



Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee

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20 September 2018

A meeting of the **Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within **Conference Room 3, West Lothian Civic Centre** on **Friday 28 September 2018** at **9:30 a.m.**

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

Public Session

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest - Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business and declarations of interest in any urgent business
4. Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of the Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Local Area Committee held on Tuesday 15 May 2018 (herewith)
5. West Calder High School - Presentation by Julie Calder, Head Teacher
6. Police Scotland Report - Report by Police Constable Philip Wilkin (herewith)
7. Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward Performance Report - Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Services (herewith)
8. Housing, Customer and Building Services Update - Report by Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services (herewith)

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9. Service Update - NETS, Land & Countryside - Report by Head of Operational Services (herewith)
10. Carriageway Reinstatements to Scottish Power Energy Networks Cabling Works in The Harburn Area - Update - Report by Head of Operational Services (herewith)
11. Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund Allocations 2018 - Report by Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration (herewith)
12. Report on Progress of Regeneration Planning - Report by Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration (herewith)
13. Workplan (herewith)

NOTE **For further information please contact Elaine Dow on 01506 281594 or email elaine.dow@westlothian.gov.uk**

MINUTE of MEETING of the FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within POLBETH AND WEST CALDER COMMUNITY GARDEN, on 15 MAY 2018.

Present – Councillors Cathy Muldoon (Chair), David Dodds, Pauline Clark

In Attendance

Alice Mitchell, Lead Officer, Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley LAC

Laura Wilson, Regeneration Team Leader

Kate Ward, Housing, Construction and Building Services, WLC

Tony Fleming, NETs, Land and Countryside Services, WLC

Gordon McCaig, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

PC Carol-Ann Wilson, Police Scotland

Judith McDermid and Lisa Drinnan, Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Committee agreed a suggestion by the Chair that the order of business be changed to allow the presentation on Polbeth & West Calder Community Garden to be taken later in the meeting.

3. MINUTE

The Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Area Committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 27 February 2018. The minute was then signed by the Chair.

4. FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report had been circulated by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within the ward for Quarter 4 2017/18.

Gordon McCaig presented the report, providing statistical information in relation to the seven key priorities within the ward area.

It was reported that during the 2017-18 year to date reporting period, the service had dealt with 2 casualties due to fire in comparison to 0 during 2016-17 year to date

The number of unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) incidents during the 2017-18 year to date reporting period was 9, compared to 14 during 2016-17 year to date reporting period. The service was committed to 'Working Together for a Safer Scotland' and to engage with business partners to

reduce demand from Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS).

In response to a question raised concerning UFAS incidents, the SFRS officer explained that the service could levy charges on those responsible, but currently did not do so.

The Committee was asked to note and provide comment on the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Constable Ross Walker providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 31 March 2018.

Police Constable Carol-Ann Wilson presented the report on behalf of PC Walker.

The report contained statistical information relating to the six West Lothian priorities. It was noted that there had been a decrease of 8% in youth calls in the year to date. 12 calls had been reported in March.

In relation to ASB calls, it was reported that there had been a rise of 13% in the year to date and 75 reports in March. The overall rise in the year to date had been a result of a number of 'party houses' identified in the ward during the year. The local ward officers had worked closely with the Safer Neighbourhood Team in dealing with these issues which had resulted in three full Anti-Social Behaviour orders being issued to three tenants within the ward.

The report contained a note concerning the 'Parksmart' initiative which had been introduced across West Lothian. The initiative was led by Education and supported by local Police at all schools in the area

Finally, the report contained details of forthcoming events.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. POLBETH & WEST CALDER COMMUNITY GARDEN - PRESENTATION

The Chair extended thanks on behalf of the Committee to Judith McDermid and Lisa Drinnan for hosting the meeting and for providing an opportunity for the Committee to visit the Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden.

Judith and Lisa then gave a presentation, describing the condition of the building prior to the installation of the underfloor heating.

The West Calder Village Improvement Fund grant had facilitated the installation of the underfloor heating and a breakdown of the cost was set out in a table in the presentation. The use of the building had been improved as undernoted:-

- All Year Round Use
- Warm, welcoming and accessible to all users and age groups
- Greater income generation from groups using building
- Hot running water for hand-washing and dishwashing creating a more hygienic kitchen and bathroom
- Wider range of activities and partner work taken place

The Committee heard that the re-structure of the organisation was complete and the 5 year Business Plan was progressing well. The organisation was implementing a Volunteer Strategy and Engagement, a Volunteer Co-ordinator post (half day per week) had been filled and a potential Project Manager had been identified.

The presentation listed plans for the future which included identifying potential grant funders.

The Chair thanked Judith and Lisa for their informative presentation.

Decision

To note the terms of the presentation.

7. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE - REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within the ward for the period 1 January to 31 March 2018.

The report examined property void performance for both mainstream and temporary tenancies.

In relation to rent arrears, it was reported that the ward position for Q4 of 2017/18 was £227,120. This was an increase of £23,718 on the previous year's position. While there were 61 serious arrears cases, it was noted that 56% of cases were in the lower bands (£300 or less).

The report provided an update in relation to the work at Cuthill Crescent,

Stoneyburn. A verbal update was given in relation to the new build houses at the Eastfield, Fauldhouse.

The Committee was asked to note Housing, Building and Customer Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2018.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising members of the recent activity of the NETs, Land and Countryside Services teams for the period 1 February 2018 to 31 March 2018.

It was reported that shrub bed maintenance had been completed and grass cutting and weed control had started for the new season.

The report went on to examine activity in relation to Grounds Maintenance Enquiries, Garden Maintenance Routine Works, Cleaner Communities Routine Works, Parks and Woodland, and Open Space and Cemeteries.

The Enforcement Officers had been involved in a number of community projects within the ward, with the aim of raising awareness of environmental issues.

As part of the capital upgrading programme for play, the service intended to upgrade Bridge Street Play Park, Fauldhouse and Addiewell Primary School Play Park in the current financial year.

In response to a question raised concerning improvements at Glenview Playing Field, the Grounds Maintenance Manager undertook to ascertain whether the planned work included upgrading of the path.

Members were asked to:-

1. Note the work carried out to date and future planned work.
2. Advise of any areas that required further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REGENERATION PLANNING

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration

informing the LAC members of progress towards developing regeneration plans within the ward, and other ward activity. The report contained information under the headings Stoneyburn, Fauldhouse, Addiewell and Polbeth.

