

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership

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Local Community Plan 2014-17

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Executive Summary

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership approved the Local Community Plan 2014-17 in September 2014. This set out four priorities identified by local people. Those priorities were to:

- Positively engage with young people
- Increase opportunities for all to participate in physical activity
- Encourage better use of local green spaces
- Encourage walking and cycling

These priorities were developed through consultation with community councils and the wider public, followed up by more in depth engagement around each of the themes with key community representatives and stakeholders, with themes and outcomes linked to the city (Edinburgh Partnership) Community Plan (Single Outcome Agreement) wherever possible.

The Local Community Plan has underpinned the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership and acted as a catalyst to partnership approaches, maximising engagement, and seeking to identify positive outcomes linked to other strategies, an approach which will be carried on through the development of the North West Locality Improvement Plan 2017-22, which replaces the Local Community Plan.

The Partnership received regular reports on progress against the plan priorities and this report provides an overview of the activity and achievements over the life of the plan.

Local Community Plan 2014-17 – Final Report

1. Recommendations

To recommend that the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership:

- 1.1 Notes the progress and achievements attained over the life of the Local Community Plan
- 1.2 Notes that the successful partnership activity and approaches developed during the period of the Local Community Plan will be continued and built on through the development of the North-West Locality Improvement Plan 2017-22.

2. Background

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) are Advisory Committees of the Council and part of the community planning framework in the city. They enable communities, service providers and agencies to work in partnership to bring about improvements within neighbourhoods. This is achieved through the development and delivery of local community plans, which set out the priorities and actions needed to make measurable change
- 2.2 On 1st September 2014, after an extensive period of community and partner consultation, the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership approved four new priorities for the Local Community Plan 2014-2017. Those priorities are to:
 - Positively engage with young people
 - Increase opportunities for all to participate in physical activity
 - Encourage better use of local green spaces
 - Encourage walking and cycling

3. Main report

- 3.1 Following extensive consultation with local individuals and groups, the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership Local Community Plan 2014-17 focused on working together with communities and other partners to:
 - Positively engage with young people
 - Increase opportunities for all to participate in physical activity
 - Encourage better use of local green spaces
 - Encourage walking and cycling

Action Plans for each of the four priorities were developed. Below are a few examples of key partnership work that took place for each Action Group over the period of this plan.

To positively engage with young people 2014-2017.

- 3.2 This Action Plan was taken forward by the 'Engaging Young People Action Group'. Membership of this group, which was championed by Cllr Barrie, included local youth groups, Community Councils and schools.
- 3.3 Key pieces of work included:
- 3.3.1 A Youth Talk event in March 2016 brought together around 85 local young people and service providers to discuss and prioritise issues that mattered to them. This was based on input from more than 800 young people in an earlier mapping exercise.
- 3.3.2 An annual programme of summer sporting, recreational and educational activities was offered to children, young people and families. In 2016, for example, it was estimated at 1600 people benefited from this programme. This project received a small grant of £3200 in 2015-16 from the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 3.3.3 A total of £6,000 (comprising of £3,000 from INP and match funding from Scottish Government of £3,000) was allocated in 2016 to Youth Decides, a participatory budgeting exercise, where young people proposed, voted on and made decisions on funding for small projects important to them.
- 3.3.4 A range of projects engaging with young people was also supported by the Partnership's Community Grant Fund. A total of £32,957 was awarded from 2014/15 to 2016/17 to improve wellbeing of young people. This included funding for:
- an annual coordinated summer programme of sporting, educational and social activities for children, young people and families
 - drum tuition for pupils at Ferryhill Primary School
 - coordination of Youth Talk process
 - organising safety training for new Drylaw Skatepark

To increase opportunities for all to participate in physical activity 2014-17

- 3.4 This Action Plan was taken forward by the 'Physical Activity Action Group'. Membership of this group, which was championed by Cllr Whyte, included Community Councils, local private leisure centres, Edinburgh Leisure and NHS Lothian.
- 3.5 Key pieces of work included:

- 3.5.1 A local guide to getting out and about was produced in 2016, to give people some easy local walks to follow as well as information to spark further interest in walking and cycling. This was circulated to local libraries, voluntary groups and other key venues, and received funding from Smarter Choices, Smarter Places.
- 3.5.2 A 'Live Well in Later Life' event was delivered in April 2015. This brought together a range of organisations and services aimed at older people, to give them the information they needed to make informed choices about improving health and well being. An estimated 80 local people attended.
- 3.5.3 A range of projects was also supported by the Partnership's Community Grant Fund. A total of £29,270 was awarded from 2014/15 to 2016/17 to improve physical wellbeing of local people. This included supporting:
- establishing a Junior Parkrun in Inverleith Park
 - purchasing equipment for Blackhall Athletics football teams
 - supporting the Cheyne Gang Choir for people with breathing conditions

