



**PORT OF LEITH**  
HOUSING ASSOCIATION

**WIDER ROLE STRATEGY**  
**2007 TO 2010**

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## **PORT OF LEITH HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

### **WIDER ROLE STRATEGY 2007-2010**

#### **1. AIM**

Port Of Leith Housing Association is committed in its Internal Management Plan to ensuring there is a balanced sustainable community in the Leith area.

- Our wider role work will add value to the core business of providing quality affordable housing and services within a balanced community by being a part of the Leith Neighbourhood Planning Partnership [LNP], having a strong voice on the LNP Board where decisions shaping the future of Leith will be made, including allocation of mainstream resources and new projects. Through our involvement on the LNP we are able to work strategically to avoid overlaps in work across agencies and unnecessary duplication.
- Our community work aims to fill service gaps and meet identified community need. This helps to make Leith a better place to live and ease any difficulties experienced in the community. This will encourage members of the community to integrate and remain in Leith and sustain their tenancies.

#### **2. OBJECTIVES**

Our objectives for Wider Role are:

- Providing more Training opportunities,
- Improving Financial inclusion,
- Improving Health,
- Supporting Young People
- Supporting Ethnic minorities and their integration.

#### **3. ALIGNMENT WITH SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The key strategic plan for Leith will flow from the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership Local Plan. The first steps of the new Partnership are to establish an action plan and to set up the remits and working processes.

It is accepted that the plan for the LNP area will be taken from existing documents initially and would therefore not alter priorities significantly from the current Regeneration Outcome Agreement. These priorities were – Jobs, Training and Enterprise, Financial Inclusion, Learning, Health inequalities, Community safety, Children, families and young people, Community capacity building.

See Appendix 1 'POLHA Wider Role Strategy in Context'

#### 4. WIDER ROLE RESOURCES

To deliver our objectives, we are committed to funding the post of Community Initiatives Manager, a part time post of 25 hours a week from our annual revenue.

In addition, the Managing Director attends LNP Board meetings and part of the Corporate Services Director's time is spent managing our Wider Role activities, participating in Community Planning meetings and in project work.

Wider role has an annual budget of £5,000 to support new projects and to sponsor local initiatives and activity, in keeping with our wider role strategy. See Appendix 1 'Wider role work Plan for detail'

The priorities for Wider Role over the next year are:

- Sustain and further develop the Financial Inclusion Project
- Sustain and further develop Training Opportunities in Lothian (TOIL)
- Finalise Leith Theatre redevelopment business plan and Chair the Trust until Spring 2008
- Attend Leith Neighbourhood Partnership Lead officer and Sub group meetings [there are 5 of these] and undertake follow up work as necessary.

The Corporate Services Director and the Community Initiatives Manager share responsibility for attending the Neighbourhood partnership thematic group meetings, each allowing a half-day a week to this work. Half a day a week of the Corporate Service Directors time is given to the responsibility for Leith theatre and for Chairing the Trust.

The Community Initiatives Manager has management responsibility for both FIP and TOIL projects. This will take one and a half days per week. As a result of this and LNP work no more than one day a week from the Community Initiatives Manager will be available for new projects over the next year.

#### NEW PROJECT PRIORITIES

Priorities for new projects have been informed by a consultation process with stakeholders - the community, local agencies, the Council, Communities Scotland, local voluntary and community groups.

We also worked with the LNP Community Engagement Sub Group to carry out an audit of current community provision and networks.

It is necessary, due to the limited resource available, to prioritise the needs which came from the consultation and to select projects to work on that will compliment our business strengths.

A consensus on priorities became apparent across the consultation process, particularly the perception of anti-social behaviour by young people and the

lack of facilities for them. As a result of the consultation process, new project development work will focus on:

a) How to improve Leith's green spaces and explore the needs of young people engaging in anti-social behaviour.

b) The viability of a Social Enterprise Business offering work to young people on community projects which improves green spaces building on from our current TOIL project.

c) How community activities and services could be more widely publicised for the communities benefit and in particular to assist new tenants and other residents integrating into Leith.