In relation to community engagement in Stoneyburn, it was reported that the steering group had determined the themes for the locality plan. These were:- Transport and Moving Around, Play, Recreation and Facilities and Poverty, Health and Wellbeing.

An event had been held in Stoneyburn Community Centre on Saturday 24 March to consult the community on the themes and actions in the draft plan. Over 30 people had attended and there was universal support for the proposals. There were also some additional actions proposed such as establishing a local walking/jogging/running group and delivering courses on budgeting and cooking healthy, low cost family meals.

The Regeneration Team Leader advised that Fauldhouse regeneration group continued to be well attended. The group was gathering momentum and was viewed as the key community forum for sharing information and progressing joint projects.

The report also provided details of progress in Addiewell and Polbeth.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee note:-

1. that community engagement was complete in all regeneration areas in the ward;
2. that a draft plan was complete for Stoneyburn;
3. Fauldhouse and Addiewell steering groups were currently deciding on themes and priorities and the engagement information was being collated in Polbeth; and
4. the progress made by the Aspiring Communities project in Polbeth.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10. WORKPLAN

A copy of the Workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the Workplan.

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**West Lothian
Council**

FAULDHOUSE & BREICH VALLEY, LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT BY PC PHILIP WILKIN

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 31st July 2018.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance relative to the Year Average; set out in the report.
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger; We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive society
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII	Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

NATIONAL PRIORITIES – DELIVERED LOCALLY

Based on our assessment of national priorities, the following have been identified for tailed action for the communities of West Lothian:

- Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour
- Protecting the Public
- Road safety and Road Crime
- Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism
- Major Events and Threats
- Benefits of Reform
- Public Confidence

WEST LOTHIAN PRIORTIES

The community priorities identified for West Lothian through our Community Planning Partnership are:

- Protecting People
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
- Reducing Violence
- Tackling Substance Misuse
- Making our Roads Safer
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORTIES

Your Local priorities

1. Preventing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
2. Making our Roads Safer
3. Tackling Substance Misuse
4. Tackling Acquisitive Crime

1. PERFORMANCE

For full details, please use the below link to access the Police Scotland Internet site.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/forces-welcome>

Fauldhouse & Breich Valley Ward						
Month	May-18	May-17	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	7	15	-53%	27	37	-27%
All ASB Calls	78	96	-19%	189	180	5%
Hate Crime	0	5	-100%	1	6	-83%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	16	13	23%	24	21	14%
Fire-raising	0	0	0%	2	1	100%
Public Space Assaults	5	4	25%	9	10	-10%

Fauldhouse & Breich Valley Ward						
Month	Jun-18	Jun-17	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	5	14	-64%	32	51	-37%
All ASB Calls	88	83	6%	277	263	5%
Hate Crime	3	1	200%	4	7	-43%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	9	11	-18%	33	32	3%
Fire-raising	0	2	-100%	2	3	-33%
Public Space Assaults	6	3	100%	16	13	23%

Fauldhouse & Breich Valley Ward						
Month	Jul-18	Jul-17	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	15	21	-29%	47	72	-35%
All ASB Calls	91	119	-24%	368	382	-4%
Hate Crime	3	1	200%	7	8	-13%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	11	9	22%	44	41	7%
Fire-raising	2	4	-50%	4	7	-43%
Public Space Assaults	5	3	67%	21	18	17%

West Lothian (Up to and including 31.07.18)						
Month	Jul-18	Jul-17	% Change	TYTD	LYTD	% Change
Youth Calls	175	169	4%	710	930	-24%
All ASB Calls	976	1000	-2%	3782	4122	-8%
Hate Crime	12	11	9%	65	88	-26%
Vandalism & Reckless Conduct	115	98	17%	492	521	-6%
Fire-raising	12	18	-33%	36	38	-5%
Public Space Assaults	71	35	103%	293	310	-5%

Locality officers from 16th May 2018

Fauldhouse and Breich Valley

PC Philip Wilkin
 PC Andrew Hendry
 PC Carol-Ann Wilson
 PC Fergus Middleton

PC J0835 Philip Wilkin

2. Local Priorities

2.1 Preventing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour

The summer months often result in increased anti-social behaviour and youth calls. These results show related calls increased as the summer progressed. Local officers have continued to conduct targeted high visibility patrols of known hot spots to engage with youths and the wider community to tackle these issues. Joint partnership working with West Lothian Council Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has resulted in joint visits and warnings to a number of individuals. The result of which is a fall in the number of Youth calls and anti-social behaviour across the ward compared with the same period in 2017.

Local officers continue to make regular visits to the numerous licensed premises in the High Street, supporting and advising licensees.

Hate crimes show a very slight decrease with only 6 crimes being recorded over the 3 month period.

Vandalisms show a slight increase in over this quarter. Having reviewed these, there appears to be no identifiable pattern or repeat locations.

Partnership working between West Lothian Council Safer Neighbourhood Officers and Community Police officers continues to show benefits. Both Safer Neighbourhood Officers and Community Police officers continue to work well together and strive to have clear communication and sharing of information. This has assisted both organisations in responding to and tackling a number of recent anti-social behaviour issues across the ward notably the Fauldhouse area. This key partnership assists greatly in the reduction of anti-social behaviour in our communities.

2.2 Making Our Roads Safer

With the new school term arriving, traditionally there is an increase in the number of complaints regarding inappropriate/dangerous parking in and around schools throughout West Lothian.

The Parksmart Scheme is already in place and has been adopted by many schools across the county. Police Scotland continue to support this initiative and would encourage all schools to sign up to Parksmart.

The schools have access to the relevant materials however should there be any issues, the contact within West Lothian Council is Karen McCubbin (<mailto:Karen.McCubbin@westlothian.org.uk>)

Ward officers continue to patrol areas of concern in terms of inappropriate speed, use of mobile phones whilst driving, and other road traffic offences. We continue to remind drivers of expected driving standards via our social media platforms.

Parking issues continue in across the ward but appear most prevalent in West Calder and officers have been issuing numerous fixed penalty tickets as and when time permits. The use of off road bikes and vehicles is also a recurring issue over the summer months and officers have been working with the community in the Fauldhouse area and have highlighted the issue via social media and the usual monthly articles published by the ward officers. A number of bikes and quad-bikes have been seized over the summer months and we will continue to monitor this and undertake further enforcement.

2.3 Tackling Substance Misuse

Members of the public are always encouraged to report suspicious activity, so that police can continue to gather intelligence and disrupt those who deal and misuse controlled drugs.

