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## Foreword



Welcome to the West Lothian Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2023-2033. This plan sets out how the partnership will work together to improve the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, learns and does business in West Lothian.

We have engaged with our partners and communities, and reviewed and analysed local data and information in order to develop a set of outcomes based on local need. The Partnership were clear that the LOIP should focus on those complex issues that can only be tackled by working together and where the CPP can add most value, therefore this plan focuses on what community planning partners can achieve by working collaboratively.

This new LOIP will build on West Lothian's strong history of partnership working and will shape how we design and deliver our services, ensuring we focus on tackling inequalities, prevention and empowering our communities.

This plan has been developed against the backdrop of COVID-19 and the current cost of living crisis. We recognise that the longer-term impacts of the pandemic are still affecting our communities and that COVID-19 has exacerbated issues that communities were already facing. Therefore it is even more important that we take a joined-up, collaborative approach to tackling them.

I am pleased to present the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and I look forward to working together to achieve the ambitions of the plan and to make a positive difference to local people's lives.

*Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan,  
Chair of the West Lothian Community  
Planning Partnership Board*

## Introduction

The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) is West Lothian Community Planning Partnership's plan to achieve our vision of 'improving the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, learns and does business in West Lothian'.

Community planning is the process by which public, private and third sector agencies work in partnership with each other and with communities to plan and deliver services that will improve the quality of life for people and communities. Community planning activities are carried out by a Community Planning Partnership (CPP). The West Lothian CPP is made up of 21 local partners.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 gave CPPs a statutory purpose focused on improving outcomes for local communities through partnership working. Under the Act, the CPP is required to develop a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plans. The LOIP is an area-wide plan setting out local priority issues and how partners will work together to tackle these and improve outcomes. Locality plans have also been developed aligned to the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and other strategic plans for the areas experiencing poorer outcomes, focusing on tackling inequality.

### Community Planning (definition)

**Effective community planning focuses on where partners' collective efforts can add most value for their local communities, with particular emphasis on reducing inequalities. The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) should have a clear and ambitious vision for its local area.**

**This focuses community planning on a small number of local priorities where the CPP will add most value as a partnership – in particular by improving outcomes for its most vulnerable communities.**

(Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015,  
Part 2: Community Planning Guidance)

West Lothian's  
CPP is made of

**21** PARTNERS



The West Lothian LOIP is a ten-year plan that sets out the strategic direction for the CPP. The partnership agreed that this LOIP should focus on the big issues that can only be achieved by working together and are not currently covered by other strategic documents. The partnership was clear that the collective efforts of the CPP should focus on those complex and stubborn issues that require additional partnership action, leadership and collaboration; where the CPP can make the biggest impact; and should focus on tackling inequalities. The CPP recognises that tackling these complex issues will require long-term change at a partnership level.

The ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living crisis and increasing pressure on public finances provide a challenging context for the CPP. COVID-19 further highlighted already existing issues that our communities are facing, and brought new challenges in terms of the nature of the issues that need to be addressed, how they present in our communities and the ways in which organisations work together to tackle them. It also brought changes in how services are delivered and accessed locally.

Four pillars have been identified which underpin the plan with focus areas of work within them. The LOIP sets out the current challenges around these areas and how the CPP will work together to tackle these local issues, improve outcomes and reduce inequalities in West Lothian. The LOIP is the culmination of genuine partnership working to identify where partners need to jointly focus activity and demonstrates the added value that working collaboratively can bring. The CPP in West Lothian is a vibrant, dynamic partnership which is committed to achieving the outcomes set out in this plan.

CPPs are also required to develop locality plans. These plans have been developed with a focus on areas in the bottom 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). These plans have been informed by robust community engagement and set out the specific themes, priorities and actions for each of the identified regeneration areas in West Lothian. This local information has informed the development of the LOIP, ensuring local priorities identified by our communities are shaping the strategic direction of the LOIP.

## Impact of COVID-19

**In developing this plan, a major consideration and driving force has been the COVID-19 pandemic and the issues that have emerged as a result.**

COVID-19 has had a profound effect on our communities, and while we are slowly emerging from the pandemic, we recognise that its effects are long term and require significant attention in order to tackle the wide-ranging impacts that it has left upon our communities.

The development of this plan has therefore been shaped by an in-depth exploration of the impact of COVID-19. The Community Planning Partnership recognised that it was important that the plan was informed by a full understanding and analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on both the CPP and communities.

The CPP undertook a robust process of engagement with partners on the impact of the pandemic, considered the wider and longer-term societal harms of COVID-19 and developed a COVID-19 sentinel dataset to inform the CPP of the specific impacts on our communities.

The issues that are addressed in the LOIP were issues prior to COVID-19, however they have been severely exacerbated by the pandemic. This, coupled with the considerable implications that the pandemic has had on inequalities brings new and emerging challenges and issues for both organisations and communities.

COVID-19 also demonstrated the strength and depth of partnership working in West Lothian, and the resilience of local communities, and local community and voluntary organisations to work together at pace, to support our most vulnerable communities. It has led to new partnerships and new and innovative ways of working between different parts of our communities and sectors which will be harnessed and built on for the future.

The LOIP is a  
**10 YEAR PLAN**  
and sets out the  
strategic direction  
for the CPP



# Key Partnership Plans and Strategies



The CPP is responsible for a number of partnership plans and strategies that are also focused on tackling inequalities and improving outcomes. These represent areas of work that the CPP has responsibility for and a key role in delivering. This includes the **Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan 2021-24**, the **Anti-Poverty Strategy 2023-28**, the **Children's Services Plan 2023-2026** and the **Community Justice Strategy 2019-24** which all come under the oversight of the CPP.

It has been agreed that the LOIP should not duplicate outcomes or activities that are already successfully being driven forward through other partnership plans, strategies and groups; therefore, there are some areas of activity that do not specifically appear within the LOIP but are a key part of CPP activity in West Lothian. These are detailed below:

## Public Protection:

There are existing successful partnership arrangements in place therefore the LOIP does not specifically focus on issues such as domestic abuse, Multi-Agency Public Protection arrangements (MAPPA) and child/adult protection.

## Child Poverty:

A Local Child Poverty Action Plan has recently been updated and there are clear outcomes and actions around child poverty that are being delivered through the CPP's Anti-Poverty Strategy. Delivering on the LOIP outcomes will complement and impact positively on the wider work around child poverty, and vice versa.

## Children and Families:

There are plans in place that focus on designing and delivering services to ensure that children's needs are met at the earliest opportunity and they are supported to achieve their potential - the **Children's Services Plan 2023-26** and **Corporate Parenting Plan** are examples of these. Although there is no explicit outcome around children and families within the LOIP, delivering on the LOIP outcomes will complement and impact positively on these existing plans, and vice versa.

## Wider community safety activity:

The CPP's **Community Safety Strategic Plan 2022-25** was developed following a robust strategic assessment and sets out a clear list of priorities and the activities that will be taken forward by the **Community Safety Partnership**.