See Appendix 2 Wider Role work plan 2008

See Appendix 3 'Consultation process and outcomes'

See Appendix 4 'Community Services Audit Report (Extract)

### AREA FOR WIDER ROLE ACTIVITY AND ITS COMMUNITY PROFILE

This has been agreed as the LNP area and Restalrig. See Appendix 5 –'Map of POLHA Wider Role Community'.

The community profile is shown in Appendix 6. This statistical information is based on 2001 census information. It supports the priorities identified by the community in the consultation process.

Key points identified from the local statistics:

- A high rate of unemployment,
- A low level of qualifications from school leavers,
- A high proportion of the area rated as the worst 5-15% of crime deprivation in Scotland,
- A high rate of teenage pregnancies,
- LNP area has twice the city wide average of households without children (71%)
- A large population of older people in areas.
- Many parts fall within the top 10-15% most health deprived areas in Scotland.

### MANAGING RISK

In assessing and developing new projects the business risk will always be considered and the implications on the business of any grant funding ending.

To develop and maintain community projects, grant funding has to be obtained or the project needs to demonstrate it can generate enough funding to be self sufficient after a reasonable time period. A management fee will be included wherever possible in grant applications to give a contribution to the costs of the Community Initiatives Manager's post.

We will amend our rules and objects to ensure Training Opportunities in Lothian [TOIL] and all future wider role projects will fall within our objects and charitable purpose. The new objects allows for activity that provides 'a relief to those in need, the provision of support and care and other services, facilities and amenities and the provision of training and work experience'.

#### MONITORING AND EVALUATING WIDER ROLE ACTIVITY

All Wider Role projects will have clear performance targets and progress against these will be reported on to Committee on a regular basis, currently 2 monthly.

The Committee of Management will approve all new projects after being appraised of the anticipated benefits, risks involved and exit strategy.

In addition a fuller report on all Wider Role activity will be made to the Management Team quarterly and to Committee of Management annually alongside a review of the work plan for the next year

#### REVIEW PERIOD

The Wider Role Strategy will be reviewed 3 yearly and the Wider Role Work Plan reviewed annually.

## Appendix 1

### Port of Leith Housing Association Wider Role Strategy in Context

This appendix aligns Port of Leith Housing Association's Wider Role Strategy with the priority themes of the Leith Community Action Plan, Leith Regeneration Outcome Agreement and the National and City of Edinburgh Council's (CEC) Priorities.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Local Priorities	The priorities are drawn from the Leith Community Regeneration Action Plan. This was developed by local Council staff and the community/ voluntary sector in response to the need to allocate Leith regeneration funds in 2004. These will ultimately be replaced by the Leith Neighbourhood Partnerships Plan
National Priority	The Scottish Executive has identified five national priorities that the Community Regeneration Fund is designed to address. Effective community engagement, which underpins all of the above These are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Building strong, safe and attractive communities</li><li>2. Getting people back to work</li><li>3. Improving health</li><li>4. Raising educational attainment</li><li>5. Engaging young people</li></ol>
CEC Strategic Objective	The objectives are contained in Edinburgh's Regeneration Strategy and Outcome Agreement 2005-2008. This document sets out the strategic framework for tackling disadvantage in the city. The most appropriate city objective is given for each of the local ROA themes.

The table below shows the close relationship between the National, City and local themes and priorities and Port of Leith Housing Association Wider Role activity