Your ward officers continue to make detections across the ward and have made a number of positive drug searches over the quarter as well as regularly submitting intelligence. The trend continues to show that these recoveries predominately involve the personal use of herbal cannabis.

Local officers will act on intelligence received regarding misuse of drugs and will continue to utilise their powers where appropriate to stop and search people suspected of being in possession of drugs. A dedicated team acts on recent intelligence and drug warrants are regularly executed in West Lothian to confront drug dealers and take drugs off the streets.

2.4 Tackling Acquisitive Crime

A rural Crime initiative was set up last year within the ward following a large number of quad bike thefts from farms within the rural communities. We continue to visit local farms and offer Crime Prevention advice in relation to acquisitive crime as well as advice on other issues that were identified.

Following the visits other issues such as use of land by travellers and fly tipping were highlighted; work is ongoing with partner agencies and the Forestry Commission in a bid to highlight the issues faced by those in the rural communities to the wider public.

Local officers continue to carry out visible mobile patrols in all rural and vulnerable areas and would like to continue to highlight and promote the existence of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland's Alert scheme and the ability for members of the public / organisations to self-register. Details of this can be found at:-

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk>

3. Incidents of Note

West Calder

A traveller's encampment was reported at B7008 to Harburnhead, West Calder. Local officers attended with SNT and worked with landowners to conclude the matter.

Polbeth

Several properties were searched under Misuse of Drugs legislation in pre-planned operations over the reporting period. Amongst the offences reported, a cannabis cultivation was located within a property and the occupier charged with production and supply of drugs.

Youths were reported to be throwing debris onto the railway line at Limefield Road, West Calder and a large group of youths seen setting fires in the woods south of Chapelton Drive, Polbeth. Local officers conducted regular high visibility patrols on foot in the area over the summer and repeat instances were prevented.

Fauldhouse

Neighbour disputes continue to account for a large percentage of anti-social calls, local officers worked closely with SNT and West Lothian Council Housing with a number of Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)/ Tenancy Warnings and Recorded Police Warnings being issued.

A number of calls and concerns were received regarding the use of off road vehicles, off-road bikes and quad bikes, the officers are aware of this and measures have been put in place to address the problem. In addition a drop-in session was held at Fauldhouse Partnership Centre to offer advice on the matter. This was followed by a day of enforcement and action.

There has been a slight rise on public space assaults over the past three months these are associated with alcohol consumption and incidents at licensed premises. High visibility patrols in these areas and licensed premises checks at weekends continue to be carried out to address this. A number of people were charged with assault and found in possession of controlled substances and were reported for possession of drug offences. Local officers will continue to monitor the issue.

Common with other areas there were several incidents of fire-raising on Forestry Commission land north of Fauldhouse.

Stoneyburn

Report of damage to the telephone exchange in Main Street, Stoneyburn. This incident was linked to other damage reported in the village.

Neighbours disputes continue to account for a large percentage of anti-social calls, local officers worked closely with SNT and West Lothian Council Housing with a number of Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)/ Tenancy Warnings and Recorded Police Warnings being issued. Continued anti-social behaviour saw one repeat offender charged and reported to the procurator fiscal.

Fly-tipping – Reports were received of regarding the burning of rubbish including mattresses and furniture on open ground. Local officers worked with West Lothian Council Environmental Health to enforce legislation and ensure this was stopped.

Ward 6 – Fauldhouse & Breich Valley

Several incidents of fire-raising on open land at the rear of properties were reported. Local officers conducted regular patrols in the area on foot. Local youths were named as being responsible and local officers worked with SNT to speak with parents and worked closely with SNT and West Lothian Council Housing with a number of Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)/ Tenancy Warnings issued.

Addiewell & Loganlea

Several incidents of fire-raising on open land at the rear of properties were reported. Local officers conducted regular patrols in the area on foot. Local youths were named as being responsible and local officers worked with SNT to speak with parents and worked closely with SNT and West Lothian Council Housing with a number of Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)/ Tenancy Warnings issued.

Need the Police? – Call 101

We also request that people sign up and follow your local policing team on Twitter [@WestLothPolice](#) and [Facebook – West Lothian Police](#)

CONTACTS

Local Area Command Support

Email LothianScotBordersLACSUWest@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Sector Sergeant

Sergeant Vince Hughes

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Community Policing Team for Fauldhouse and Breich Valley

The four locality officers are based at Whitburn Police station.

PC Philip Wilkin

PC Andrew Hendry

PC Carol-Ann Wilson

PC Fergus Middleton

Email FauldhouseBreichValleyCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Online www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/west-lothian/fauldhouse-and-the-breich-valley/

PC J0835 Philip Wilkin



FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Area Committee on the activity within Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30th June 2018.

B. RECOMMENDATION

That Committee Members are invited to note and provide comment on the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being honest, open and accountable• Focusing on our customers' needs• Making best use of our resources• Working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Quarterly reports on the Multi-member Ward Operational Plans are being produced to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan, which is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	WL CPP SOA Performance indicators.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	SOA1304_13 Number of deliberate fires per 100,000 population SOA1304_14 Number of accidental dwelling fires per 100,000 population.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The council contributes to directly and in partnership to the delivery of the Ward Plan
VII Consideration at PDSP	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT**D.1 Background**

Quarterly reports on the Multi-Member Ward Operational Plans have been produced by SFRS to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2018, which is a requirement under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Section 41E.

D.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Quarterly Report

Following the publication of the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Operational Plan, the Local Senior Officer for Falkirk and West Lothian has produced a Performance Report detailing activity against the key priorities.

The seven key priorities within the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward area are as follows:

Continuous Priority

- Local Risk Management and Preparedness.

High Priority

- Reduction of Dwelling Fires
- Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Medium Priority

- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction of Fires in Non-Domestic Property
- Reduction in Casualties from Special Services (excluding RTC's)
- Reduction in RTC Fatalities and Casualties.

E. CONCLUSION

The Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-member Ward Performance Report aligns to the key priorities of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2018, the West Lothian Strategic Assessment of Community Safety and continues with the excellent partnership working on Community Safety, which is evident in West Lothian.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Alan Cunningham
Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
August 2018

Appendix 1 - Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Multi-Member Ward Performance Report



West Lothian Council Area

Ward Performance Report

Quarter 1 2018/19

Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley

DISCLAIMER

The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

Please ensure any external partners in receipt of these reports are aware of this.

