



This means continuing to tackle crime and the fear of crime that impacts on everyone's quality of life and affects local people's pride in their community. It also means developing actions to deal with anti-social behaviour, as well as introducing preventative measures which address the underlying causes. We will:

- Work with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams to identify and prioritise concerns within the community for the Police and partners to tackle.
- Develop a range of innovative ways to reassure people that crime is being tackled effectively and swiftly.
- Work together to effectively tackle anti-social behaviour such as graffiti, dog fouling, begging and street drinking
- Build public confidence through the delivery of high profile community safety initiatives.
- Support innovative programmes of diversionary activities for young people.

Improve the Quality of Life in Dumbiedykes

Dumbiedykes is a community which lies close to the city centre, and which suffers from higher levels of disadvantage than other areas in South Central.

Considerable achievements have been made in recent years to improve the physical appearance of the area, but a number of social problems remain. These include effects of alcohol or drug misuse, anti social behaviour, unemployment and a life expectancy age which is lower than the city average. We will:

- Support programmes designed to help school leavers go on to a positive destination.
- Work together to provide relevant and successful diversionary activities for young people.
- Provide support that will help people look for work and also to help them keep a job.
- Continue with improvements to the local environment.
- Support elderly residents to ensure they have access to the services they need to help them live independently.

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South Central

Local Community Plan 2011 to 2014

SOUTH CENTRAL

NEIGHBOURHOOD
PARTNERSHIP



Welcome to the South Central Local Community Plan for 2011-2014.

The Community Plan helps the Partnership to decide on how local services can be best used to support the priorities identified by local people.

People and partners from across the neighbourhood have helped to shape this Plan, by giving us their views on what they feel is important to them. Over 1,600 local people took part in our community consultation and this valuable feedback has helped us to identify the five key priorities that matter most.

Over the next few years, the Partnership, which includes the Council, NHS Lothian, the police, the voluntary sector, and the community, will bring together services, experience and new ideas to make sure that we all can make a real difference. It is only through working together that we can really have an impact on the quality of life of those who live, work and visit the South Central area.

Better Services for Older People

People are living longer. The 2001 Census showed that there were 6,349 residents over the age of 60 living in South Central, representing 14% of the local population. Many older people live healthy and active lives but others need help and support to improve their quality of life. We will:

- Identify gaps in the services provided for older people in South Central
- Increase awareness of the services available and how to access them.
- Improve knowledge of benefits and entitlements for older people.
- Work together to prevent falls and fractures in the home, reducing hospital admissions.
- Support carers through providing benefit and welfare advice, training and access to respite care.

Improve the Environment and Town Centres

Local people have consistently told us that they want South Central to be as clean, green and attractive as possible and that this impacts significantly on how they feel about their neighbourhood.

Improvements to the environment includes protecting and developing the green space and the built environment, and also addressing wider environmental issues.

In addition, the community wants to make sure its public spaces are maintained to a high standard as befits a capital city, with specific attention paid to the regeneration and development of the local town centres. We will:

- Deliver targeted environmental initiatives such as Weeks of Action campaigns aimed at addressing areas in greatest need of improvement.
- Support local people to become actively involved in working alongside partners to improve their local environment.
- Deliver a programme of planned improvement projects, selected in consultation with local people.
- Work with Friends of Parks Groups and local residents to improve and develop local parks.
- Maintain the Green Flag status in our parks and continue to develop local parks and green spaces.
- Improve and enhance public spaces, with specific focus on local town centres.

Better Services for Young People

Young people have told us they want to contribute positively to the local community. The Partnership wants to provide as many opportunities as it can to encourage young people to be active and get involved.



There are many issues that matter to our young people and that have an impact on their lives. It is essential that we listen to what young people have to say, develop ways to make it easier for them to make their voices heard and work together to develop the services that they need to allow them to make the most of their lives. We will:

- Look at new ways to involve more young people in the decisions that affect their community.
- Organise a Partnership event which will provide an opportunity to hear young people's views and assist in the future planning of service provision.

- Support the delivery of relevant summer activity programmes across the neighbourhood, in response to young people's interests.
- Increase awareness of local activities and services available for young people.

Improve Community Safety

Protecting our community and making it safe for residents and visitors to the area is vitally important. The Partnership wants a neighbourhood where both residents and visitors feel they are secure and that South Central is a welcoming, safe place to live.