**

- Health and Social Care
- Children and Young People
- Employability
- Team Around Place
- Safer Communities

#### **Areas**

- Oxfords
- Wester Hailes
- Broomhouse / Saughton
- Dalry / Fountainbridge

Moving forward the identified community priorities will be used to form the basis of actions within the work streams. Outstanding community priorities from the Local Community Plan will be incorporated into the new Locality plan.