Introduction

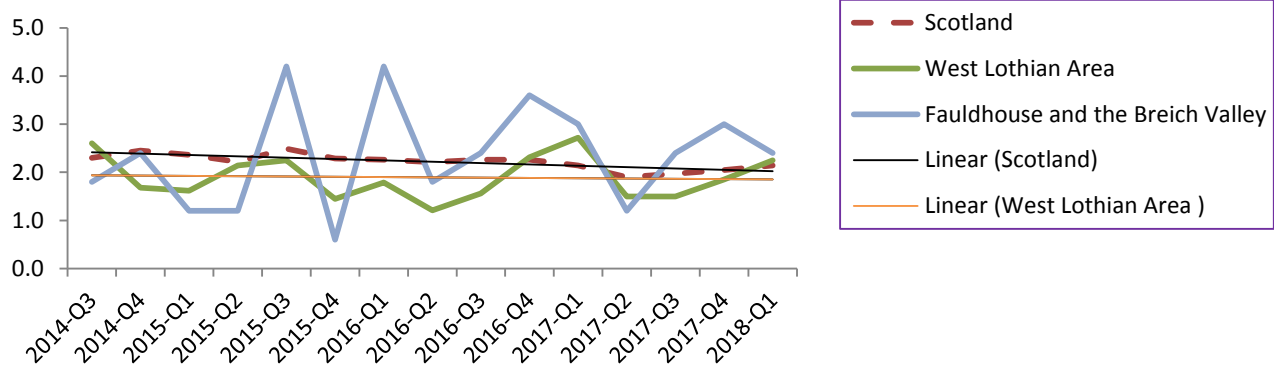
Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to ward based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

In addition to historical ward based activity, this performance report provides information on the historic activity in the West Lothian Council area and Scotland. To allow benchmarking to be undertaken, the units of measurement in the performance graphs in the report are based on incidents/events per head of population.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the somewhat random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where ward level data is analysed due to the relatively small number of actual incidents/events that occur in ward areas.

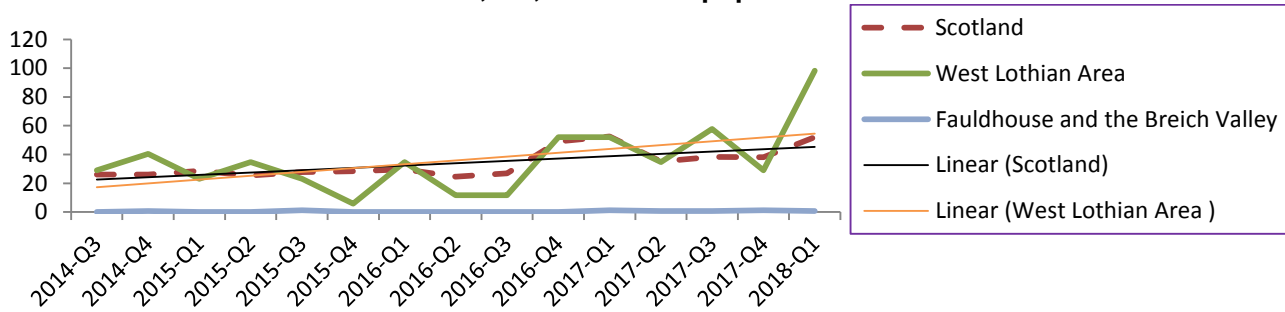
However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Accidental Dwelling Fires Per 10,000 head of population



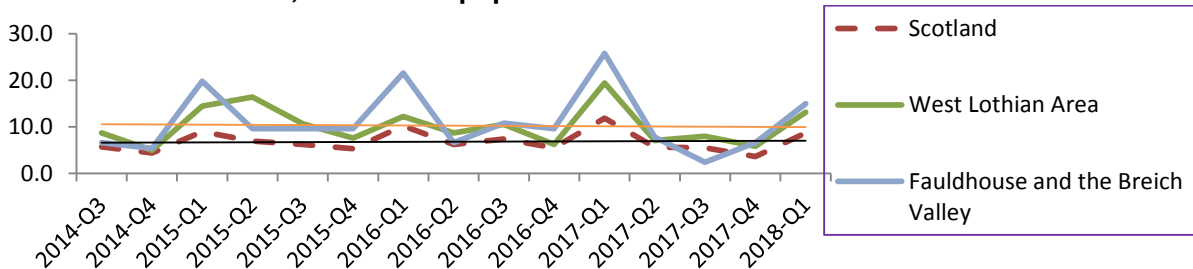
During the 2018-19 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 4 accidental dwelling fires in comparison to 6 during 2017-18 year to date reporting period.

Fire Casualties and Fatalities Per 1,000,000 head of population



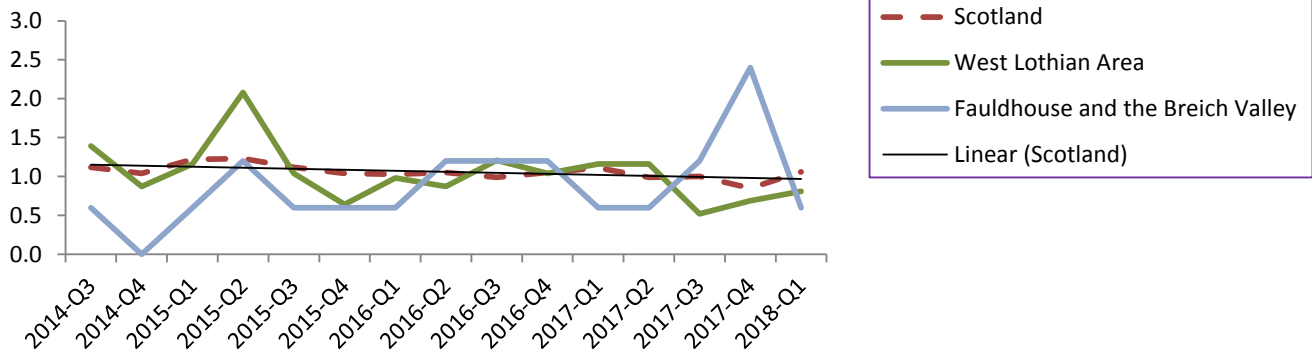
During the 2018-19 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 1 casualties due to fire in comparison to 2 during 2017-18 year to date reporting period.