# Our Place – West Lothian



Life expectancy:

**80.6**  
YEARS



**77.2**  
YEARS



**94.3%**  
of residents rated their neighbourhood as very or fairly good

West Lothian has

**35** datazones in the most deprived 20% in Scotland (14.6% of total datazones)

**21.1%** of children in poverty

Protected characteristics:

**3%** minority ethnic groups



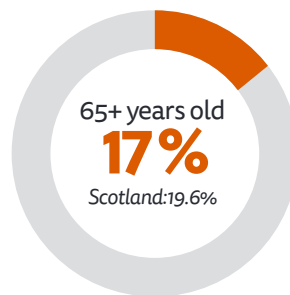
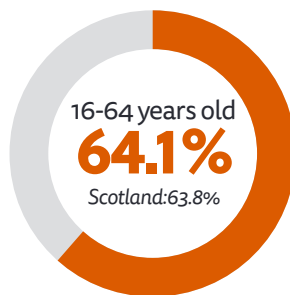
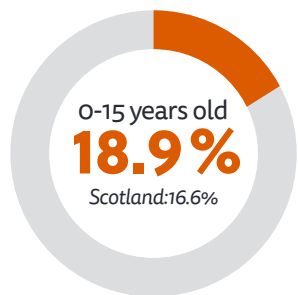
**29%** have a disability and/or long term health condition



**2.4%** of the adult population identifies as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and other



## Population demographics:



**49%**

**51%**

**4.62%** projected population increase 2023-2033 compared to +1.23% Scotland



**25.79%** projected increase of 75+ years between 2023-2033 (+20.84% Scotland)



## 🌿 Developing the LOIP

It is important that communities and partners are meaningfully involved in setting the strategic direction of the partnership. In developing the LOIP, all stakeholders were provided with opportunities for discussion and dialogue to identify the collective priorities for the CPP.

The LOIP must also be based on an up-to-date understanding of local needs and aspirations and must reflect community views. The CPP therefore drew on an extensive evidence base from across the partnership, building on a considerable amount of partner knowledge, data analysis and community engagement. A series of strategic partner discussions, via the CPP Steering Group and the CPP Board, focused sessions with key stakeholders and thematic focus groups relating to the individual pillars have served to shape the priorities and actions within the LOIP.

A place-based engagement approach was also taken to ensure communities were involved in this process, particularly in relation to refreshing West Lothians Locality Plans. Existing community regeneration structures and networks were used as a foundation for the engagement - strengthening the link between the LOIP and how this will be delivered at a local level. The purpose of the engagement was to raise awareness of the focus areas of the new LOIP, to gain a better understanding of these issues from a local perspective and how they could be addressed. Engagement targeted the whole community with sessions being delivered within local primary schools to include the voice of young people in the process. This engagement both informed the development of the focus areas and outcomes of the LOIP and the Locality Plans that sit beneath it.



The LOIP is based on an up-to-date understanding of local needs and aspirations and reflects community views

## 🌿 The Importance of Place

The LOIP is based on a clear understanding of West Lothian as a place, and the communities that are within it. The CPP's vision is centred around West Lothian being a place where everyone who lives, works, learns and does business has an improved quality of life.

The CPP recognises the importance of Place and the increasing focus on this at national level has facilitated a better understanding of what we mean by place, and how place-based approaches can support and enhance the work of CPP's.

The places in which people live contributes significantly to the wellbeing of communities therefore Place is a common thread throughout all of the pillars within this plan. The four pillars are closely interlinked and bring together key elements of what makes a good place to live.

The Place Principle, adopted by the Scottish Government and COSLA, is based on the need for organisations and communities to work collaboratively in a place to achieve better outcomes. It recognises the added value of collaborative working, the cross cutting nature of the issues that communities are facing, and the connections and inter-relationships that exist between these issues. It promotes a more integrated, participative approach to improving outcomes.

This approach wholly aligns to the ethos of Community Planning and provides a solid basis for CPP's to work together using Place as a key driver for collective action around improving outcomes.

Place based working, like Community Planning aims to address more complex issues and problems that cannot be solved by one agency; has prevention as a key principle and focuses on breaking down organisational barriers and bringing services and partners together to focus on a shared vision. These are all key elements of this Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, demonstrating the fundamental connection between Place and Community Planning.

# LOIP Development Process



Update given to CPP Board approved



Series of strategic discussions via the CPP Steering Group, CPP Board and individual partner organisations to reflect on and review the original outcomes and priority areas of the LOIP and refocus where necessary to reflect the current context.\*



Place -based community engagement approach rolled out via regeneration areas on LOIP pillars and wider local issues



Four Pillars and associated outcomes and focus areas of the LOIP agreed by CPP Board



Thematic discussions held through CPP thematic forums and with partners to develop delivery plan actions



Draft LOIP Delivery Plans presented to CPP Board



CPP formally sign off LOIP

# Community Wealth Building

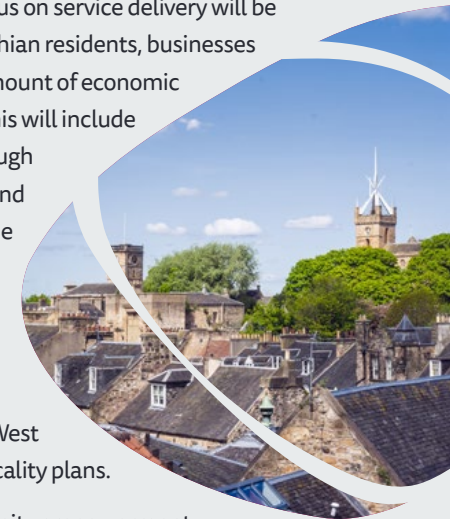
**Community Wealth Building will be at the heart of the activity supported by the CPP through the delivery of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan over the next ten years.**

Community Wealth Building is an approach that will see the West Lothian CPP, along with the local community, use the economic levers available locally to create a more sustainable resilient West Lothian economy. It supports, through five key pillars, the effective use of land and assets, the use of local finances, the development of the West Lothian workforce, the maximisation of local spending and the use of different models of ownership.

CPP partners will collectively work together to deliver key outcomes within the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan pillars and Locality Plans in a way that is aligned to principles of Community Wealth building. It will ensure that the focus on service delivery will be undertaken to ensure the maximum benefits to West Lothian residents, businesses and local communities. This will ensure the maximum amount of economic return and local benefit is derived from all CPP activity. This will include activity delivering wider social benefit and wellbeing through procurement, recruitment, fair employment, the use of land and assets and exploring opportunities to generate income locally.

A key priority for the CPP will remain working with the community. Services will be delivered to build on the strengths and assets within our local communities. With the aim to grow the wealth of key areas of deprivation in West Lothian supported by the development and delivery of locality plans.

Officers from the CPP will continue to support all community empowerment activity to continue to improve outcomes for local communities, including ensuring a vibrant, engaged and representative West Lothian CPP citizen's panel, as well as ensuring the community and maximising local benefits are at the centre of delivering the LOIP.





# Guiding Principles

A number of Guiding Principles have been identified which underpin the focus areas and outcomes in the LOIP. These will inform the CPP's approach to how we work together and how we design and deliver services.



# LOIP Pillars and Outcomes

Four thematic pillars have been developed that the CPP will work together to improve. Each thematic pillar is underpinned by an outcome and key focus areas of work that will be taken forward to work towards achieving the outcome. Whilst the four thematic pillars have distinct outcomes, they cannot be considered or delivered in isolation therefore the CPP have taken an intersectional approach to looking at how we address the issues within the pillars.

