

Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership

# Local Community Plan 2008 to 2011

Progress Report – Autumn 2009

PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PARTNERSHIP



## INVITATION

*Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership*  
'Let's Get Together'

***Main Event:*** Saturday 26th September 2009, 11am to 3pm  
Niddrie Mill & St Francis Primary School

***Mini Event:*** Friday 2nd October 2009, 1pm to 3pm  
Portobello Town Hall

Come along - Free fun / information / chat  
working with you and for you to improve our area

This progress report is to let you know what's been done so far, what's next and how to get involved.

The Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership has worked hard over the last two years to develop a 'partnership approach' and to improve the area. It's about doing, not just talking.

We're already achieving progress in tackling the issues that people have told us are the most important. But there's more to be done. The partnership's 9 sub-groups have responsibility for delivering real improvements.

Everyone has a role to play and can get involved. This includes residents young and old, councillors, community groups and organisations, Council, Health Service, Police, Voluntary Sector and businesses etc.

Because the work of the partnership covers a wide range of services and activities, its successes or failures will have a real impact.

A 'partnership approach' to how we plan and deliver local services provides real opportunities to improve the whole area. Local people can have more influence but they must know how they can get involved, or where they can find out what is going on. The partnership is keen to involve more people in the work to improve the area.

## Our 'Let's Get Together' events

There will be free fun, information and chat. Please come along, we have two events planned:

**Main event** - Saturday 26 September, 11am to 3pm, in Niddrie Mill & St Francis School, Moffat Way, Craigmillar

**Mini event** – Friday 2 October 2009, 1pm to 3pm, in Portobello Town Hall.

## The Area Profile

Our population is just over 25,000. Within the partnership boundary there are two libraries, six primary schools, one high school, two nursery schools, five community centres, one college, six doctors surgeries and six NHS dental surgeries. Portobello High School and St John's Primary School lie on the boundary of the Craigentiny & Duddingston Partnership and some of our young people attend other schools, such as Holyrood High. We have the beach and many areas of natural beauty. There are 14 parks including Hawkhill Woods and Craigmillar Castle Jubilee Park, which both hold Natural Heritage status. Our housing stock has a mix of family homes, sheltered housing, multi-storey and tenement flats. Landlords include the Council, Housing Associations and the private sector. Many services are provided outside the boundary.

### Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) Budget Allocations

Voluntary Sector 2009/10

This year the Neighbourhood Partnership allocated just under £1.5 million. This includes £915,347 across the Voluntary Sector and £390,000 set-aside to commission new work.

The Voluntary Sector delivers many important services to the most vulnerable in our community. They are part of our 'partnership approach' and active participants in the sub-groups including Health, Employment, Support for Families Children & Young People etc. Voluntary Sector organisations can tender for new work being commissioned.



# 1 Support for Families, Children and Young People

You said you want families to be supported when required and more opportunities and facilities for children and young people.

## **Together we're tackling the main issues by:**

- Using the Families, Children and Young People sub-group to help plan / deliver improvements
- Working to establish a 'Youth Forum' to include young people in influencing local service delivery
- Using our Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) budget to commission extra work such as the delivery of 'parenting skills' when required.

## **So far we have:**

- Improved our partnership approach which has increased positive experiences for children and young people and helps to promote good behaviour and build self confidence

- Delivered early intervention initiatives to help stop children or young people being excluded from school or getting into trouble
- Awarded money to community centres and local projects from our FSF and Community Grants Funds. More children and young people have taken part in activities and sports because this expanded the 'summer holiday programme' e.g. KITS (Kids in the Street) provided football, netball and basketball using the mobile unit at extra locations
- Allocated extra money to four childrens' centres to help support families over the summer holidays
- Supported the delivery of the 'Summer Bash' and Craigmillar Festival 'Fun Day'
- Developed a new and easy to use website to advertise the summer activities across the area: [www.fun.stufftodo.org.uk](http://www.fun.stufftodo.org.uk)

# 2 Community Safety

You said you want to feel safer in your communities.

## **Together we're tackling the main issues by:**

- Using the Community Safety sub-group. It's not only about anti-social behaviour; it's about early intervention, diversion and providing a range of opportunities for all young people to get involved in activities
- Youth Matrix, Fairer Scotland Fund and Community Grants Fund have supported the delivery of extra activities for young people across the area.

## **So far we have:**

- Funded and co-ordinated early intervention and diversionary activities for young people and helped to provide detached youth work. This has reduced youth calls by over 30%
- Enabled over 180 boys and girls aged between 6 and 16, to attend Football Coaching sessions

- Achieved 'no call outs' about bonfires in the area for the first time on Guy Fawkes Night, by working with the community and Fire Brigade
- Used surgeries to make it easier to report issues
- Produced Newsletters to provide updates and promote contact details
- Identified and targeted local 'hot spots' and problems.