<b>National Priority</b>	<b>Local Leith ROA theme &amp; priorities</b>	<b>Polha wider role</b>
<p><b>Building strong, safe and attractive communities</b></p> <p><u>CEC Strategic objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To promote the development of stable and mixed communities with an attractive environment which balances good quality housing, leisure, commercial and economic development and green spaces</li> </ul>	<p><b>Neighbourhood: Housing and the Built Environment</b></p> <p><u>Local priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to help people sustain tenancies</li> <li>Improve environmental quality of local area</li> <li>Improve parks and open spaces</li> <li>Improve quality of shopping precinct/areas</li> <li>Improve access to transport</li> <li>Ensure affordable social housing available for all of the community</li> <li>Ensure cultural/leisure opportunities accessible to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIP project – sustaining tenancies</li> <li>TOIL</li> <li>Liaison with CEC Services for Communities</li> <li>Improving green spaces</li> <li>Capacity building support for Leith Festival</li> <li>Improving various open spaces and parks in Leith in conjunction with other agencies and TOIL project – Dalmeny Street Park and Albert St./Boundary Square</li> <li>Participate and engage with Leith Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP) and thematic groups</li> </ul>
<p><b>Building strong, safe and attractive communities</b></p> <p><u>CEC Strategic objective:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To make Edinburgh a place where people can live, work and visit without fear for their own, or other people’s safety.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Neighbourhood: Community Safety</b></p> <p><u>Local priority:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the sense of safety and well being in the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TOIL – mentoring that encourages good citizenship amongst LNP and Restalrig youths</li> <li>Improving Dalmeny St open space with Out of the Blue Community Arts project, and Albert Street/Boundary Square</li> <li>Detached youth work in areas surrounding our properties</li> </ul>
<p><b>Improving health</b></p> <p><u>CEC Strategic objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To achieve a sustained reduction in health inequalities in the city, as a key step to improve the health and wellbeing of Edinburgh’s people</li> </ul>	<p><b>Health and Well Being</b></p> <p><u>Local priorities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce incidence of domestic abuse</li> <li>Increase level of support to those experiencing drugs or alcohol related problems</li> <li>Increase access to affordable sports, leisure and recreational activities and healthy food</li> <li>Provision of support for unpaid carers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting Dr Bells Family Centre for families and carers of under 5s</li> <li>TOIL – Heart Start course for apprentices</li> <li>Improving access and use of outdoor green spaces by local communities</li> </ul>

National Priority	Local Leith ROA theme & priorities	Activity of Community Initiatives Manager and Polha wider role
<p><b>Getting people back into work</b></p> <p><u>CEC Strategic objective:</u> To maximise the benefits of economic growth for priority areas and groups, focusing on helping the most excluded people to enter and progress in the labour market</p>	<p><b>Financial Inclusion and Employment Opportunities</b></p> <p><u>Local priority</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of training and employment opportunities to address higher than average unemployment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOIL project addressing youth unemployment and careers in construction trades and others</li> <li>• FIP – Advising on return to work benefits and support</li> </ul>
<p><b>Building strong, safe and attractive communities</b></p> <p><u>CEC Strategic objective:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reduce the exclusion stemming from households with very low incomes, and inequality of access to social and cultural life</li> </ul>	<p><b>Financial Inclusion and Employment Opportunities</b></p> <p><u>Local priority:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less economic division between ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’ locally</li> <li>• Increased access to financial information and advice</li> <li>• More involvement in social and cultural life in the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIP project reducing debt and risk of eviction and financial exclusion</li> <li>• TOIL – focusing on recruiting from ROA areas</li> <li>• Involvement in local development activities e.g. design and maintenance of local parks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Raising educational attainment</b></p> <p><u>CEC Strategic objective:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise individuals’ educational achievement and levels of personal and community development through the promotion and delivery of effective strategies for all ages</li> </ul>	<p><b>Children, Young People and Families</b></p> <p><u>Local priorities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve and extend facilities and support for young children and their families</li> <li>• Improve the quality and quantity of positive parenting initiatives in the area</li> <li>• Increase in literacy levels</li> <li>• Increase provision and take up of traditional and non traditional educational opportunities</li> <li>• Engaging parents in educational attainment/involvement with young people</li> <li>• Improving and encouraging children and young people’s emotional well being</li> <li>• Cultivating young people’s talents in creative ways</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOIL project – mentoring and personal development of youth, proving access to on the job/non-college training for educationally excluded and non-academic young people</li> <li>• Dr Bells Family centre for children under 5 and their parents</li> </ul>