Deliberate Fires Per 10,000 head of population



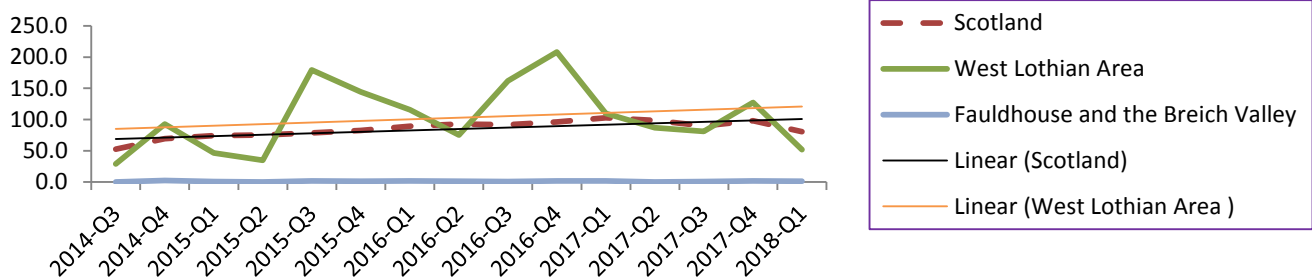
SFRS have dealt with 25 Deliberate fire incidents during 2018-19 year to date reporting period in comparison to 51 during 2017-18 year to date reporting period.

Fires In Non Domestic Property Per 10,000 head of population



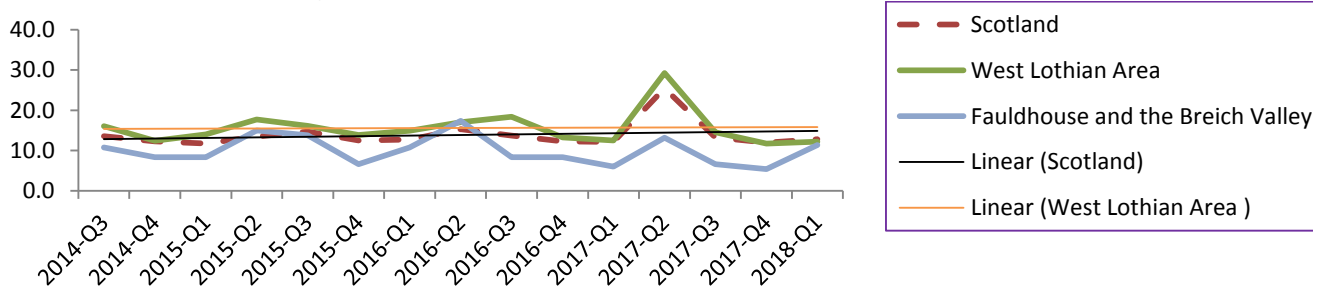
SFRS have dealt with 1 non domestic fires incident during 2018-19 year to date reporting period in comparison to 1 during 2017-18 year to date reporting period.

Special Services Casualties (excluding RTC's) Per 1,000,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 2 casualties from Special Services during 2018-19 year to date reporting period in comparison to 3 during 2017-18 year to date reporting period.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Per 10,000 head of population

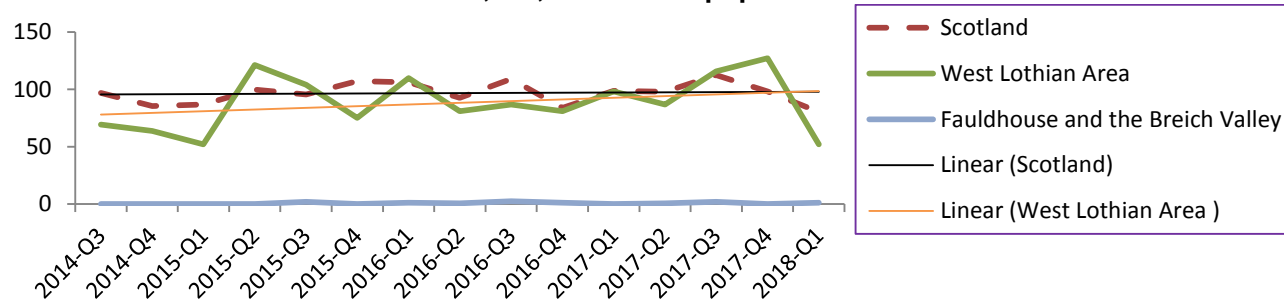


SFRS have dealt with 19 UFAS incidents during 2018-19 year to date reporting period in comparison to 12 during 2017-18 year to date reporting period.

Additional Comments

SFRS is committed to 'Working Together for a Safer Scotland' and to engage with business partners to reduce demand from Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS).

RTC Casualties and Fatalities Per 1,000,000 head of population



During the 2018-19 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 2 casualties and 0 Fatalities from RTC's in comparision to 0 Casualties and Fatalities during 2017-18 year to date reporting period.



FAULDHOUSE AND BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

HOUSING CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Local Area Committee with an overview of the service activities within Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Local Area Committee is asked to note Housing, Building and Customer Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period 1 April – 30 June 2018.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs. Being honest, open and accountable. Providing equality of opportunities. Making best use of our resources. Working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 Housing (Scotland) Act 2010
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	There is no impact
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	There are positive impact on the following SOA indicators: SOA4 – we live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities SOA8 – we make the most effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None
VII Consideration at PDSP	Yes
VIII Other consultations	N/A
D. Housing Performance Information	

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an overview of the activities of Housing, Customer and Building Services, specific to the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley ward.

Property Void & Let Performance: Mainstream Tenancies

Void Period	April 2018	%	May 2018	%	June 2018	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	3	60%	1	33%	2	17%	55%
2-4 weeks	0	0%	0	0%	4	33%	30%
4+ weeks	2	40%	2	67%	6	50%	15%
Total Lets	5	100%	3	100%	12	100%	100%

