

The Pentlands Local Community Plan is a summary of the main areas for service and information improvement under the six main headings local people have identified and highlighted as important to them. Enhancing the quality of life for all residents across the community, regardless of age or background, living and working in Pentlands is the overarching aim of the local plan.

The plan reflects a range of local priorities identified through consultations held with people from all walks of life, backgrounds and cultures that live in the Pentlands Neighbourhood. It is a guide to the main priorities identified by the community highlighting the concerns raised most by people as those they want to improve upon over the next three years. The Partnership will work with 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.

Healthy Living

Pentlands has greater than average life expectancy compared to most parts of the city, with an increasing number of older people seeking help to live at home. Staying healthier and active helps people stay independent longer. Starting young by choosing healthy life styles is also important to staying fit and healthy longer. The promotion of healthy life choices across all age groups, young and old, promoting healthy eating, exercise and good positive mental health helps improve general health and enhance life quality across the community. We will:

- Raise awareness of and develop support services for those people in the community experiencing



difficulties with mental health.

- Increase access to affordable leisure and recreational facilities for all age groups.
- Promote good value healthy eating through education and campaigns
- Develop joined up support for families experiencing health difficulties resulting from misuse of alcohol and drugs.
- Promote healthy living through increased physical activity.
- Develop joined up support and services to help reduce the isolation of older people in the community.

Environment and Greenspace

The Pentlands area has a number of community and heritage parks valued by local people. Encouraging community use of these green spaces, helping to look after and improve facilities to enable all ages to enjoy access and promoting positive environmental initiatives to all ages will help sustain the local environment and enhance the area. We will:

- Increase community participation to improve the green spaces and parks across the Pentlands through community events and planting initiatives.
- Keep local parks and green spaces clean and green tackling dog fouling and litter through campaigns and educational events
- Promote parks and green space by increasing the number of community events, nature walks, improving cycle paths and walking paths across the community.
- Promote a sustainable environment by increasing awareness of recycling facilities and initiatives across the Pentlands.

Children, Young People and Families

Support services and information networks that help families, carers and older people to live and experience a good quality of life in the community are increasingly important in Pentlands. People are living longer, educational and job opportunities available for young people are increasingly challenged and families have caring responsibilities which can be difficult to manage alone. We will:

- Develop support services and increase access to information for parents providing help and guidance as families grow and children go through school.
- Identify help and guidance for extended families such as grandparents looking after children.
- Increase support and respite for those caring for people with disabilities and dependants with special needs.
- Increase access to affordable family activities in the community.
- Increase access to affordable facilities and activities

for young people.

- Increase access to help and support for older people to help enable good quality independent living.

Safer Community

Pentlands is a large geographical area made up of a number of smaller historic neighbourhoods and villages. In parts of the community there are higher concerns about anti social activity and general concerns regarding safety than in others. The community want all the Pentlands to be a safer place for all ages and diverse groups to live in, to work in and to play in. We will:

- Develop positive activities for young people, increasing access to youth groups and facilities in