<b>National Priority</b>	<b>Local Leith ROA theme &amp; priorities</b>	<b>Activity of Community Initiatives Manager and Polha wider role</b>
<p><b>Engaging young people</b></p> <p><u>CEC Strategic objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To engage children and young people in the social and cultural life of their community</li> </ul>	<p><b>Children, Young People and Families</b></p> <p><u>Local priorities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of space(s) where young people can feel safe on a year round basis</li> <li>Enhance programmes of children's and youth work</li> <li>Improve and extend facilities and support for young children and their families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the placement opportunities through TOIL at provision of community arts space in Out of the Blue Cafe</li> <li>Supporting Friends of Dalmeny Street Park youth outreach work with Street Works to improve intergenerational relationship, reduce ASB and improve community engagement opportunities for young people</li> </ul>
<p><b>Engaging communities effectively</b></p> <p><u>Local objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To create a community in which all people are supported and feel a sense of belonging, and where the old traditions are kept along with the new</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cross Cutting Theme – Community</b></p> <p><u>Local priorities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring the old and new Leith communities together</li> <li>Ensure the community voice is heard by decision makers</li> <li>Support and build the capacity of the community to be effectively engaged in community planning arrangements, particularly excluded groups or traditional non-participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcoming events for new tenants, providing information and building positive relationships amongst tenants and Polha e.g. Dr Bells and Duke Street</li> <li>Review wider role strategy. Innovative approaches to be considered</li> </ul>

Appendix 2

Wider Role work plan 2008

<b>AIMS</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Objectives 2008</b>	<b>Link to Wider role Priorities and core business</b>	<b>PARTNERS</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
<p>Increasing employment and training opportunities for young people in Leith and Restalrig</p>	<p>TOIL</p>	<p>A contract application will be submitted to SEEL January 2008 and secured for 2008/2009</p> <p>Apply and secure funds for 2008/2009 from ROA and other sources as appropriate.</p> <p>Recruit at least 40 SEEL Trainees and 9 ROA trainees</p> <p>Achieve a 70% positive outcome rate with SEEL trainees</p> <p>Market services to secure sufficient placements to meet 2008 targets this means an additional 20 placements</p>	<p>Reduce anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Increasing Services and opportunities for young people</p> <p>Support local business to grow contributing to the economic stability of the area.</p>	<p>SEEL</p> <p>Careers Scot.</p> <p>Bethany Living</p> <p>CCP</p> <p>Turning point</p>	<p>ROA</p> <p>Communities Scotland</p> <p>POLHA</p> <p>SEEL</p>

AIMS	Project title	Objectives 2008	Link to Wider role Priorities and core business	PARTNERS	FUNDING
		<p>Prepare to meet 2009 targets for placements this means a further 10 places at least</p> <p>Work within agreed budget and accurately record all income and expenditure.</p> <p>Maximise on its capacity to recruit trainees and review the profile quarterly with SEEL</p> <p>Explore viability of new development ideas to widen type of placements and extend access to females and vulnerable groups</p>			

AIMS	Project title	Objectives 2008	Link to Wider role Priorities and core business	PARTNERS	FUNDING
<p>Improve the standard of outdoor spaces in Leith</p> <p>To improve Dalmeny Street Park and make it more accessible, valued and usable for members of the local community.</p> <p>Using the model developed in Dalmeny street extend the project to other areas.</p>	<p>LOSP</p>	<p><u>Dalmeny Street Park</u> Progress work already undertaken with young people by a detached youth work team (June 2007).</p> <p>Design a youth quarter of Dalmeny Street park with local youth by end of April 2008</p> <p>Build up a youth support network of local agencies to prevent further antisocial behaviour and open up educational training and leisure opportunities for the young people.</p> <p>Produce a publication that will inform the wider community and encourage involvement, by end of April 2008</p> <p><u>Next area</u> Begin detached youth work in this area by November 2007 to achieve the following;</p>	<p>Reduce anti social behaviour and perception of crime in the area</p> <p>Increase services for Young People</p> <p>Improve children's play areas</p>	<p>OOTB Friends of Dalmeny street park Communities Scotland Greener Leith</p> <p>North Edinburgh CEC</p>	<p>Communities Scotland</p> <p>Capital city partnership</p> <p>Local development committee</p> <p>Community safety partnership</p>