## CREATING SKILLS AND JOBS

West Lothian delivers sustainable, inclusive and diverse economic growth enabling businesses to create good quality jobs that everyone can access

## IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

West Lothian is a place where everyone has the opportunity to enhance their mental and physical health and wellbeing

## CREATING NET ZERO CARBON COMMUNITIES

Everyone who lives, works and delivers services in West Lothian builds a sustainable, nature rich, net zero carbon community

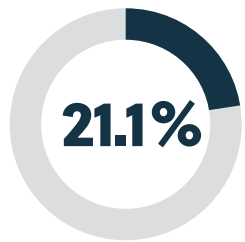
## CREATING AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

Everyone has access to appropriate, affordable and sustainable housing which meets their needs



# Creating Skills & Jobs

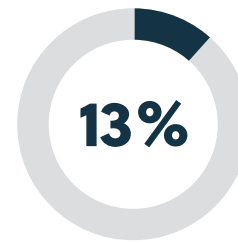
West Lothian delivers sustainable, inclusive and diverse economic growth enabling businesses to create good quality jobs that everyone can access



21.1%  
of children in West Lothian are living in poverty (May 2023)



6%  
of employers in West Lothian reported at least 1 skills shortage vacancy (Scottish average 3%)



13%  
of employers in West Lothian reported skills gap in at least 1 employee (Scottish average 12%)

5,950  
in work universal claimants (March 2023)

23,900  
people required to fill job openings between 2025-2032

Currently the West Lothian economy has high employment, average salaries and we are seeing the highest ever recorded results for school leavers entering a positive destination.

However, there are variations in employment, salaries, positive destinations and qualifications across the population and in recent years, child poverty and in-work poverty have become increasingly significant issues. Low pay, underemployment and economic inactivity are key factors. West Lothian is slightly under the national average for basic and intermediate and higher-level qualifications and if not addressed will cause greater economic challenges in the near future. More detailed statistics can be found in the West Lothian Regional Skills

Assessment from Skills Development Scotland.\*

The CPP's Economic Partnership Forum along with the Local Employability Partnership (LEP) sets out how the partnership will look to address the issues around skills and jobs at a local level. It is important that the LOIP does not duplicate this activity but instead focuses on wider partnership efforts required to upskill and retrain in order to support local people to access better jobs.

The economy and types of jobs required are changing. There is a skills gap/shortage across a range of sectors and employers are reporting that they can't find people with the right skills from within West Lothian to fill available jobs. Total

employment is projected to increase and it is estimated that 31,900 people will be required to fill openings between 2024-2031. Population is also set to increase in West Lothian, with the older population increasing at much faster rates than the working age population.

There is a need to ensure there are enough people to fill the jobs required. To do this the CPP will need to improve its understanding as a partnership of what the West Lothian economy will look like in ten years time. This will require strategic input from local businesses.

# Creating Skills & Jobs

This shared understanding will allow the CPP to align the curriculum in schools and colleges to the future economy, provide the right information on future jobs and career pathways (including apprenticeships as well as further education) and raise aspirations of our young people. This will ensure that we are creating the right local workforce for the future. The CPP will also need to upskill and retrain the existing workforce in order to both address the skills gap and tackle in-work poverty. This will involve working with employers to encourage them to nurture their own staff, recognise their value and release staff for training.

The Partnership need to ensure more jobs in West Lothian are good quality, ensuring people earn enough to live on, are able to work enough hours and that opportunities and choice exist for everyone to upskill and retrain where they want to. It is also important to work with local employers to ensure they are more flexible to meet workers' needs. For example, those with caring responsibilities, disabilities, mental health/addictions issues.

## What does success look like?

- The partnership has a shared understanding of the future local economy, informed through ongoing discussion with local employers
- Local firms are able to deliver sustainable, inclusive and diverse economic growth
- Economic partners in West Lothian collaborate to maximise job opportunities and minimise and reduce the skills gap
- West Lothian has a flexible and adaptable workforce with the skills to meet workforce and economic demands
- Those experiencing in-work poverty are supported and provided with opportunities/pathways to upskill
- In-work poverty and child poverty are minimised

## What the CPP will do

- Embed a partnership approach to marketing and branding of West Lothian to attract good quality jobs

- Promote West Lothian as a Living Wage place.
- Support businesses to promote upskilling
- Identify opportunities to upskill/retrain our existing workforce, working with local employers to create a learning culture in the workplace and increase flexibility
- Align curriculum in schools and colleges to future jobs, improve understanding of career pathways and raise aspirations of our young people
- Embed partnership arrangements to identify those experiencing in-work poverty/ insecure work, increase aspirations and provide opportunities to upskill/retrain through targeted support.

## How we will measure progress

- Suitable measures are currently being identified by the partnership





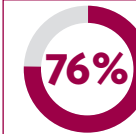
# Improving Health & Wellbeing

West Lothian is a place where everyone has the opportunity to enhance their mental and physical health and wellbeing



WEMWBS (the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale) is a way of measuring mental wellbeing of the general population. West Lothian WEMWBS scores for 2017-2021 show that they are very similar to the Scottish average during the same time period, with the score being 49.5 (exactly the same) combined across males and females.

Recent data from The Scottish Health Survey shows that average levels of mental wellbeing (measured by mean WEMWBS scores) at a Scotland wide level were lower in 2021 than in 2019, following a decade in which levels had remained fairly consistent. The mean WEMWBS score was 49.8 in 2019 compared with 48.6 in 2021. This may have been due to the varying effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



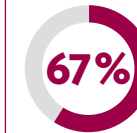
of children in West Lothian are a healthy weight; 23% are at risk of overweight and obesity.

Children living in areas of higher deprivation are more at risk of overweight and obesity.

WEMWBS score is typically higher in the least deprived areas when comparing to the most deprived areas.



The estimated cost because of alcohol use in West Lothian is £60.1 million annually; approximately £349 per person (AFS, 2021).



of adults were overweight and obese in Scotland (Scottish Health Survey 2021)

## Mental health and wellbeing

Improving the health and wellbeing of our communities requires a focus on the social determinants of health and a targeted approach to addressing health inequalities. These wider social, economic and environmental factors shape the conditions within which individuals and communities live and have a profound effect on both physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Scotland's Public Health Priorities were published in 2018 and provide a starting point to support national and local partners across Scotland to work together to improve healthy life expectancy and reduce health inequalities in our communities.

CPPs play a significant role as a vehicle for implementing these priorities locally.

The Scottish Government's COVID-19: mental health - transition and recovery plan (2020) highlights the need to address population wellbeing, as well as tackling mental ill health. The evidence base is still developing but suggests there is a need for whole population approaches, alongside targeted support for at risk groups.

Positive mental wellbeing at a population level can reduce health inequalities and improve wider outcomes in relation to physical health, healthier lifestyles, better social relationships, social cohesion and economic activity. It is important to consider both a universal population wide approach to

wellbeing and an early intervention approach for those at higher risk.

The CPP want to focus efforts on developing an approach to improving population level mental wellbeing in West Lothian with an emphasis on prevention and a focus on community.

The CPP want to ensure early intervention and support for ongoing mental wellbeing, ensuring the focus is on supporting people to stay mentally well and not just intervening at crisis point. Building resilience in individuals and communities is fundamental to improving mental wellbeing. This requires raising awareness at a population level of how to stay mentally well and the support services available if additional support is required.

# Improving Health & Wellbeing

## Alcohol

The CPP has identified that taking a population approach to alcohol use is a key priority. Harm from alcohol contributes towards a considerable proportion of preventable ill health in Scotland's communities.