Property Void & Let Performance: Temporary Tenancies

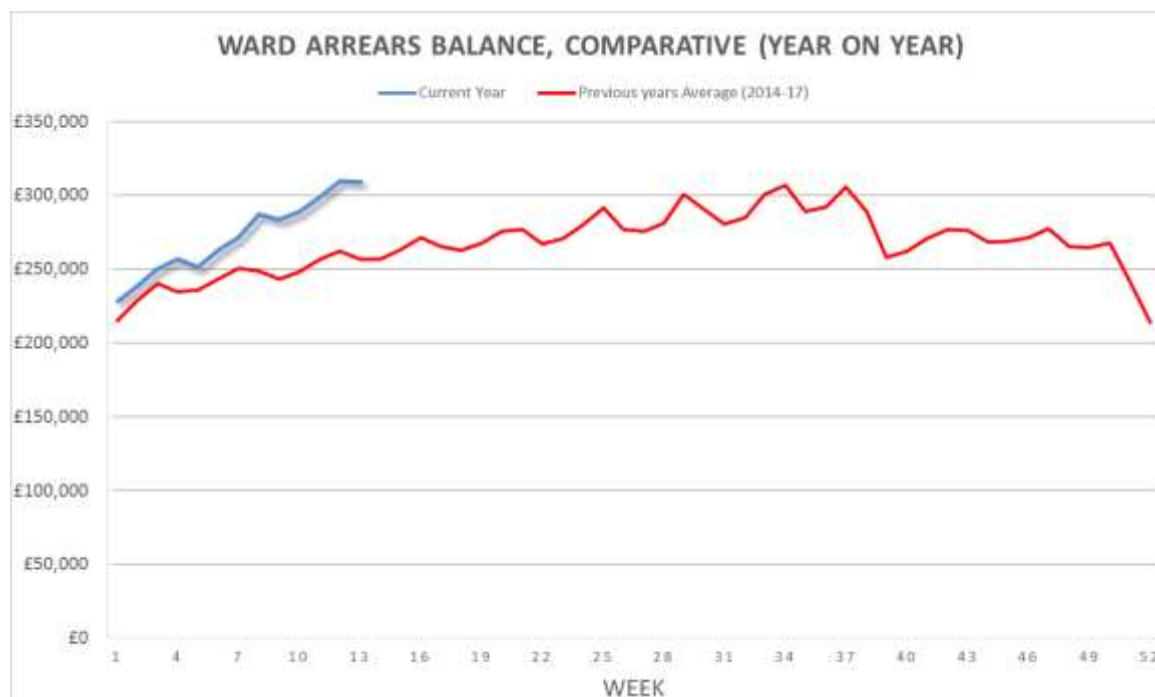
Void Period	April 2018	%	May 2018	%	June 2018	%	WL Target %
0-2 weeks	1	100%	1	33%	1	17%	55%
2-4 weeks	0	0%	0	0%	2	33%	30%
4+ weeks	0	0%	2	67%	3	50%	15%
Total Lets	1	100%	3	100%	6	100%	100%

Delays in re-letting can occur for a variety of reasons. The type or location of the property, the completion of void work or the identification of additional works not visible during the initial inspection, ensuring that vulnerable persons are appropriately supported through the viewing and sign up process can also add to timeframes. Some of our applicants have specific support requirements which require detailed planning and co-ordination by both Social Work and Housing Services prior to tenancy commencement.

In the year to date there have been 20 mainstream tenancies and 10 temporary tenancies let by the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Team. There are currently 35 Policy Voids in the ward. Reasons include properties unable to let due Health & Safety reasons and being held to assist with decants due to remedial works.

Rent Arrears

For this ward the cumulative rental charge this year (debit) for the housing stock is £1,725,297 and £1,648,580 has been collected giving a strong collection rate of 95.5%



	2017/18 (WK13)		2018/19 (WK13)	
Arrears Banding	Balance	Tenants In Arrears	Balance	Tenants In Arrears
£0.01 to £99.99	£11,646	250	£11,907	284
£100.00 to £299.99	£33,963	179	£34,821	184
£300.00 to £499.99	£37,188	97	£40,697	105
£500.00 to £749.99	£36,348	59	£48,921	77
£750.00 to £999.99	£32,234	37	£43,418	50
£1000.00 to £1999.99	£65,856	49	£97,247	70
£2000+	£24,472	9	£31,566	12
Total	£241,707	680	£308,577	782

The Ward arrears position for Q1 is £308,577. This is an increase of £66,870 on last year's position. The West Lothian overall position has increased by £261,111 from last year and on 01 July was £1,879,981

While there are 82 serious arrears cases (£1,000+) it should be noted 60% of cases are in the lower bands (£300 or less)

The overall increased arrears in comparison to last year are as a result of Full Service Universal Credit being introduced in West Lothian from May 2018, along with other Welfare Benefit reforms and the current economic climate

During the course of this year we plan to focus on the following:

- Making best use of resources by considering communicating more with customers through email and telephone
- Increase Direct Debit Take Up by targeted work for example tenants who currently pay by Standing Order
- Benchmarking with other local authorities to ensure we identify and consider implementing any best practice
- Performance Monitoring and Reporting will be reviewed and where appropriate streamlined to ensure information is meaningful and robust to assist with improving rent arrears due.
- Promote Alternative payment methods, particularly the Tenant's Self Service Portal
- Undertake a root and branch review of our arrears process to ensure we maximise rental income

Local Area Team Activity

Officers in the team have a number of tenancies under supervision for issues such as child & adult protection, anti-social behaviour and poor tenancy conditions. Our officers' work with a range of services and agencies to ensure tenants and residents are fully supported, tenancies are maintained and sustained as far as possible and appropriate action taken where necessary.

Rent arrears activity continues to be a weekly priority task for the team and will continue to work with all our tenants in offering support, advice and assistance. Such assistance includes referrals for money, energy and debt advice, benefit health checks, completion of income and expenditure to help set up a sustainable payment plan and where appropriate, assist with applications for Discretionary Housing Payments.

Capital Programme and New Build Council Housing

Capital Programme Update

Cuthill Crescent, Stoneyburn	100% Complete	Work Completed.
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New Build Update

Fauldhouse & Breich Valley	Site	No of units	Site Start	No of Houses Handed Over	No of completions
	Eastfield, Fauldhouse	40	July 2016	40	June 2018

Tenant Participation for April – June 2018

Office Bearer Training – Four training sessions have been held over May and June with the Housing Need Service and TP Team, facilitated by the Tenant Information Service, to provide office bearer training to the newly formed Syrian Refugee Tenants Group.

Tenant Led Inspection (TLI) – training for new Inspectors was held on the 12th June at Blackburn Partnership Centre. The inspectors will be carrying out an inspection into the Housing Need Service, which is currently underway. Four new inspectors attended the training, all of whom have experience Homelessness and used the services provided by the Housing Need Service.

Annual Return on the Charter (ARC) Review – A presentation was provided to the members of the network on the 19th June 2018, to advise and inform them on this year's ARC return, submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator at the end of May 2018.