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		<p>Engage with young people, Identify any support needs, uncover aspirations for the area and for individuals</p> <p>Develop a support network for young people by working with local agencies</p> <p>Signpost young people to youth provision locally/ in Edinburgh.</p> <p>Raise awareness of community responsibility</p> <p>Identify a group of young people who will engage with the design process</p> <p>Fundraise to continue project in other areas.</p>			

AIMS	Project title	Objectives 2008	Link to Wider role Priorities and core business	PARTNERS	FUNDING
Reduce Financial exclusion for our tenants	FIP	<p>Secure funds for 2008/2009, including applying to Trusts, Big lottery and approaching CEC and CAS to achieve the following;</p> <p>Promote affordable lenders and house contents insurance.</p> <p>Maximise income for tenants</p> <p>Reduce rent arrears</p> <p>Support housing benefit appeals and discretionary housing payments</p> <p>Manage the partnership with CAB Edinburgh</p>	<p>Reduce rent arrears</p> <p>Sustain tenancies</p> <p>Reduce stock turnover.</p>	<p>CAB Edinburgh</p> <p>Edinburgh Housing associations</p> <p>Capital credit union</p> <p>Scottish Hydro Electric</p>	
Maintain strategic links in the community	LNP  And local networks	<p>Attend LNP Board meetings; Leith Neighbourhood Partnership Lead officer and Sub group meetings and undertake follow up work as necessary.</p>	<p>Share information from POLHA consultation exercise.</p> <p>Facilitate</p>	<p>East of Scotland practitioner's forum.</p> <p>Dr Bells board</p>	

AIMS	Project title	Objectives 2008	Link to Wider role Priorities and core business	PARTNERS	FUNDING
<p>Utilise the POLHA website to facilitate improved communications in the community</p>	<p>Communities page</p>	<p>Review value of continuing attendance at LNP meetings by June 2008</p> <p>Attend partner networks as appropriate and time allows.</p> <p>Through our local networks we will encourage other agencies to provide us with information on their services and publish these on our website, in PORTCOL</p>	<p>partnership working and prevent overlap of provision.</p> <p>Influence the decision making process re allocation of resources and development plans</p> <p>Improve communications in the community.</p> <p>Raise awareness of opportunities for social activities for older people and teenagers in the community</p>	<p>Pilmey development project</p> <p>Voluntary organisations in Leith Together (VOLT)</p> <p>Greener Leith</p>	

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Investigate the viability of a Social Enterprise.		Research opportunities and what others are doing by November 2008	Increasing opportunities for employment and training and contributing to economic growth and improving the quality of open green spaces.		
Leith Theatre Redevelopment & Trust	LTRT	<p>Obtain funding to update business plan obtaining verifiable construction and income and expenditure information. Ensure social housing remains in the business plan [ Sept to Jan]</p> <p>Work with CEC on community consultation re change of use for open space to obtain a positive response [Sept to Dec]</p> <p>Develop a Management plan to implement project if approval given [ Spring 08]</p>			

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To support new and existing Community activities	Community Initiatives Budget	<p>To support and develop new projects</p> <p>To build capacity in the community</p> <p>To raise the profile of the association within Leith and the wider community.</p>	<p>Sponsorship of local groups will be made in accordance with our Wider role priorities:</p> <p>Training opportunities, Financial inclusion, Health, Young People and Ethnic minorities and their integration.</p>	<p>Potential benefactors 2008</p> <p>Leith Festival</p> <p>Leith FM</p> <p>Leith Athletics Football Club</p> <p>Youth projects</p> <p>Services for Older people</p>	POLHA

August 2007



## **Consultation Process and Outcomes**

Committee members' priorities for the new Strategy were agreed as:

Training opportunities, Financial inclusion, Health, Young People and Ethnic minorities and their integration. The aim of the consultation process was to assist in clarifying needs within these themes.