Those residing in the most deprived areas experience significantly worse health outcomes than those in the least deprived areas. It is likely that the pandemic and economic crisis will widen existing and create new inequalities in relation to alcohol related harm.

The Scottish Burden of Disease study estimates the total impact of alcohol use on years of healthy life lost. In addition to alcohol-specific deaths from causes such as alcoholic liver disease and alcohol poisoning, it also contributes to years of healthy life lost due to a much wider range of physical illnesses such as cancer, stroke, pneumonia and accidental injuries, in addition to mental ill health and behavioural disorders.

The CPP recognises the cross-cutting impact of alcohol on our communities in terms of health, community safety, children and young people, and the environment. Community planning partners have highlighted the negative impact of alcohol on services, for example the number of alcohol-related presentations at A&E, incidents of crime where alcohol is involved and accidental dwelling fires where alcohol is a suspected contributing factor.

The West Lothian Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) is a multi-agency partnership with strategic responsibility for coordinating actions to address local issues with alcohol and drugs. The CPP wants to promote a more coordinated, coherent and preventative approach to reducing the negative impact of alcohol on our communities and will work closely with the ADP to improve understanding of the negative effects of alcohol. The CPP will take a public health approach, recognising that issues around alcohol consumption are influenced by a range of social factors.

## Food and physical activity

Regular physical activity and a healthy diet play an important role in maintaining a healthy weight and helping to reduce the risk of a range of health conditions, including type 2 diabetes, which is increasing across Scotland. In West Lothian in 2019, diabetes was the seventh leading cause of ill health in males and the ninth leading cause of ill health in females, however overweight and obesity can also increase the risk of musculoskeletal conditions, heart disease, stroke, and poor mental health and wellbeing. Diet and physical activity are influenced by many and complex factors, often out with the individual's control. For example, income, availability and affordability of healthy food options, opportunities for physical activity and active travel, access to green space, social influences, and stigma.

West Lothian is an early adopter for the whole systems approach to the prevention of type 2 diabetes.

The whole systems approach model involves systems thinking, which enables local stakeholders and communities to come together to share an understanding of the reality of the public health challenge, consider how the local system is operating, and identify collective action that has the greatest opportunity for change.

The longer-term, whole systems approach will help to address the root causes of overweight and obesity, and thus has the potential to reduce prevalence of type 2 diabetes. The approach is being tested in Whitburn initially given its levels of area deprivation and higher incidence of poor health outcomes compared to other areas of West Lothian.

Improvements to the food and physical activity environment are shaped by key placemaking strategies such as the Local Development Plan and Local Housing Strategy. The CPP will work with local and national partners to ensure strategic decisions are assessed in terms of their impact on the health of local communities, ensuring that the built, natural and economic environment supports good health and contributes to a reduction in health inequalities.

People living in the most deprived areas are 5.6 times more likely to die from alcohol related issues than those in the least deprived areas. (Scotland, NRS)

# Improving Health & Wellbeing

## What does success look like?

- Preventative approaches are embedded to address health inequalities and the underlying determinants of health. Activity is developed with and for communities. Population level health and wellbeing, inclusive of mental, physical and social wellbeing, is improved by taking a place and wellbeing approach, maximising the benefits of community strengths and assets.
- Communities are more informed about health and wellbeing with increased knowledge, skills and confidence, to develop resilience, self-manage and support their own health and wellbeing.
- Community planning partners understand and value the contribution they make to prevention and enhancing good health and wellbeing by increased collaborative working, improved communication and clear pathways for support.

## What the CPP will do

- Ensure relevant West Lothian strategies, plans and approaches are data driven and evidence based, and good practice is shared and/or implemented more widely.
- Increase availability and access to information for staff, individuals and communities around preventative approaches for improving health and early access to support.
- Reviewing and scoping local assets to understand communities and service needs and inform future planning.
- Support the development and implementation of systems thinking and approaches to placemaking and health.

## How we will measure progress

- Monitor routinely available population data on, for example, mental health and wellbeing, alcohol use, child and adult obesity, Type-2 Diabetes (noting that CPP activity will contribute to these measures but will not be the sole factor in affecting change).
- Staged evaluation will be undertaken as part of the planning stage for key activities to show impact and progress. This may include locally collected process and outcome data, as well as qualitative data from communities, staff and partners on experiences, outcomes and impact.

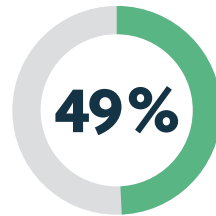




# Creating net zero carbon communities

Everyone who lives, works and delivers services in West Lothian builds a sustainable, nature rich, net zero carbon community

Emissions per capita in WL  
**5.43** CO<sub>2</sub>  
Kiloton of carbon equivalent



Reduction in council emissions

WL Council declared a Climate Emergency in September 2019



Nature is a key asset underpinning the economy, quality of life, and our health and wellbeing and is closely linked to climate change

An area wide target has been set to achieve net-zero carbon by 2045



The world is in the midst of a Climate Emergency which requires urgent and meaningful action at an international, national and local level in order to safeguard our planet for future generations.

Scotland's climate is already changing. Our warmest 10 years on record have all been since 2002. 2022 was the hottest year on record, with a new record high temperature in July of 34.8°C recorded in Chaterhall, Scottish Borders. The hot period in July saw the Met Office issue its first ever red warning for extreme heat and a national emergency was declared. The heatwave resulted in 3,000 more deaths in England and Wales than would usually be expected during a summer, the highest number of excessive deaths since 2004. There has been an increase in rainfall in the past few decades and mean sea level around the UK has risen by approximately 1.4mm/year from the start of the 20th century. The intensity of rain is increasing:

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The Met Office's UK Climate Projections predict that the UK will experience warmer wetter winters; hotter, drier summers and more frequent periods of intense extreme weather. As well as reducing emissions (mitigation), the CPP need to consider how we adjust to the impacts of climate change to reduce negative impacts and exploit any opportunities

(adaptation). Our buildings will need to be able to cope with more extreme summer temperatures, intense rainfall events and potential changes in wind and storm patterns. Our infrastructure systems are likely to be impacted by an increase in disruptive events. Summer droughts may become more frequent and more severe, causing problems for water quality and supply. A warming climate may provide more opportunity to be outdoors and enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle while reducing mortality in winter; however, it could affect patterns of disease and other health issues. Climate change and associated extreme weather may disrupt the lives of individuals and communities, limiting access to vital services and impacting on people's physical and mental health. Emergency services may need to respond to an increased frequency and severity of flooding, landslide and wildfire events.



# Creating net zero carbon communities

West Lothian Council declared a Climate Emergency in September 2019. Significant work has already been carried out to reduce emissions in West Lothian and the council's agreed carbon reduction targets are already being exceeded. The council has set an area wide target to achieve net zero carbon by 2045. This area wide target will require the buy-in of all partners, including businesses and communities, if it is to be achieved. By 'net zero carbon' we mean reducing greenhouse gas emissions and balancing the impact of any remaining emissions with an appropriate amount of carbon removals, e.g. by planting trees to capture carbon.

The CPP recognises that a partnership effort is required to build a sustainable, nature rich and net zero carbon community, involving all public agencies, the private sector and communities. It is also important that the response to the Climate Emergency is community-led. Youth engagement and involvement is also key to the West Lothian approach to the Climate Emergency.

