



The new framework will:

- Develop a more strategic approach
- Increase leverage of the Council and its partners to improve impact
- Reduce fragmentation and clarify process for customers
- Demonstrate value for money and create cycle of continuous improvement.

An employability event is being held by Forth NP in 2011 to look at how the new framework can be rolled out in Forth and how to ensure maximum benefit for Forth residents.

Improving Services for Children, Young People and Families

A Children Services Management Group (CSMG) for North West Edinburgh has been set up as part of the Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) arrangements. The remit of the group is to work collaboratively and improve outcomes for children, young people and their families through the effective local coordination and management of children's services and resources (The North West Group will focus on the Craigroyston and Broughton catchment areas).

The Children, Families and Young People Action Group will work closely with these structures to take forward the agreed priorities.

The key priorities for action are:

- Providing parents and carers with consistent access to opportunities to learn and gain confidence in their parenting role through the Parenting Framework.
- Reducing risk factors associated with the development of anti-social behaviour, violence & aggression.
- Improving educational outcomes and reducing truancy and exclusion levels.
- Embed GIRFEC principles across all work related to the support of children & families.
- Improving the quality of services for children and young people.

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Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Local Community Plan 2011 to 2014

FORTH

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP



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Welcome to the new Local Community Plan for Forth Neighbourhood Partnership for 2011–2014.

The plan will continue the work already begun by the Neighbourhood Partnership to improve the quality of life for people living in Forth ward by making services more responsive to local needs.

It sets out the priorities for the area and was developed following consultation with people who live in the area and with organisations delivering services locally.

The activities of the Neighbourhood Partnership include:

- Influencing strategic decisions that affect the local community.
- Making recommendations to the Council and partner organisations.
- Engaging with the local community and keeping them informed and involved.
- Allocating Neighbourhood Environment Programme funding and Community Grants for local projects.

We will also encourage participation by equalities groups in Partnership activities.

Creating a Healthier Community

The health issues in this Plan were identified following consultation with Community Councils in North Edinburgh and a major Community Health Summit at Telford College - which highlighted the social causes of the health inequalities impacting on the area.

The key priorities for action are:

- **Mental Health** – Seek improved support services for the numbers of people living in the community with serious and ongoing mental health problems. Counselling services also need to be improved to meet the level of demand from local people experiencing high levels of stress.
- **Information about health services** – Improve

information and signposting for existing services. We particularly need to ensure that the information is reaching the people who really need it.

- **Physical Health & Healthy Eating** – Improve access to opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity.
- **Alcohol and drug use** – Highlight the issue of alcohol and drug use and the impact this has on individuals, families and the wider community.
- **Access to Health Services** – Seek improved access to major health service facilities, such as the Royal Infirmary and Sick Kids, and improved access to, and the service provided by local GP services.

Creating a Cleaner, Greener and More Attractive Environment

The priorities shown below were agreed following discussions with each of the local Community Councils. The issues were further refined at the Clean, Green and Safe Action Group – chaired by a Community Council representative.

The Clean, Green and Safe Action Group is responsible for overseeing the Neighbourhood Environment Programme which funds environmental improvement projects that have been identified and agreed with local Community Councils.

The NEP fund supports projects that improve the immediate environment for local residents. To date the Fund has supported projects to the value of £2.4m across the Forth NP area.

The Action Group also works closely with the Safer Neighbourhood Team to identify priority policing activities across the Neighbourhood Partnership area on a rolling basis.

Priority issues include:



- Creating sustainable improvements to green space
- Improving street cleaning
- Improving roads and pavements maintenance
- Tackling Anti Social Behaviour
- Tackling the problem of dog fouling
- Improving Estate Management
- Improving the provision and maintenance of street lighting

Ensuring Well Designed, Sustainable Places with Access to Amenities and Services

The priorities were agreed following discussions with local Community Councils. The issues were further refined by the Physical Regeneration Action Group – chaired by a Community Council representative.

Priority issues include:

- Monitor the phasing of central Pennywell/ Muirhouse regeneration programme (demolition and rehousing); with a view to ensure that the views of local residents are taken into consideration at all stages.
- Monitor the progress of the West Pilton redevelopment with a view to ensuring that

the views of local residents are taken into consideration at all stages.

- Develop a Master plan for the Pennywell/Muirhouse area, including Muirhouse Shopping Centre and the location of the CEC/NHS partnership centre.
- Continue to monitor and comment on the local Capital Programme.
- Monitor the development of the waterfront area, insofar as such developments are within or boundary the Forth ward, and seek to influence the provision and design of affordable housing and the surrounding built environment within such proposed developments.

Ensuring More and Better Employment Opportunities

Activity in this area has concentrated on encouraging cooperation between local agencies and maximising the use of available resources around the key aim of: Improving access to good quality training and employment opportunities – particularly for Young People.

The Partnership will prioritise work with CEC City Development to ensure that Forth benefits from the Council's 'Integrated Employability Service' for the city.