### **1. Method Taken**

A questionnaire was devised and sent to 127 POLHA focus group members and 50 members of the group 'Friends of Dalmeny Street Park' (29 responses received, Respondents age 25-65 plus)

- Tenant Focus Group Meeting held on the 10th May 2007.
- POLHA Staff consultation meeting held 15 May 2007
- Wider role team consultation meeting 7 June 2007
- Consultation with local agencies carried out in conjunction with the Leith
- Leith Neighbourhood Partnership Community Engagement Group.
- Further research into the role of Leith community groups relevant to the priorities identified for POLHA wider role activity.
- Discussion with Communities Scotland Social Justice Manager

### **2. Issues identified through the community consultation process**

Clear themes became apparent across the consultation process. POLHA tenants, staff and Leith community groups were in agreement on the main issues for the Leith community.

- Anti social behaviour, particularly reference to teenagers and alcohol abuse
- Lack of facilities for young people including sports facilities and youth clubs.
- Poor /substandard children play & parks areas
- Ineffective communication of community events and services
- Lack of social events for older people

### **3. Proposed Wider Role projects and activities for POLHA**

#### **3.1 Developing further The Financial Inclusion project**

The Financial Inclusion project is funded until March 2008. Future funding has to be sourced and secured. The FIP project intends to develop by:

- Meeting and exceeding project targets for debt reduction
- Assisting in rent arrears management by making when appropriate, Housing Benefit Appeals & briefing housing staff.
- Promoting and encouraging tenants to take up household insurance & savings

### 3.2 Developing further Training Opportunities in Lothian's [TOIL]

TOIL is in its first year of business delivering a Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian's', Get Ready For Work contract. The business is required to deliver 65% positive outcome rate this year, while preparing to double in size over the next two years. Placement opportunities and sources of referrals need to be identified across the city to ensure this happens.

TOIL would also wish to explore other areas of development including:

- POLHA providing supported accommodation alongside training opportunities for vulnerable groups.
- Increasing TOIL trainees access and take up of literacy and numeracy courses locally.
- Broadening the range of training opportunities available through TOIL, currently limited to construction
- Lottery funding applied for additional personal support for more vulnerable young trainees.

### 3.3 Potential New Projects

Aim: Improve green spaces and explore needs with young people participating in antisocial behaviour

Objectives:

- To improve Dalmeny Street Park and make it more accessible, valued and usable for members of the local community.
- To raise funding for detached street work with young people to bring them into the regeneration process and to further enhance Dalmeny Street Park in a way that will be self-sustaining.
- Raise funding to repeat the community consultation in the adjacent area of ex Lorne stock around Albert Street.
- Develop a model for working that can be repeated in other areas in Leith.
- Address issues identified in the consultation process; poor standard of outdoor spaces, Lack of sports facilities for young people, children's parks in disrepair, misuse of open spaces by young people.

Partners: 'Friends of Dalmeny Street Park, Out of the Blue and the Pilmeny Project,

### 3.4 Aim: Investigate the viability of a Social Enterprise Business using trainees for work such as

- Landscaping/ building works associated with children's parks/play areas around Leith
- Grounds Maintenance.
- Void clear outs and cleans.
- Caretaking.

### 3.5 Aim: Encourage improved communication of Leith Community services

#### Objectives:

- Encourage community groups to advertise on the POLHA website and in our tenants' newsletter.
- Promote improved communication of voluntary and council services in the area through our membership of the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

### 3.6 Other Potential projects or activities where other agencies might take the lead

#### 3.6.1 Leith Theatre: The Development Trust

The Association chairs and provides secretarial support to this new organisation currently via the Corporate Services Director. The Trust aspire to redevelop and bring back into use the Theatre building as a community run multi purpose conference/banqueting and Cultural /community space. This cannot obtain the formal support of the Council until it updates it's business plan and the Council debate the findings of their strategic review into Cultural venues across Edinburgh, timetabled for Spring 2008. There is a need for an ongoing commitment of time to this project until Spring and afterwards should the project obtain Council backing.