## What does success look like?

- West Lothian wide emissions have reduced and a strong partnership approach to achieve net zero carbon has been implemented
- There is improved engagement with all sectors and communities, businesses and third sector play a lead part in achieving net zero carbon
- Approaches for carbon off-setting and energy have been implemented
- Nature-based solutions play a role in achieving net zero carbon and mitigating and adapting to climate change impacts

## What the CPP will do

- Establish appropriate mechanisms for governance within the CPP to support partner involvement, joint discussion and action.
- Identify opportunities to align partner activities, plans and strategies

- Enable better, more sustainable use of partner assets, considering options to enhance co-location, sharing of assets and facilities
- Increase CPP partner knowledge and understanding of climate change, biodiversity and adaptation resilience
- Increase community resilience around climate change by raising awareness of positive action around climate change, nature-based solutions and carbon off-setting and increasing volunteering opportunities through sustained engagement

## How we will measure progress

- Council emissions
- Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per capita in West Lothian
- Breakdown – emissions from the industrial and commercial sector, domestic emissions including from gas and electricity consumption, emissions from transport, from land use, land-use change and forestry

Further partnership measures to be identified



# Creating sustainable & affordable housing

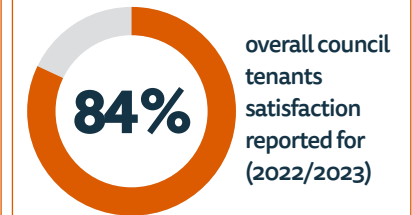
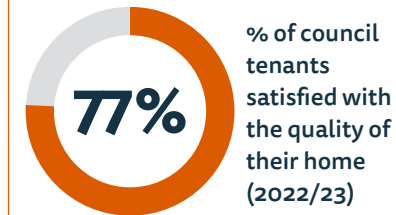
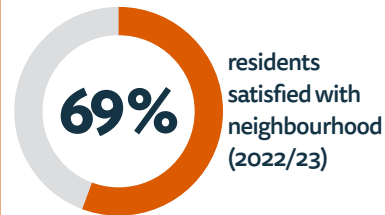
Everyone has access to appropriate, affordable and sustainable housing which meets their needs



Housing Applications  
**10,476**  
(March 2023)

**1,252**  
Homeless Presentations  
(2022/23)

Number of people in temporary accommodation:  
**646 in temp 185 in B&B (2022/23)**



There is unprecedented demand for affordable housing in West Lothian. Through the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan and the new Local Housing Strategy, a partnership approach to addressing homelessness and housing supply is in place.

The council and its partners continue to face challenges in meeting peoples housing needs due to the significant imbalance between demand and supply of affordable social housing. Material poverty remains a significant issue for many households and communities in West Lothian which continues to drive demand for people to seek affordable social housing solutions

As of March 2023, there were a total of 10,476 Common Housing Register (CHR) applicants. In 2022/23 there was a total of 1,252 homeless applications made to West Lothian. The main reasons for homeless applications in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2022/23 is asked to leave at 44.5% compared

**Provision of the right kind of housing that meets the needs of individuals, families and communities.**

to 32% in same period for 2021/22. The second reason is dispute within the household at 19.5% compared to 29% for the same period in 2021/22. There are 646 units of homeless temporary accommodation in West Lothian, this excludes the use of B&B/Hotel accommodation which currently averages at 185 households per night accommodated in this type of provision.

A commitment to provide more affordable homes has been made in line with the Local Housing Strategy. This will require significant investment by the council, Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and Scottish Government to provide this scale of new affordable housing. Meeting the housing needs of local communities will be critical to providing sustainable housing. Specialist housing provision will be developed in line with housing need as identified in the Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan.

As well as developing sustainable and affordable housing, the partnership needs to take a wider placemaking approach to ensure that places are being built that are focused on community needs. The partnership needs a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services, land and buildings, looking at how places are designed (e.g. how communities move around, access to cheap and reliable public transport, how they access local services and facilities, adapting to climate change) and how communities can have a say in decisions that affect them.

The focus needs to be built on the assets and resources that exist in communities. This will enable better outcomes for everyone, increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives and to build connected, stronger, safer and resilient communities. Place has a significant impact on health and wellbeing and is the focus of one of the Public Health priorities – A Scotland where we live in vibrant, healthy and safe places and communities.



# Creating sustainable & affordable housing

## Develop Messages around Housing Options and Choices

With the expansion of the Prevention of Homelessness duty, a collaborative approach is essential if homelessness in West Lothian is to be addressed.

There is a need to ensure that homeless prevention is regarded as an issue to be addressed across, and by, all community planning partners and that there is consistent messaging and support provided by all the partners.

## Develop a strategic, preventative approach to homelessness

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) recognises that homelessness is a wider issue that cuts across all partners. There are clear links between homelessness and poor physical and mental health and the contribution of good housing to wider outcomes. In addition to the RRTP, a longer-term, early intervention approach to change the journey prior to a homeless presentation and to streamline the customer journey is needed. This will require greater collaborative working and strategic planning to ensure that all CPP partners are committed to activity that prevents homelessness.

It is acknowledged that local communities have a significant role in providing support and assistance to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Focus is required to build capacity in communities to deal with homelessness, whilst ensuring that where a person does become homeless, they are housed as quickly as possible and are provided with the right services and supported within the community to sustain their housing. There is a role for the CPP to support communities to address homelessness with an emphasis on integration of tenants into local community infrastructure once they have been given a tenancy.

## What does success look like?

- Working in partnership to increase affordable housing supply in West Lothian between 2023 to 2033
- Homelessness is addressed through a focus on early intervention, prevention and housing options
- Housing responses for specialist housing provision will be determined based on need;
- The CPP take a joined-up, collaborative, and participative approach to designing communities, to enable better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives

## What the CPP will do

- Take a joint approach to health and housing
- Work together to develop consistent messages around wider Housing Options and support available
- Focus on community engagement and action through Community Planning Partners to address homelessness in line with the Homeless Prevention Duty

- Improve strategic partnerships and connections, linking in and aligning to the RRTP, Homes for West Lothian Partnership and Community Justice Strategy
- Develop placemaking approaches across West Lothian through engagement with community regeneration and community safety.

## How we will measure progress

- Housing is provided that meets a range of needs
- Local responses to homelessness are developed in conjunction with community planning partners with the aim of preventing and reducing homelessness.
- Sustainment and satisfaction levels with neighbourhoods improve as a result of collaborative working on regeneration and community safety.



## ∴ Delivering the LOIP

This LOIP is underpinned by a delivery plan that details the actions that the CPP will take forward to address each of the outcomes across the four pillars.

A suite of performance indicators has been identified to allow the CPP to measure and monitor performance in relation to the four outcomes. As well as quantitative information in the form of data and statistics, the CPP will also gather and report on more qualitative information to provide the full picture of how we are doing.

The West Lothian CPP has a robust governance structure which is aligned to the key focus areas of the LOIP and the related outcomes. This will enable the partnership to effectively drive forward improvements and actions and monitor performance.

The CPP Board will oversee the delivery of the LOIP. The Community Planning Steering Group will provide scrutiny and quarterly performance monitoring of performance indicators.

The LOIP and associated actions will be delivered by a number of delivery groups. These groups will be responsible for regularly reviewing and reporting on actions and performance indicators.

The CPP's community involvement mechanisms will ensure that community needs are fed into community planning processes on an ongoing basis. Locality Planning processes will ensure that there is a particular focus on reducing inequalities and improving outcomes for those areas with poorer outcomes. Locality Plans will be a key mechanism for delivering the LOIP at a local level.