## 3 Sustainable Environment

You said you want a cleaner and greener area with better roads and pavements.

### **Together we're tackling the main issues by:**

Using our Environment Forum and our Area Board to plan and deliver improvements

### **So far we have:**

- Had area tours to involve the community in identifying and agreeing projects for improvements to our local environment. The devolved budgets 2008/09 amounted to £275,000. This delivered a pedestrian crossing at Milton Road East, better pavements in Colliedene Avenue, door entry at Magdalene and benches, trees, fences and planting across the area.
- Planned improvements for 2009/10, at Bingham Broadway, Magdalene shops, Niddrie Mill Avenue and other local projects.



- Secured £582,014, Town Centre Regeneration Funding for improvements at Portobello High Street
- Supported an Environment Week of Action with community clean-ups, road shows and other activities
- Worked with other service providers to start developing shared Ground Maintenance Standards.

## 4 Health

You said that encouraging a healthy lifestyle will help us to reduce health inequalities.

### **Together we're tackling the main issues by:**

- Using the Health & Wellbeing sub-group to focus on ways to improve health.

### **So far we have:**

- Continued to fund projects through our Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) to support: healthy eating, food and nutrition courses, advice / education for young people on drugs, alcohol, sexual health and emotional development, physical activities for older people, support for housebound people to help them remain at home longer and services for children affected by drugs / alcohol abuse
- Allocated a proportion of our FSF budget to commission specific work to: help young mothers-to-be with smoking or alcohol and drugs problems, aftercare for young people following drugs / alcohol detox, and services to help prevent mental health issues becoming long-term
- Planned to re-start a community health project in the old Be Well building including counselling and a crèche
- Established a Community information Point within Craigmillar Medical Centre.



## 5 Housing and Regeneration

You said how we manage the area is important to you.

### **Together we're tackling the main issues by:**

- Using the Housing & Regeneration sub-group to help improve how the area is managed and progress reported

### **So far we have:**

- Received regular updates from PARC
- Developed a schedule of resident led inspections
- Developed new ways to link with tenants to include them in improving their area
- Piloted three Saturday morning 'Surgeries' in the East Neighbourhood Office
- Worked with partners to increase the numbers of affordable homes
- Provided Housing Management performance data to the sub-group.

## 6 Employment and Training

Young people said they want more opportunities for work experience.

### **Together we're tackling the main issues by:**

- Using the Economic Development & Employment sub-group to plan / deliver improvements
- Setting aside a proportion of our £1.46 million, Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) budget to commission new work that will deliver work preparation and skills training for young people.

### **So far we have:**

- Continued to support 11 local projects that provide work experience placements and training for adults and young people
- Continued to provide FSF money to the Business Incubator to enable them to give business start-up grants and loans to encourage local people become self-employed
- Started to commission new work to provide new opportunities for young people to gain skills, training and employment.

# 7 Transport

You want good transport links, public transport and safer streets.

## Together we're tackling the main issues by:

- Having a 'watching brief' over new developments to ensure they meet its aspirations.

## So far we have:

- Ensured that Transport officers attend partnership meetings to explain transport plans and respond to local concerns. Last year this included congestion on Niddrie Mains Road, major road works at King's Road junction Portobello, and transport links to the hospital
- Kept the Partnership's website and information displayed in the community Libraries up to date, to help keep you informed about road closures or restrictions in the area etc.

## Dates & Venues for Neighbourhood Partnership meetings

23 September 2009, 7pm to 9pm, in Portobello High School Library, Duddingston Road, Edinburgh.

11 November 2009, 7pm to 9pm in Niddrie Mill & St. Francis Joint Campus, Moffat Way, Craigmillar.

20 January 2010, 7pm to 9pm, in Portobello High School Library, Duddingston Road, Edinburgh.

31 March 2010, 7pm to 9pm, Niddrie Mill & St Francis Joint Campus, Moffat Way, Craigmillar

9 June 2010, 7pm to 9pm, in Portobello High School Library, Duddingston Road, Edinburgh.



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## 'Working with you and for you to improve our area'

### How to get involved

This progress report tells you what the Neighbourhood Partnership is doing to tackle the issues that are most important to your community.

Thank you to all members of the community who are already involved, because working together is showing real results. But if more people get involved, we can achieve more.

Everyone can have a real influence. You might choose to focus on the issue that interests or impacts on you most. You can help to monitor local service delivery and make sure things are getting better. So, if you want to get involved, find out more, or report an issue that affects you, please contact:

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Details of our sub-groups with all the meeting dates, agendas and partnership briefing notes are available on our website at: [www.edinburghnp.org.uk](http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk)

Alternatively just ring us, or drop into your local Library.