#### 3.6.2. POLHA and Leith Neighbourhood Partnership [LNP]

POLHA will provide LNP with information on issues and ideas generated from the POLHA consultation process such as:

- Walk/Cycle to School Initiatives.
- Inter-generation work, community projects to provide opportunities for young and old to work together. Breaking down barriers and building relationships.
- Increase Youth services in Leith
  - Youth Aspect to Leith Festival.
  - 5 Aside Football.
  - Football Tournament (mobile club).
  - Dry "Pub" for young people.
  - Conversation with Youth Service providers and City of Edinburgh Council.

It will also consider any added value it can give to new projects identified.

**LEITH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP  
AUDIT OF CURRENT PROVISION  
NETWORKS**

<b>Network Used</b>	<b>Frequency of Meetings</b>
Association of Polish Groups	Quarterly
Bethany Care Shelter	winter season
Bethany Christian Trust	weekly
Bookstart Steering Group	Termly
Carer Worker Forum	6-8 weeks
Carers and Older Peoples Forum	bi-monthly
CEC Drug and Alcohol Action Team Managers	Quarterly
CEC Homelessness	
Child Care Forum	
Children and Youth Worker School Projects	weekly
Children's Clubs (within church group)	
Choose Life Edinburgh Steering Group	bi-monthly
Community and Police Partnership	monthly
Community Health Partnership	
Consultation Standards Meetings	Fortnightly
Dr. Bell's Family Centre	
Early Years Childcare Forum	termly
Edinburgh Alcohol Forum	Quarterly
Edinburgh and Forth Methodist Circuit	
Edinburgh Disabilities Equalities Forum	monthly
Edinburgh Self Harm Project Steering Group	six weekly
Edinburgh Sexual Health Promotion Group	Quarterly
Edinburgh Tenants' Federation	monthly
Equalities Forum	
EVOC	bi-monthly
Fort Gala	
Fort House Residents' Association	monthly
Handicabs	
JAM (African organisation)	
Leith Academy School	
Leith Churches Forum	monthly
Leith Churches Together	
Leith Council of Churches	Quarterly
Leith Festival	
Leith Links Community Council	monthly
Leith Nursery Cluster	twice a term
Leith Trade Justice Network	bi-monthly
Leith Youth Workers' Forum	monthly
LGBT Equality Forum	Quarterly
Lothian Coalition of Blood Bourne Virus Agencies	Quarterly

<b>Network Used</b>	<b>Frequency of Meetings</b>
Lothian Community Health Projects Forum	monthly
MILAN - support for BME older people	
MSM Working Group - HIV Comeback Tour	Fortnightly
NHS Lothian BBV Prevention Strategy Group	Quarterly
NHS Lothian Hepatitis C Outreach Group	Quarterly
North Edinburgh Cluster Network	Termly
Over 60's coffee and food co-op	weekly
Pilton Partnership	bi-monthly
Rotary Club	
Scottish Hepatitis C Network	Quarterly
Scottish Netreach Network	bi-monthly
SCVO	
TARGET Residents	
Transgender Reference Group	bi-monthly
VOLT	6 weekly
Youth Work Consortium	bi-monthly

POLHA wider role community map



LNP Map.pdf (3 MB)



## Appendix 6

### LEITH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AREA AND RESTALRIG COMMUNITY PROFILE

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<b>Survey information</b>	<b>Leith Central</b>	<b>Leith Walk</b>	<b>Restalrig</b>	<b>Edinburgh city average</b>
Deprivation	A number of areas in the top 10% of worst deprived areas in Scotland	no areas in the ward that fall into the worst 15% of deprivation	Significant proportion is rated as areas of worst 5% of deprivation	61 areas in Edinburgh are of the 15% most deprived areas in Scotland
Population	18,532 with a density of 58.8 (pers per sq. km)	25,322 with a density of 101.3.	8,518 (density 63.1 persons/ha)	Total city population 448,624 (density 17 persons/ha)
Household composition	19.2% family homes, 13.8% pensioners living alone. 66.9% adults no children.	12% -family homes. 11% pensioners living alone. 76% of households are occupied by 1, 2 or 3+ adults with no children.	19.1% family homes, 19.3% pensioners living on own, 33.6% adults with no children	19.9% family homes, 14.4% pensioners living alone, 32.6% adults with no children