TIS Award for Best Innovative Practise – The TP Team and the Tenant Participation Development Working Group won the Tenant Information Services (TIS) Award under the category of Best Innovative Practice at their conference in June 2018. The award submission focussed on the work being done on Digital Involvement with tenants through the use of text messaging and the services Facebook Group, specifically for council tenants.

Danny Mullen TP Excellence Award – The members of West Lothian Tenants Housing Network have sponsored an award to commemorate the work of the late Danny Mullen. The award was presented for the first time at the Tenant Information Service's June Conference. Danny's widow and two daughters were in attendance to help present the award.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

WLC Officer based in SNT April – June 2018

The Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT's) continue to work in two teams across the nine multi member ward areas as an integral part of the Community Safety Unit. In all the wards, partnership working involves the local housing team, youth worker, council officer with the SNT and officers from Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service all working together to tackle antisocial behaviour.

Private Landlords have been consulted with to discourage ASB within their properties and enquiries revealed that local youths have been causing antisocial behaviour in the area of Stoneyburn resulting in further enquiries required to identify the youths concerned.

More serious antisocial behaviour complaints (threats, harassment, noise, threatening and abusive behaviour) have been received which have involved Police Scotland enquiries and involvement from a local Councillor in order to ascertain the extent of these complaints, ensure thorough investigations have taken place resulting in the appropriate action being taken.

In the Fauldhouse area, ASB required a warning to be issued and multi-agency intervention to take place and further multi-agency action has been required regarding 2 tenancies within a block of flats which resulted in a letter drop being carried out, interventions and warnings being put in place before the offending behaviour ceased. Similar work has been carried out in the Polbeth area re ASB and loud music complaints.

E. CONCLUSION

To note the contents of the report.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments: None

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FAULDHUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

SERVICE UPDATE – NETS, LAND & COUNTRYSIDE

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members of the recent activity of the NETs, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 May 2018 - 31 July 2018.

B. RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to:

1. Note the work carried out to date and future planned work.
2. Advise of any areas that require further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; making best use of our resources; working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Relates to items 9 - We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger & 12 – We value and enjoy our built environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	In line with available revenue and capital budgets
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII	Other consultations	None

D1 Terms of Report

Report on activity for period 1 May 2018 - 31 July 2018.

D2 Grounds Maintenance Routine Works

Routine grass cutting and weed control continue in the ward. There have been five grass cutting visits within the reporting period. One complete herbicide application on shrub beds and two on channels/hard areas. Other minor tasks have also been undertaken, mainly as a result of public enquiries.

The latest Land Audit Management score for the West area was 64. 67 is the target score. The level of weed growth in shrub beds was the reason for the drop in scoring; this has since been addressed by the herbicide application noted above, as well as strimming any excessive growth.

Grounds Maintenance Enquiries

In total 44 grounds maintenance related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

	2018	2017
Adopt Open Space in Private Estate		1
Complaint Grounds Maintenance	2	1
Drainage Flooding Grass Areas		1
Enforcement Officer Enquiries	1	1
Fencing Enquiries	2	3
Gala Day Public Event Enquiries	2	6
Gardens Competition Enquiries	3	6
Grass Cutting Enquiries	8	4
Grass Cutting Missed Not Cut	4	3
Grass Highway Verges		1
Grass Left on Paths or Roads		1
Ground Ownership Enquiries	3	2
Grounds Property Vandalised	1	
Hedge Cutting Enquiries	3	2
Neighbourhood Env Teams	1	
Public Park Enquiries	3	2
School Grounds Enquiries	1	
Shrub Bed Enquiries		2
Shrub Bed Overhanging Path	3	7
Shrub Beds Not Maintained	2	1
Weeds General Enquiries	3	7
Weeds on Paths or Roads	2	4

(55)

D3 Garden Maintenance Routine Works

There have been four cutting cycles completed in the ward during the reporting period. This work is carried out by a team of four operatives, who also cover 50% of the gardens included on the scheme across the whole of West Lothian.

Garden Maintenance Enquiries

In total 34 garden maintenance related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

	2018	2017
Complaint Garden Maintenance	1	2
Garden Maintenance General Enquires	10	12
Garden Maintenance Grass Not Cut	18	15
Garden Maintenance Hedge Cutting	1	2
Garden Maintenance No Longer Required		1
Garden Maintenance Standard of Cut	4	5

(37)

D4 Cleaner Communities Routine Works

Cleaner Communities staff are continuing to carry out routine works to remove litter, fly tipping and debris on roads, footpaths and open spaces throughout the ward. The ward is covered by a mobile cleansing team consisting of five operatives and one compact sweeper. We also have two HGV sweepers that cover the whole of West Lothian.

Our most recent Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) audit for litter carried out through 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' for 2017/2018 gave us a Statutory Performance Indicator score of 93.4%.

LEAMS score 2017/2018: West Lothian Council 93.4%, (Grouping, 93.2%, Scottish average 92.2%)

Cleaner Communities Enquiries

In total 73 cleaner communities related enquiries were received and dealt with during this reporting period.

	2018	2017
Dead Animals	1	4
Dog Fouled Grass Open Space	2	2
Dog Fouled Kids Play Area		1
Dog Fouled on Paths Roads	8	11
Dog Not Fouling Sign Request		1
Dog Waste Bin New Request	2	1
Glass on Paths or Open Spaces	4	3
Graffiti Non Offensive	1	
Graffiti Racist or Offensive	1	
Illegal Fly Tipping	1	1
Illegal Fly Tipping Dumping	20	16
Litter Bin Burnt Damaged		1
Litter Bin Full Overflowing	3	
Litter Bin New Request For Bin	3	
Litter General Enquiries	5	1
Litter on Paths Roads Verges	2	1
Street Sweeping Enquiries	8	7
Vehicle Abandoned	12	9

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Environmental Community Action

The team consists of two Senior Enforcement Officers, two Education Engagement Officers and eight Enforcement Officers. They are split into two teams of six officers to cover seven days a week on shifts with one team on shift at a time.

Enforcement Officers attended to all enquiries in relation to various environmental issues within the area and carried out targeted patrols in respect of dog fouling complaints in Fauldhouse, Polbeth and West Calder.

During the period specified one fixed penalty notice for littering and one fixed penalty notice for dog fouling was issued. Illegal fly tipping continues to be a problem within the ward and Enforcement Officers continue to investigate with a view to the prosecution of offenders.

Abandoned/Nuisance vehicles have been dealt with and removed from streets throughout the ward either through negotiation with the owners or by WLC Contractors.