A LOIP and Locality Plan annual report will be developed to demonstrate progress in delivering outcomes.

The LOIP itself is a dynamic and fluid document and will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure this continues to reflect local needs.

## ∴ Governance Structure



# Developing the partnership

The CPP is a very self-aware partnership and is committed to continuous improvement. A development plan is in place and the Community Planning Steering Group and Board regularly reflect on what is working well and what changes need to be made. We will continue to ensure the right partners are around the table and will explore opportunities to involve stakeholders in the most appropriate and meaningful way (e.g. young people).



# Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Delivery Plan

This Local Outcomes Improvement Plan is underpinned by a LOIP delivery plan which sets out the actions that will be taken forward to achieve the pillar outcomes. It is important that the LOIP is based on robust, measurable actions that the CPP can take forward. The actions within the delivery plan will be taken forward by the appropriate LOIP delivery group within the CPP governance structure. As many of the actions in the plan are cross-cutting, they will be taken forward using a collaborative approach to avoid duplication and enable genuine, collective action. The first table extracts a number of common themes that run through all of the LOIP Pillar actions which further demonstrates the cross cutting nature of the pillars. The CPP will ensure that there is a common approach to delivering these actions.

COMMON THEME	PILLAR	ACTIONS
<b>SHARED MESSAGING AND COMMUNICATION</b> Planned, shared, consistent messaging by the CPP so individuals and communities are well informed and have greater awareness around wellbeing, housing and climate change/net-zero.	<b>SKILLS &amp; JOBS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase awareness among the business community of the support available to businesses to enable the creation of better-quality jobs</li> <li>● Increase awareness of jobs available in West Lothian and how to access them including career pathways in late primary and secondary for pupils, parents and carers</li> </ul>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop and raise awareness of a West Lothian 6 Ways to Wellbeing model</li> </ul>
	<b>NET-ZERO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop clear, consistent messaging across the CPP in relation to climate change and biodiversity</li> </ul>
	<b>HOUSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify and involve wider partners with front line staff to share the housing options message</li> <li>● Partners to develop consistent housing options messages for households at risk of homelessness to promote self-help approach</li> </ul>
<b>CPP RESPONSIBILITY, AWARENESS AND CAPACITY</b> Partners are aware of and fulfil statutory duties and have increased awareness, knowledge and understanding of approaches in relation to key principles and the four pillars.	<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide training to support the development of whole systems approaches</li> <li>● Work with the licensing forum to collate information and evidence on alcohol-related harm and approaches for reduction of alcohol use</li> </ul>
	<b>NET ZERO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nature Literacy CPD delivered to all partners to increase partner knowledge and understanding of climate change, biodiversity, adaption and resilience</li> </ul>
	<b>HOUSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop &amp; undertake awareness sessions with partners to fully understand Public Bodies Prevention Homeless Duty</li> <li>● CPP partners to develop preventative actions around homelessness to help decrease homeless referrals to housing</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND LOCALITY APPROACHES</b> Strengthen partnership working between local organisations, 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector and local communities to increase community resilience, community integration and improve access to support at a local level. Increased awareness in local communities in relation to key issues. Development of local approaches to key issues and enhancing locally based responses.	<b>SKILLS &amp; JOBS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provision of into and in-work support for those in SIMD areas and facing multiple barriers to employment</li> <li>● Targeted employability support at a local level</li> </ul>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop locality-specific plans which aim to increase understanding and usage of available community assets for mental wellbeing</li> <li>● Undertake a scoping exercise on alcohol free spaces in West Lothian communities</li> <li>● Create a high-level map of assets/resources support for mental wellbeing and identify gaps</li> </ul>
	<b>NET-ZERO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Raise awareness and understanding of positive action around reducing emissions, nature-based solutions within communities</li> <li>● Raise awareness and understanding of actions that can contribute to climate change and biodiversity loss within communities</li> <li>● Develop briefings for WL communities around resilience relating to climate change, the resources available and encourage the creation and take-up of volunteering opportunities in carbon offsetting activity</li> </ul>
	<b>HOUSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reduce stigma around homelessness by holding local engagement sessions to raise community awareness</li> <li>● Work with local community and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations to identify and build local support opportunities to help with sustainment and community integration</li> <li>● Establish links to Locality Plans to ensure there is a targeted focus of homeless prevention at a locality level</li> </ul>

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COMMON THEME	PILLAR	ACTIONS
<b>ENHANCING COLLABORATION &amp; JOINT WORKING</b>  Increase joint working across the CPP, at strategic and local level to help improve outcomes and identify new ways of working collaboratively. Increase the participation of partners and focus on collective action that adds value.	<b>SKILLS AND JOBS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase partnership working with key stakeholders incl. Education and NHS, greater collaboration with School-college-university</li> <li>● Working in partnership to support businesses</li> <li>● Provide funding to firms to assist with qualifications for upskilling and retraining within businesses</li> </ul>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop and implement a Whole Systems approach to reduce obesity and Type 2 Diabetes</li> <li>● Work alongside the ADP to reduce stigma and discrimination around alcohol and develop a human rights-based approach to prevention activity that engages those with lived experience</li> <li>● Ensure connection with relevant strategies, including the open space strategy and nature network to capitalise on the assets available for 6 ways to wellbeing</li> <li>● Apply whole systems thinking to the development of the Local Development Plan and implementation of National Planning Framework 4, to optimise a place and wellbeing approach</li> </ul>
	<b>NET ZERO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider the establishment of a mechanism for governance within the CPP to monitor and measure actions relating to climate change and net-zero carbon</li> <li>● Increase CPP Partner joint actions around climate change and protecting/restoring nature</li> <li>● Consider options for co-location and further sharing of assets and resources to reduce environmental impact</li> <li>● Increase engagement with the Business community/private sector to encourage joint working around net-zero</li> </ul>
	<b>HOUSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify and work with partners including local organisations to help support tenants</li> <li>● Increase and widen partnership working and collaboration across the CPP in relation to housing and homelessness.</li> </ul>