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The age profile	13.9% over 64. 39.4%. 25-44 14% 12-24 years (10.3% of that are 16-24 years old.) 12.2% under 11.	12.1% 64 plus 47%. 25-44 16.2% 12-24 (13.9% of that are 16-24.) 8.2% 11 and under.	20.4% 64 plus, 31.6% 25-44, 9.0% 16 -24, 18.2 under 15	15.4% 64 plus, 32.2% 25-44, 14.4% 16-24 year olds, 16.3% under 15
Ethnic breakdown	96.4% of the Leith Ward population are White (Census, 2001)	94% of the population are White with the remaining 6% made up of other nationalities (2001 Census)	97.6% White	95.9% of city population are White
Economic wellbeing	4% Unemployment rate  4.4%, people who have never worked and long-term unemployed  8.1% are permanently sick.	3.2%, people who have never worked and long-term unemployed  5.1% people who are permanently sick  Unemployment rate 4.4% Harbour 4.2% Lorne	3.9% unemployment rate (average for the rest of the ward is 2.5%.)	(2.9%) Unemployment rate  3.1%  5.1%.

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Overcrowding	19.5% of households.	24.2%		14.2%
Without central heating in Leith	18%	28.9%	8.8%	12.3%
Owner occupied properties in	59.8%	66.6%	51.6%	68.6%
Privately rented accommodation	13.3%.	20.3%	5.9%	12.5%.
Council rented property	13.9%	3%	30.7%	10.9%
Social rented accommodation	10.2%	8.6%	7.1%	5.5%
Deprived areas in Scotland in terms of housing	The majority of is in the 5% most deprived	A large proportion is in the 5-10% most deprived	No part of Restalrig (within the LNP area) experiences the worst 15% of housing deprivation (Although 11.1% of Restalrig population live in worst 5% of deprived housing)	Large parts West and North of the City are in the 5% most deprived areas for housing
Parks and Garden	45% used park on regular basis	high proportion used Leith Links		

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<p>Community safety- the perception of fear in the area</p> <p>perceived crime and drugs selling,</p> <p>feel unsafe in the area</p>	<p>23%</p> <p>23%</p> <p>22%</p> <p>A high proportion rated as the worst 5%-15% of crime deprivation in Scotland.</p>	<p>23% have a perception of a lot of fights</p> <p>23%</p> <p>22%</p> <p>There are four pockets in the ward that are included in the 5-15% worst crime deprived areas.</p>	<p>No part of Restalrig (with LNP area) is in the 15% worst crime affected areas</p>	<p>18%</p> <p>19%</p> <p>20%</p> <p>Worst affected areas for crime are city centre, south east, west and north west.</p>
<p>Teenage pregnancies (aged 13-19)</p>		<p>60/1000</p> <p>Figure for Edinburgh north and Leith</p>		<p>40/1000</p>

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Standards of health	falls within the top 15% most health deprived areas in Scotland	A small proportion of the ward falls within the 15% most health deprived areas	A significant proportion of ward (within the LNP area) experiences 10% of the worst health deprivation	Area of city with worst health deprivation is in the south east
Education rating for Scotland.	A few pockets are in the 5-15% most education deprived areas	A significant proportion has a 5-15% worst education rating for Scotland.	A significant proportion has a 5-10% worst education rating for Scotland	Area of city with worst education deprivation is in the south east
Truancy rates and education attainment	high truancy rates and lower education attainment 29.8% of persons 16-74 no qualifications	high truancy rates and lower education attainment 20.5% of persons 16-74 no qualifications	42% of 16-74 year olds have no qualifications	23% of 16-74 year olds have no qualifications