**EAST LOTHIAN PLAN – OUR LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**SUMMARY**

The **East Lothian Partnership** is made up of organisations that work together to make life better for the people in our area. This Plan sets out the things we want to prioritise over the next few years, having listened to local people and local community bodies.

The Partnership wants to focus on

* reducing inequalities across our area;
* tackling poverty; and
* working to prevent problems and act quickly when problems start.

We are already working together on many initiatives, but there are new things we want to do to deliver an East Lothian that is increasingly prosperous, community-minded and fair.

**prosperous**

**1.1 people are working, are free from in-work poverty and are able to develop and improve their work skills.**

1. We will produce a Workforce Plan for East Lothian to make sure that people are aware of sectors where there are job opportunities, and what they need to do to become “job-ready”.
2. We will encourage career progression through training opportunities available under the forthcoming City Region deal.
3. We will examine the issue of in-work poverty and encourage the payment of the Living Wage.

**1.2 Local businesses are thriving**

1. We will continue our work to get the City Region Deal in place.
2. We will explore the potential for an Innovation Park close to Queen Margaret University
3. We will work to repurpose the site of the former Cockenzie Power Station.
4. We will work together to relocate and co-locate, and repurpose suitable assets as employment land (or land for affordable housing).

**1.3 People and businesses in East Lothian have better access to digital infrastructure and the digital skills they need.**

1. We will lobby for better broadband provisions
2. We will work with small businesses to make them aware of their options for conducting their business digitally
3. We will encourage developers to install digital infrastructure in new premises.

**community-minded**

**2.1 East Lothian has strong, resilient communities, where people respect each other and look out for each other**

1. We will finalise the new Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.
2. We will work to decrease the numbers of people who go missing, especially people with dementia and young people.
3. We will focus on road safety, including safer journeys for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages.

**2.2 East Lothian people can live affordably and contribute to a thriving community life in a high-quality environment**

1. Through Area Partnerships, we will continue to help our communities to access resources so they can work out and take forward local priorities
2. We will develop the right partnerships to bring forward affordable homes and help residents create and sustain great communities.
3. We will seek to make life easier for people who have less access to transport, through provision and promotion of digital and telephone services, and through a focus on the needs of cyclists, pedestrians and users of public transport - of all ages.

**fair**

3.**1 We tackle the causes and effects of poverty in East Lothian and we reduce the gap between the richest and the poorest people**

1. We will implement the Poverty Action Plan arising from the work of the East Lothian poverty Commission
2. We will run the Musselburgh Family Focus project bringing partners together to get the best outcomes for some of our most vulnerable families.

**3.2 People in East Lothian are healthy**

1. We will work to prioritise mental health for people of all ages.

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