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LOIP PILLAR: CREATING SKILLS & JOBS						
Objective	ACTION	Short Term Outcome (1-2 years)	Medium Term Outcome (5 years)	Long Term Outcome (10 years)	Responsible partner agencies	Measurement
To create more good quality jobs in West Lothian.	<p>Increase marketing of West Lothian as a place to do business through Investinwestlothian.</p> <p>Increase partnership working with key stakeholders including Education and NHS.</p> <p>Ensure all business support is targeted at employers offering Living Wage opportunities.</p> <p>Maximise the benefits of CPP community benefit activity to create Living Wage opportunities.</p>	<p>Increased awareness of the support available to businesses.</p> <p>Increased awareness of the jobs available and how to access them.</p> <p>The establishment of sectoral forums across key local sectors, construction, life science, health &amp; social care and retail, to map skills gaps.</p>	<p>Increased awareness of the support available to businesses.</p> <p>Increased awareness of the jobs available and how to access them.</p> <p>The establishment of sectoral forums across key local sectors, construction, life science, health &amp; social care and retail, to map skills gaps.</p>	West Lothian delivers sustainable, inclusive and diverse economic growth enabling businesses to create good quality jobs that everyone can access	<p>West Lothian Council</p> <p>Scottish Enterprise</p> <p>WL College</p> <p>Herriot-Watt University</p> <p>SDS</p> <p>VSG</p> <p>DWP</p> <p>Procurement Leads</p> <p>WL Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Federation of Small Businesses</p>	<p>Review of local data to measure shift in number of companies paying National Living Wage</p> <p>Five active sectoral forums established, linking into Local Employability Partnership planning. Forums to include employers, education – school/FE/HE – economic development and employability provision</p>
Upskilling our workforce and addressing the skills gap and labour shortages	<p>Increased partnership working for greater collaboration within School-College -University</p> <p>The provision of into and in-work employability support for parents to support upskilling.</p> <p>The provision of into and in-work support for those in SIMD areas and facing multiple barriers to employment.</p>	<p>Increased awareness of career pathways in late Primary and through to Secondary for pupils, parents and carers.</p> <p>Industry recognised qualifications developed in schools.</p>	<p>The potential of future workforce is maximised by creating educational pathways, including the balance between vocational skills and academic qualifications.</p> <p>West Lothian economic partners collaborate to maximise job opportunities and minimise skills gaps.</p> <p>Reduction in family poverty in West Lothian as a result of creating progression opportunities</p>			<p>Partnership commits to and evidences supporting 750 people each year with formal upskilling.</p> <p>60% PESF funding supporting in work skills development.</p> <p>20% of SPF clients accessing upskilling opportunities in line with local economic need.</p> <p>Literacy and numeracy support for 20% of SPF clients to enhance employment opportunities</p>
Alleviating poverty and promoting equality of access to opportunities	Support is targeted towards priority groups identified by the Local Employability Partnership (LEP) and reviewed on an annual basis	70% clients from priority groups supported annually through Local Employability Partnership annual plan	<p>Reduction in the number of clients within the 5 priority groups requiring support</p> <p>Young people and adults have access to Life-long education and improvement opportunities</p>		<p>West Lothian Council</p> <p>WL College</p> <p>SDS</p> <p>DWP</p>	Local benchmarking data on five priority groups to be identified. Data will be used to track progression.



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LOIP PILLAR: IMPROVING HEALTH & WELLBEING						
Objective	ACTION	Short Term Outcome (1-2 years)	Medium Term Outcome (5 years)	Long Term Outcome (10 years)	Responsible partner agencies	Measurement
Increase the capability of communities and services to support health and wellbeing	<p>Develop and raise awareness of a West Lothian specific '6 Ways to Wellbeing' model (assets focused)</p> <p>Work with the Licensing Forum to collate information and evidence on alcohol-related harm and approaches for reduction of alcohol use</p> <p>Provide training to support the development of whole systems approaches e.g., Mental Health First Aid and HENRY</p>	<p>People have a greater awareness of what can help improve their wellbeing and know where to go for information and support</p> <p>The workforce (including Third Sector) has access to information and support</p> <p>People and key stakeholders have increased awareness of the relationship between the wider determinants of health and alcohol use</p> <p>The Licensing Forum is strengthened and provides clear information and advice to the Licensing Board, including the views of young people and communities</p> <p>Practitioners are more able to have effective conversations with families on healthy eating and nutrition by undertaking the HENRY programme</p> <p>Practitioners are trained in Mental Health First Aid</p>	<p>Increased positive mental health and wellbeing</p> <p>Reduction in anxiety and depression</p> <p>Reduced loneliness and isolation</p> <p>Reduced stigma associated with seeking support for alcohol use</p> <p>Reduced harm from alcohol to individuals and communities</p> <p>Individuals and communities have developed resilience and have choices</p> <p>More people are physically active</p> <p>More people can eat well</p> <p>More people can access, and engage with, activities, services and assets which aim to support healthy weight and the prevention of type 2 diabetes</p>	West Lothian is a place where everyone has the opportunity to enhance their mental and physical health & wellbeing	<p>NHS Lothian</p> <p>West Lothian Council</p> <p>West Lothian Leisure</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>ADP</p> <p>Nature Scot</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian</p> <p>WLDAS</p> <p>Youth Action Project</p> <p>Whitburn Community Development Trust</p>	<p>Quantitative and qualitative data on the 6 Ways to Wellbeing model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Awareness</li> <li>- Usage</li> <li>- Impact</li> </ul> <p>Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale</p> <p>Qualitative feedback from service users on experience of accessing support services</p> <p>Pre- and post-education session awareness of alcohol and associated health determinants and harms</p> <p>Feedback from the Licensing Board on the usefulness of information and advice provided by the Licensing Forum</p>

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LOIP PILLAR: IMPROVING HEALTH & WELLBEING						
Objective	ACTION	Short Term Outcome (1-2 years)	Medium Term Outcome (5 years)	Long Term Outcome (10 years)	Responsible partner agencies	Measurement
Develop place-based approaches to improve population health and tackle inequalities	Map community assets/resources/ support for mental wellbeing and identify gaps	Pathways include prevention/early intervention e.g., social prescribing				Completed scoping exercise on alcohol-free spaces in West Lothian with recommendations to inform further CPP discussion and decision making
	Develop Locality-specific plans which aim to increase understanding and usage of available community assets for mental wellbeing	Increased awareness of the availability of alcohol-free spaces in West Lothian				Number of people accessing local activities which support eating well and increased physical activity
	Undertake a scoping exercise on alcohol-free spaces in West Lothian communities	Partnership working between statutory services, Third Sector and communities is strengthened				Number of practitioners trained in HENRY and evaluation of impact
	Develop and implement a Whole Systems Approach to reduce obesity and type 2 diabetes in Whitburn using the Leeds Beckett model	People have local access to physical activity				Case studies on impact on whole systems approach on local people and communities
Learning from the whole systems approach informs work in other West Lothian communities		People have local access to affordable healthy food and the knowledge to produce healthy meals				
	A Health in All Policies approach is embedded in West Lothian	Ensure connection with relevant strategies, including the open space strategy and nature network to capitalise on the assets available for 6 Ways to Wellbeing	Those with lived experience, their wider support networks and communities inform prevention work			
	Review the approach to alcohol education, and explore learning and delivery methods	Local Development Plan reflects the importance of community assets which support both physical and mental health and wellbeing				
	Work alongside the ADP to reduce stigma and discrimination around alcohol and develop a human rights-based approach to prevention activity that engages those with lived/living experience					
	Apply whole systems thinking to the development of the Local Development Plan and implementation of National Planning Framework 4, to optimise a place and wellbeing approach					

