



downturn has resulted in further job losses adding to existing high unemployment levels with increasing competition to get work. We will:

- Improve local available information to get help finding work.
- Increase access to help writing job applications and preparing for interviews for all age groups, in particular those leaving school or those who have been made unemployed after years in work.
- Develop opportunities to gain work experience through better links with local employers, business and volunteering to improve skills levels and increase chances in finding paid work.
- Improve links with local employers and business to help identify job opportunities for local people of all ages.
- Work with partner organisations, schools and colleges to increase access to skills training and educational opportunities to improve job prospects.

## Families, Children and Young People

The South West community experiences a combination of factors which can cause strain on family life. Higher than average unemployment, high

numbers of lone parents, high numbers of older people requiring assistance to live independently and various health issues are some of the life factors requiring a range of support measures tailored for families at all stages in life. We will:

- Improve access to support and help for parents and families with young children
- Improve local recreational facilities and increase access to affordable activities for young people.
- Increase access to advice, information and help for families on health, education, parenting skills, raising awareness of existing support and services available.
- Help reduce isolation in the community particularly among the elderly and infirm.
- Work with schools and partner organisations improving positive outcomes for children leaving school

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South West

# Local Community Plan 2011 to 2014

SOUTH WEST

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The South West Local Community Plan reflects a range of local priorities highlighted through consulting with people from all walks of life, backgrounds and cultures who live and work in the South West Neighbourhood.

The Local Community Plan is a guide to the main priorities identified by the community; it highlights concerns pointed out most by people as the ones they want to see improvements with over the next three years. The Partnership will work with the main partner organisations and service providers including the City of Edinburgh Council, the NHS, Police, Fire and Rescue Service and local voluntary groups to find better ways of working together to improve services and make the community more inclusive and a safer, healthier and cleaner environment in which to live.

## Environment

Good quality local parks, play areas and open spaces are valued by all age groups in the community. Improved access helps people make best use of facilities such as the canal, community gardens, orchards and allotment developments. We will:

- Encourage community involvement in keeping parks and play areas clean, tackling dog fouling and litter through campaigns and education.
- Promote community garden projects and allotments through campaigns and information sharing.
- Promote the canal as a welcoming and safe environment; improving cycle paths, walking paths and lighting.

## Transport

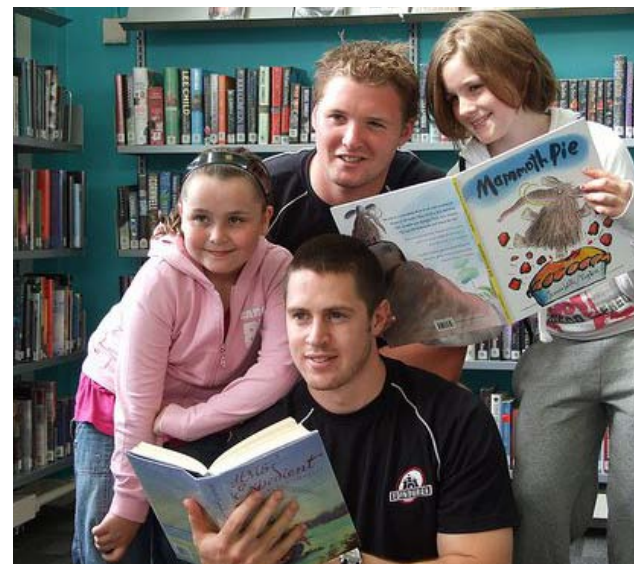
The South West is a large, densely populated area set in a largely urban environment. Accessible, affordable public transport, easy access to local bus services,

improved roads, cycle routes and footpaths will help people who live and work in the community get to work, to shop and to access health services. We will:

- Promote the use of public transport.
- Develop, with service providers, improved access to local bus services, influencing service plans and route development.
- Improve public transport information for the community through bus tracker and information in bus shelters.
- Improve and promote the safe use of cycle paths and footpaths.
- Promote road safety through safety campaigns for road users including drivers and cyclists.

## Health and Wellbeing

The South West community has higher levels of heart disease and shorter life expectancy for men and women than most other parts of the city. This highlights the need to improve access to Health and Wellbeing services promoting healthy living



through positive choices in eating, diet and exercise, promoting good mental health across all age groups. We will:

- Raise awareness of and develop support services for those people in the community experiencing difficulties with mental health.
- Increase access to health information for all age groups promoting access to local health services.
- Promote and improve access to affordable exercise and physical activities.
- Promote affordable healthy eating through information, education and campaigns.
- Develop joined up support from partner organisations for families experiencing health difficulties resulting from misuse of alcohol or drugs.

## Built Environment and Housing

The demolition of the high flats at North Sighthill and the desire for more family homes as replacements highlight the need to develop sustainable, integrated communities, to improve the quality of the living environment in built areas, developing good quality and well maintained housing and surrounding open spaces. We will:

- Involve local communities through consultation in the development of future homes built through

21st Century Homes.

- Work in partnership with the community and service providers to improve quality of life for residents, improving tenancy management and tackling antisocial behaviour.
- Work with local colleges and universities to better integrate students living in the community, raising awareness of local concerns about homes of multiple occupation.

## Community Safety

Consultations tell us that the potential for anti social behaviour and fear of crime can be real issues for the community. Parts of the South West have higher levels of recorded anti-social behaviour than other places in the city. Although residents have indicated that they feel safer now than in previous years, the community want to see all of the South West become a safer place in which to live and work. We will:

- Work with partners to reduce anti social activity and reduce the harm relating to misuse of alcohol and drugs.
- Develop partnership actions to ensure a clean and safe environment, free from vandalism, litter and dog fouling.
- Improve information to and from the community from the police and community safety partners, keeping people informed of partnership activity, encouraging participation in local community activities.

## Skills and Employment

Edinburgh has the lowest level of young people reaching positive post school destinations in Scotland with the South West one of the lowest in the city. Less young people are getting college places and job prospects are greatly reduced. The economic