

prevent falls in the home and reduce the number of hospital admissions;

- Support carers in their role by providing benefit and welfare advice, training and access to respite care;
- Help and encourage parents to access positive parenting support;
- Increase the provision of peer support for children by building on existing projects.

Better and Safer Communities

In recent years, Liberton Gilmerton has seen many changes in tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour, most recently with the introduction of better joint working between the Council and the Police. But during our consultation for this plan, residents told us that anti-social behaviour is still a major issue, ranging from dog fouling to street drinking to drugs.

During the consultation, the community also suggested that they wanted to make sure that green spaces are well maintained and accessible to all.

Achievements such as the Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park being awarded Green Flag status and other park improvements have made a real difference to our communities, but there is still work to be done in and around other green spaces. We will:

- Increase the membership of Friends groups to encourage more local environment initiatives;
- Maintain Green Flag status and continue to develop local parks and green spaces;
- Invest in the local environment through the Council managed Neighbourhood Environment Programme;
- Tackle anti-social behaviour issues through close joint working with partners;
- Identify better ways for the Police and Community to work together to set the priorities for the Safer Neighbourhood Team.



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Liberton and Gilmerton

Local Community Plan 2011 to 2014

LIBERTON & GILMERTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD
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Welcome to the Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership Community Plan.

The Community Plan helps the Partnership to decide on how local services can be best used to support the priorities identified by local people.

Over 900 people commented on local issues to help develop the plan. Four priorities were then agreed by the Partnership to help improve the quality of life for residents, especially those who need more support or access to specialist services.

Over the next few years, the Partnership, which includes the Council, NHS Lothian, the police, voluntary sector and the community, will bring together services, experience and new ideas to make sure that we all can make a real difference.

As you will see from the priorities, they cover a range of issues which are likely to affect many people in our community and we hope that by 2014, you and the wider community will feel that real progress has been made.

Positively Engage Young People

There are many ways adults in our community can have a say on what affects them or issues they think should be tackled. For young people, it is very different. At a Youth Engagement Event in 2010, young people said that they felt excluded from decisions being taken on issues which could affect them now and in later life.

It is also important that young people are well informed to help them make positive choices. An example is alcohol use. Recent research showed that some local young people are regularly drinking large amounts of alcohol and can then become involved in dangerous behaviour.

Not only does this impact on the wider community through anti social behaviour, but also on the health and well being of these young people. We will:

- Take forward the actions from the new 2011 - 2014 Young People & Alcohol Strategy;
- Look at new ways to involve more young people in the decisions that affect them now and in the future;
- Encourage more young people to get involved in safe activities;
- Use more 'young people friendly' ways of providing information about the activities available in the area.

Improve Employment Opportunities for the Community

Since the economic crisis began in 2008, unemployment in the Liberton Gilmerton neighbourhood has more than doubled. In addition to this, there are more young people than ever leaving school without a job or training to go to (538 in Edinburgh 2010).

Being out of work not only affects the individuals involved, but also their families, friendships and the wider community. This can also lead to poor health and debt issues.

Some people need lots of support before they are ready to look for a job. This could include help with reading and writing, how to use computers and affordable childcare. Young people may need even more help. We will:

- Identify the barriers stopping people from finding a job and work with a wide range of partners to support this;
- Provide support before people look for work and

also to help them keep a job;

- Work with the citywide Edinburgh Employability Strategy to make sure the neighbourhood gets all the resources available;
- Link with primary and secondary schools to help young people prepare for the world of work;
- Encourage large employers and developers to employ local people in nearby opportunities.

Tackle Health Inequalities

'Health' means many different things. The Partnership has agreed to focus on two different aspects, older people and families needing support.

People are living longer. Liberton Gilmerton has a high number of residents over the age of 60. This

means that the demand for local resources and support services increases each year.

Sometimes there aren't enough services to meet the demands of the local elderly community and this can mean that some may miss out on valuable support.

There are children and parents experiencing difficulties which, without support, may lead to more serious issues like mental health problems, poor family relationships and possibly the breakdown of the family. We will:

- Bring together local provision to increase access to older people's services;
- Work with different organisations to make it easier for patients leaving hospital;
- Encourage agencies to work together to help