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LOIP PILLAR: CREATING NET-ZERO CARBON COMMUNITIES						
Objective	ACTION	Short Term Outcome (1-2 years)	Medium Term Outcome (5 years)	Long Term Outcome (10 years)	Responsible partner agencies	Measurement
Establishing robust CPP governance arrangements around climate change and nature restoration	Consider the establishment of a mechanism for governance within the CPP to monitor and measure actions relating to climate change and net-zero carbon detailed in the LOIP.	<p>Mechanism in place for CPP actions around climate change and net-zero activities.</p> <p>Relevant performance indicators developed to measure progress</p> <p>Governance and reporting arrangement established.</p> <p>Annual session on Climate Change.</p>	<p>Annual sessions taking place</p> <p>Climatic/natural capital impact assessment included in CPP considerations</p>	Everyone who lives, works & delivers services in WL builds a sustainable, nature rich, net zero carbon community	ALL	CPP members are engaging in annual session
Alignment of partner activities, plans and strategies.	<p>Undertake mapping activity to identify linkages and tensions across common thematic areas (CCS) and identify opportunities to share resources</p> <p>Increase CPP partner joint actions around climate change and protecting/restoring nature</p> <p>Develop clear, consistent messaging in relation to climate change and biodiversity.</p>	<p>Commonality of plans identified</p> <p>Increased understanding of how partners plans and strategies on climate change and sustainability align and link together.</p> <p>Planned, shared messaging across the CPP (communication plan)</p>	Working in partnership to deliver joint outcomes		<p>WLC, NHS Lothian, Police, Fire, SEPA, NatureScot, HES, Scottish Water</p> <p>VSG, Community Councils</p>	Partners are sharing resources regularly
Better, more sustainable use of partner assets	<p>Consider options to enhance co-location and further sharing of assets and facilities e.g. collating pool cars to central charging hub</p> <p>Partners contribute to the development of specific areas of work such as the Local Heat &amp; Energy Efficiency Strategy</p> <p>Increase engagement with Business community/private sector to encourage joined up working including collaboration on reducing transport emissions/improvements to infrastructure</p>	<p>Potential options for sharing asset</p> <p>Business community/Private sector engaged in governance mechanism within CPP.</p> <p>Increased involvement and participation of businesses in active travel initiatives</p>	Sharing of partner resources leading to reduced environmental impact		WLC, NHS, West Lothian College, Scottish Water, Chamber of Commerce	

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LOIP PILLAR: CREATING NET-ZERO CARBON COMMUNITIES						
Objective	ACTION	Short Term Outcome (1-2 years)	Medium Term Outcome (5 years)	Long Term Outcome (10 years)	Responsible partner agencies	Measurement
Increase CPP partner knowledge and understanding of climate change, biodiversity, adaptation and resilience.	Share the West Lothian Council Adaptation Action Plan with CPP and request information relating to their adaptation arrangements as required under the Climate Change Scotland (2009) Act, Public Bodies Climate Change Duties.	'Nature literacy' CPD delivered to all partners  Increased understanding among CPP members of climatic consequences and impact on natural capital of considerations of CPP	CPP partners are able to describe how they can contribute to biodiversity gain  CPP decisions consider climate/natural capital consequences		Community Council, WLC, Scottish Enterprise, Police, Fire, VSG	CPP partners' plans and strategies include actions that contribute to biodiversity gain
Ensure partners are collaborating effectively to respond to climate change related events.	Review emergency response plans to ensure they take account of latest climate change data and reflect current forecasts.				Police, Fire, NHS	
Increasing Community Resilience around climate change through educating communities on the effects of climate change and actions to address/prevent biodiversity loss and increase volunteering opportunities.	Raise awareness of positive action around reducing emissions, nature-based solutions/carbon offsetting activities/reduced waste and circular economy and the impact this can have.  Raise awareness of actions that can contribute to climate change and biodiversity loss, such as fire-setting.	Communities understand how climate change will affect their area and are able to describe potential climate impacts in their specific context i.e. in their homes and communities.  A programme of joint activities is developed to raise awareness within communities and across West Lothian.	Communities are more active and able to respond and adapt to the effect of climate change and biodiversity loss.  Communities are able to describe how their behaviours can reduce or increase climate impacts. Communities are starting to change behaviours and are more active in responding to climate impacts		Community Councils, VSG, NatureScot, SRUC, WL College, Skills Development Scotland, JobCentre	
	Develop briefings for West Lothian communities as to what community resilience on climate change issues means and what resources communities can access, promoted through sustained engagement and increased volunteering opportunities.	Increased volunteering opportunities in carbon offsetting activity (tree planting/peatland restoration) and in the community responses to climatic events (flooding)	Volunteers understand how the project they're undertaking increases community resilience		Community Councils, VSG, NatureScot, SRUC, WL College, Skills Development Scotland, JobCentre	



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## LOIP PILLAR: CREATING AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

Objective	ACTION	Short Term Outcome (1-2 years)	Medium Term Outcome (5 years)	Long Term Outcome (10 years)	Responsible partner agencies	Measurement
Provision of the right kind of housing that meets the needs of individual, families and communities	<p>Identify sites and housing mix to meet the housing need for new affordable homes</p> <p>Set housing supply targets for private housing to be delivered through the LDP2.</p> <p>Develop and implement Year 1 of the Empty Homes Strategy</p> <p>Targets and funding agreed for specialist housing provision in West Lothian</p>	<p>Increased supply of affordable housing through the SHIP to meet the needs of local communities</p> <p>Increase the supply of private housing in West Lothian to meet population growth</p> <p>Increased supply of specialist housing provision in West Lothian</p>	<p>380 new council homes, including Open Market Acquisitions. RSLs new build programme will contribute towards affordable homes target</p> <p>Housing Supply target for private sector homes met</p> <p>Number of empty homes brought back into use through the Empty Homes Initiative</p>	Everyone has access to appropriate affordable and sustainable housing which meets their needs.	<p>West Lothian Council</p> <p>RSLs</p> <p>West Lothian IJB</p> <p>Scottish Water</p>	<p>Targets agreed for the following:</p> <p>Sites and targets for new supply of affordable housing agreed</p> <p>Housing supply targets set for private sector new build housing</p> <p>Annual targets set for empty homes to be brought back into use.</p> <p>Identify specialist housing provision and funding arrangements</p>
Develop a strategic, preventative approach to Homelessness Partners to implement of their statutory homeless prevention duties	<p>Develop and undertake awareness sessions with Partners to fully understand their Public Bodies Prevention Homeless Duty</p> <p>Each partner to develop preventative actions, including support, to avoid a homeless referral to Housing</p>	<p>Increased awareness of preventive approach with partners fully understanding their statutory prevention duties</p> <p>Homeless prevention action plan in place for each partner.</p>	<p>Reduction of homelessness referrals from public bodies</p> <p>Improved sustainment and community integration.</p>		<p>West Lothian Council</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Third Sector</p> <p>West Lothian College</p>	<p>Awareness session completed</p> <p>Action plans in place for each partner</p>
Community response and support	<p>Reduce the stigma of homelessness by raising community awareness through local engagement sessions</p> <p>Work with community organisations and the 3rd sector to identify and build local support opportunities to help with sustainment and community integration</p> <p>Establish links with Locality Plans to ensure there is a targeted focus of homeless prevention at a locality level</p>	<p>Identification and agreed partnership working with all relevant organisation.</p> <p>Improved access to local support organisations to help individuals sustain tenancies and integrate tenants into communities</p>	<p>Reduction of homelessness referrals from public bodies</p> <p>Improved sustainment and community integration.</p>		<p>West Lothian Council</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Third Sector</p> <p>Voluntary sector Gateway</p> <p>LACs</p>	<p>Local engagement sessions completed</p> <p>Local support opportunities identified and developed with community and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisation.</p>

# Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Delivery Plan

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Develop messages around housing options and choice	<p>Identify and involve wider partners with front line staff who engage with the public to share the housing options message.</p> <p>Partners to develop consistent housing options messages for households at risk of homelessness to promote self-help approach</p>	<p>Partners identified.</p> <p>Shared housing options messages that is aligned with the West Lothian RRTP, agreed by partners and in place.</p>	Improved and consistent housing options messages in place across West Lothian		<p>West Lothian Council</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Third Sector</p> <p>West Lothian College</p>	

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