To encourage better use of local green space 2014-17

- 3.6 This Action Plan was taken forward by the 'Greenspace Action Group. Membership of this group, which was championed by Cllr Bagshaw, included Community Councils, local friends of parks groups, Edinburgh & Lothian Greenspace Trust and residents groups.
- 3.7 Key pieces of work included:
- 3.7.1 Presentations were organised about Living Landscapes to give local groups and individuals' information on this new way of working. Local groups then had their voices heard on any proposals.
- 3.7.2 In discussion with Community Councils, two new robust benches were installed to give people wanting to walk more, a chance to rest. One was positioned in Inverleith Park and the other opposite Drylaw Parish Church.
- 3.7.3 Friends of Inverleith Park were supported to raise funds required to install key outdoor gym equipment specifically selected for use by older people. A total of six pieces of equipment was installed in June 2016, and are being widely used by all ages.
- 3.7.4 A range of local projects was also supported by the Partnership's Community Grant Fund. A total of £8,391 was awarded from 2014/15 to 2016/17 to improve local greenspaces. This included supporting:
- the Here+Now Festival in King George V and Scotland Yard Parks

- replanting the cleared bank at East end of Rocheid Path with native species plants
- installing a noticeboard at Damside Park, Dean Village

To encourage walking and cycling 2014-17

- 3.8 This Action Plan was taken forward by the 'Inverleith Active Travel Action Group. Membership of this group, which was championed by Cllr Hinds, included Community Councils, CEC Transport Officers, Living Streets, Sustrans and Ramblers Association.
- 3.9 Key pieces of work included:
- 3.9.1 An 'Inverleith on Foot by Bike' Festival of walking and cycling took place in 2015 and 2016, and is planned for 2017. With funding from Smarter Choices Smarter Places (SCSP), the event attracted participation of over 1000 people. A range of free taster activities were offered.
- 3.9.2 Funding was secured to carry out street audits with Living Streets, to evaluate the key routes around Broughton High and Flora Stevensons Primary. Identified issues were circulated with Transport Officers.
- 3.9.3 A study into improving walking and cycling in Raeburn Place has been funded and consultant now recruited. This aims to evaluate past consultations and to test some trial improvements to junctions and footpaths.
- 3.9.4 A range of local projects was also supported by the Partnership's Community Grant Fund. A total of £8,290 was awarded from 2014/15 to 2016/17 to increase walking and cycling. This included supporting:
- organising a cycle trip for young people attending Fet-Lor Youth Centre
 - installing scooter and bike racks at Flora Stevensons Primary School
 - organising a North wide celebration of shared walking and cycling pathway

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Key indicators to measure local people's perceptions are gathered at NP level in the Edinburgh People's Survey. Also, delivery of the Local Community Plan is measured through the citywide performance framework.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 There are no adverse risks or policy impacts associated with this report.

7. Equalities impact

7.1 Local Community Planning activity contributes to the delivery of the Equality Action 2010 general duties of advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations. This is evidenced through engagement strategies and plans, which involve working with Inverleith's service partners and local people to promote buy-in across communities to achieve common goals.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 There are no adverse environmental implications arising from this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

7.1. Initial consultation helped to identify the key themes on which the priorities have been developed.

7.2. Throughout the life of the Local Community Plan, further dialogue and in depth consultation took place across each of the priorities using the Council's Consultation Framework.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 [Inverleith NP Local Community Plan 2014-17](#)

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P33 - Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are
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used.

Council Priorities

CO1- Our children have the best start in life, are able to make and sustain relationships and are ready to succeed.

CO2- Our children and young people are successful learners, confident and responsible citizens making a positive contribution to their communities.

CO4- Our children and young people are physically and emotionally healthy.

CO6 Our children's and young people's outcomes are not undermined by poverty and equality.

CO10-Improved health and reduced inequalities.

CO14-Communities have the capacity to help support people.

CO17-Clean-Edinburgh's streets and open spaces are clean and free of litter and graffiti.

CO21- Safe- Residents, visitors and businesses feel that Edinburgh is a safe city.

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 for customer care.

Single Outcome Agreement

SO1 - Edinburgh's economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all.

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.

Appendices