

# About us

East Lothian Partnership is a group of organisations from across public, private, third and community sectors, working together to make life better for the people of East Lothian.

To help achieve this, the **East Lothian Plan 2017–27** (our Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) sets out a range of actions that we want to prioritise over the next few years.

These actions reflect our three key themes – Prosperous, Community-minded and Fair.

When delivering the plan our focus will be:

- Reducing inequalities across our area
- Tackling poverty
- Working to prevent problems – and acting quickly when problems start.

This is a summary version, you can view the full plan at [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/communityplanning](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/communityplanning)

The East Lothian Plan is part of a wider network of interlinking partner plans, each with the purpose of reducing inequalities as illustrated in our tree:



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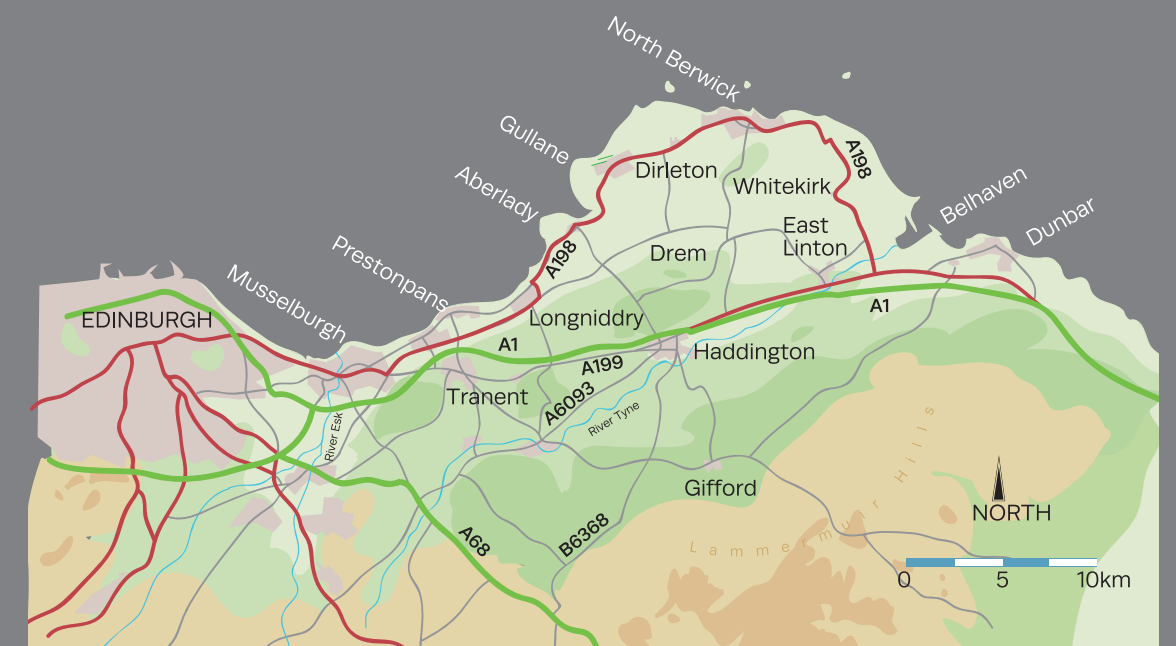
# East Lothian Partnership

## East Lothian Plan 2017–27

### SUMMARY



*"We will work in partnership to achieve an even more prosperous, safe and sustainable East Lothian, with dynamic and thriving economy that enables our people and communities to flourish."*



## Our key themes

We are already working together on many initiatives, and aim to bring new focus to delivering an East Lothian that is increasingly **prosperous, community-minded** and **fair**.

### ★ Prevention & Early Intervention: *our Golden Thread*

Prevention & Early Intervention is about taking action as soon as possible to tackle social problems before they become more difficult to turn around. Prevention & Early Intervention is the 'golden thread' that runs through the East Lothian Plan.

## Theme 1 *Prosperous*



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

**Outcome 1.2** Local businesses are thriving and the business base is expanding.

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

### ACTIONS

#### 1.1

a) Produce a Workforce Plan for East Lothian, identifying skills shortages and considering ways in which we can address the area's workforce needs.

b) Encourage career progression through training opportunities available under the forthcoming Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal.

c) Examine the issue of in-work poverty in East Lothian and encourage payment of the Living Wage.

#### 1.2

d) Promote and support economic development and attract jobs to the area through large strategic employment sites that may become available, such as the Cockenzie Power Station site and the Innovation Park proposed near Queen Margaret University.

e) Work together to relocate and co-locate, and repurpose suitable surplus assets as employment land.

#### 1.3

f) Continue to press for better provision of broadband and other appropriate infrastructure locally, and monitor the delivery of national programmes to ensure equity of digital provision for people in rural areas.

g) Work with small businesses to make them aware of their options for conducting their business digitally, particularly in relation to using dedicated connections.

h) Through the Local Development Plan Action Programme, encourage developers to install digital infrastructure in new dwellings and other premises.

## Theme 2 *Community-minded*



**Outcome 2.1** East Lothian has strong resilient communities where people respect and support each other.

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

### ACTIONS

#### 2.1

i) Work with communities to involve them in community justice issues, and implement the new Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.

j) Work together to understand the issue of people going missing, so we can begin to address this, with a particular focus on people with dementia and young people experiencing mental health issues.

k) Make our roads safer, including a focus on making journeys safer for cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

#### 2.2

l) Through our Area Partnerships, continue to help our communities to access resources so they can work out and take forward their priorities for their own area.

m) Develop the right partnerships to bring forward appropriate affordable homes for all,

and help residents create and sustain great communities. Partners will allocate surplus suitable assets to deliver affordable housing and / or business premises.

n) When providing services, we will aim 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.

## Theme 3 *Fair*



**Outcome 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.

**Outcome 3.2** People in East Lothian are enjoying healthier lives.

### ACTIONS

#### 3.1

o) Implement the Poverty Action Plan arising from the work of the East Lothian Poverty Commission.

p) Develop joint projects to test how to get the best outcomes for some of our most vulnerable people, through better relationships between public sector partners and also between families and service providers.

#### 3.2

q) Work with communities to support healthy choices.

r) Provide better support for people with mental health issues, including focusing on the mental health of young people and of people who have committed offences or who are at risk of committing offences.