



The focus of our Housing and Regeneration sub-group includes:

- Reviewing development proposals and increase the number of affordable homes.
- Linking with PARC and the regeneration.
- Promoting open spaces and play areas within new housing developments.
- Resident-led inspection to check standards and identify issues.

## Employment

You said you want more jobs. Access to work and training impacts on people's quality of life and sense of wellbeing.

The focus of our Economic Development and Employment sub-group includes:

- Highlighting the need for business space and benefits to the community from construction projects and new services, by promoting 'The Business and Labour Charter'.
- Supporting local work and training initiatives.
- Ensuring local people benefit from city-wide programmes.

- Circulating information on grants and funding opportunities for new businesses through Cre8te and the Craigmillar Business Incubator.
- The Get On Bus to let people know about opportunities for training and jobs.

## Transport

Public transport supports the other priorities in our Plan. Getting to work, hospital, college and seeing friends etc is important.


The Partnership influences and inputs local knowledge when it can, such as:

- The Public Transport Link to the Hospital and BioQuarter.
- Traffic-calming measures in residential areas.
- Consulting on traffic congestion and parking.

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Portobello and Craigmillar

# Local Community Plan 2011 to 2014

PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD  
 PARTNERSHIP**



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Since 2008, Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership has worked to reduce poverty and deprivation and tackle the priorities you said were the most important.

From the latest survey your top priorities are: **housing improvements & more affordable housing, activities for children & young people, more jobs, tackling anti-social behaviour, clean area & improved street cleaning.**

These priorities fall under four broad headings: Support for Children and Families, Better Environment, a Safer Community, and Improved Health and Wellbeing. The Neighbourhood Partnership will continue to focus on these broad issues.

Our Community Plan has been updated for the next three years and will build on our progress so far e.g.

- Extended school holiday programme – lots of fun things to do for children and young people. This helped reduce youth calls during school holidays by 58% (2009/10).
- More local influence – community help agree the top 3 local policing priorities for the coming months. Over 3 years, deciding on £960,000 worth of projects from delegated local budgets, delivering 35 local environment projects and attracting £680,000 additional funding to help us do more.
- Achieved 2 Green Flag awards for our parks
- Working to improve health, provide more employment and business opportunities and support for parenting and regeneration etc.

A Neighbourhood Partnership Performance Framework has been developed to help the Partnership and its sub-groups hold service providers more accountable for the standard of services they deliver in this area.

Progress will be driven by our sub-groups; local representatives, groups, councillors, council and

partner staff, and the voluntary sector, working together to deliver local solutions to issues and concerns. The Voluntary Sector sub group contributes towards many of the priorities delivering vital local services. Here is what they will do:

## Support for Families, Children and Young People

You said you want more activities for children and young people.

Our Families, Children and Young People's sub-group focuses on education, fun stuff for children to do and support for parents and carers if they need it. Work includes:

- Co-ordinating and delivering school holiday activities and promoting them via the website [www.fun.stufftodo.org.uk](http://www.fun.stufftodo.org.uk)
- Delivering joined-up early intervention to stop young people getting involved in anti-social behaviour or crime.
- Supporting parents and carers e.g. SPACE Project which provides training, information and support.
- Supporting Craigmillar's regeneration including expectations of a new high school.



## A Safer Community

You said you want less crime and anti-social behaviour.

Our Community Safety sub-group focuses on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, the misuse of drugs and alcohol, and ensuring young people feel valued in our community. Work includes:

- Working with the Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team to identify and tackle local "hotspots" quickly and effectively.
- Focusing on early intervention and prevention through joint working with the Fire Service, Police and Council staff e.g. the school holiday programme, Bonfire Night planning and other local events.

## A Better Environment

You said you want clean streets, less dog fouling, good parks and well maintained roads and pavements.

Both our Area Board and Environment Forum sub-groups work to deliver a cleaner, greener and nicer environment. Their work includes:

- Funding small scale annual improvement projects from delegated local budgets and seeking match funding to do even more.

- Working with others such as, Friends of Parks to improve and maintain local parks standards and win/retain Green Flag Status.
- Reviewing service standards to improve the area e.g. Parks Standards and the local hot-spot street cleaning list.
- Helping tackle local issues like dog fouling by supporting publicity campaigns and initiatives.
- Inputting local knowledge into special projects.

## Improving Health

Public health information shows that people in the area, particularly Craigmillar, suffer the worst levels of health inequality in the city. We know people also feel better when they have good networks of support from family and friends, and services when they need them.

Our Health & Wellbeing sub-group works to improve services to the most vulnerable by:

- Ensuring people are properly supported by services working together.
- Piloting better access to treatment for misuse of alcohol and drugs.
- Ensuring young people have the full range of advice and support available.
- Ensuring people have effective help with mental health problems.
- Promoting activities which help people stay well by being involved in social or community networks, and by healthy eating and physical activity.

## Housing and Regeneration

You said you want housing improvements and more affordable housing. The economy has slowed regeneration but the ongoing development programme will provide new housing in Craigmillar for sale and for rent.