Enforcement Officers carried out audits on school transport buses and taxis on behalf of Transport Department at various schools within the ward. This is designed to ensure the vehicles used are in a fit state and drivers hold the appropriate drivers licence.

Enforcement Officers assisted colleagues in Community Learning & Development Youth Services through the positive destinations programme.

Enforcement Officers assisted colleagues from Licencing Department on several occasions by checking identification and authorisations of window cleaners as well as carrying out audits at licensed premises and ensuring the appropriate legal notices are being displayed.

With the assistance of local groups Education and Engagement Officers continue to assist with clean-ups at various areas within the ward.

Education & Engagement Officers attended residents and community group meetings and followed up any concerns raised.

Officers have also engaged in partnership working with various agencies such as Police Scotland, Housing Associations, Woodlands Trust Scotland, Forestry Commission, WLC Countryside Rangers, WLC Housing and WLC Waste Services on a range of issues.

D5 Parks and Woodland

In total 21 Parks and Woodland related enquiries were inspected during this reporting period. 13 resulting in no works instructions to programme and four works instructions were completed.

	2018	2017
Tree works completed for period	4	n/a
Tree works outstanding for LAC area	23	n/a
Tree Enquiries not generating works orders	13	n/a
Tree Blocking Light	2	
Tree Branches Overhanging	10	5
Tree Broken Damaged or Dead		1
Tree Conservation Areas		1
Tree Dangerous or Unsafe	4	1
Tree Enquiries General	4	5
Tree Leaves Causing Problems		1
Tree Preservation Orders	1	

Ranger Service Update

No. School groups attending Outdoor Education / Forest School Sessions	3
No. Pupils attending Outdoor Education / Forest School Sessions	6
No. Rights Of Way / Core Path / Patrols carried out (hours)	14.5
No. Access Enquiries	1
No. Ranger Events	1
No. attendees at Ranger Events	100

Ranger Service updates:

- The Ranger Service took their popular mini environment fair 'Wild Wednesday' to Burngrange Park in West Calder for the first time. As well as the events and stall run by the Rangers, they also invited the WLC Enforcement Officers to educate local people on dog fouling and littering. They were also joined by Hopetoun Ranger Service, Scottish Wildlife Trust, RSPB, Forth Rivers Trust and Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden. Over 100 people attended.

D6 Open Space and Cemeteries

Open Space Routine Works

Bridge Street Play Area, Fauldhouse - Work has begun, this will include play equipment replacement and resurface. This will be completed in September 2018.

Addiewell Primary School Play Area, Fauldhouse - Work has begun, this will include play equipment replacement and resurface. This will be completed in 2018.

Eastfield Road Park, Fauldhouse - Pitch replacement works are complete excluding lining of pitch and installation of goal posts. House builder works to reinstate the landscape and upgrade the car park remain outstanding. When these works are completed in 2018/19, wider park improvement design will be finalised in consultation with Fauldhouse Community Development Trust. This will include play equipment and a path network.

Caledonian Road Park, Fauldhouse, has been allocated funding for refurbishment and improvement. This work will include play equipment replacement and resurface. Additional new drainage features will be designed and installed to improve the kick pitch surface. This work will be completed in 2018/19.

Breich Green has been allocated funding for improvement. This funding will be supplemented with Village Improvement Fund grant to provide a new path direct to the play area from the existing footpath. New drainage features will be installed to improve overall drainage in the park, and protect this new footpath. Work should begin in September 2018.

Glenview Playing Field, Stoneyburn. Works are complete. New drainage features have been installed in the south-east corner of the park to alleviate flooding across the path. Water is now removed from the park into the local burn, this will aid pitch drainage also. Existing drainage ditches west of the main pitch (in the treeline) have been cleared and some stone added to assist drainage.

Parkhead Recreation Ground, West Calder, has been allocated funding to support a community skate park project. A planning application has now been submitted by West Calder and Harburn Community Development Trust. Comment and outstanding issues have been returned to the Trust for resolution. Issues include clearance to existing park features, provision of suitable access footpath, and drainage.

Open Space Enquiries

There was three open space related enquiry received and dealt with during this reporting period in 2018.

	2018	2017
Adopting Childrens Play Areas	1	
Childrens Play Enquiries	1	1
Glass or Litter in Play Areas	1	
Safety Issues in Play Areas		1

Cemeteries Routine Works

Summer routine maintenance including grass cutting, hedge cutting and weed control underway. Grave reinstatement works and burial duties ongoing across the cemetery estates.

Cemeteries Enquiries (18)

There was 18 cemeteries related enquiry received and dealt with during this reporting period in 2018.

	2018	2017
Cemeteries General Enquiries	7	4
Complaint Cemeteries and Burials	2	1
Lair Enquiries	4	3
Lair Sunken or Uneven	5	3
War Memorial Enquiries		2

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E CONCLUSION

Good progress has been made with most ground maintenance tasks due to the good weather experienced for most of the reporting period.

The Enforcement Officers been involved in a number of community projects within the ward, with the aim of raising awareness of environmental issues.

The Ranger Service took their popular mini environment fair 'Wild Wednesday' to Burngrange Park in West Calder for the first time, where over 100 people attended.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Open Space Strategy

Capital Programme

Appendices/Attachments: None

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FAULDHUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

**CARRIAGEWAY REINSTATEMENTS TO SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY NETWORKS
CABLING WORKS IN THE HARBURN AREA - UPDATE**

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to give an update on Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) remedial works to reinstatements, resulting from cabling works in the Harburn area.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the panel notes that carriageway reinstatements and associated defects have been completed to the satisfaction of Roads and Transportation's Public Utilities Team and that no complaints have subsequently been received from members of the community.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs and being honest, open and accountable.
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 Transport (Scotland) Act 2005
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Outcome 4: We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities. Outcome 8: We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII	Other consultations	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

Utility works associated with the Pate's Hill, Pearie Law and Harburnhead windfarms have been carried out by contractors working on behalf of Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) over the last 8-9 years. Concerns about the standard of these reinstatements were discussed at the LAC meeting on 27 February 2018.

D2 The current position

Prior to February's LAC meeting, a joint inspection of the site took place. Outstanding defects were highlighted and agreed on site, then recorded on the Scottish Road Works Register. Verge and carriageway remedial works were subsequently carried out and completed on Friday 27 April.

These were jointly inspected by WLC and SPEN representatives and were agreed to be satisfactory. It is our view that the verges have been made good and as such, SPEN cannot continue to be held responsible for further repairs to these. The carriageway works were also observed to be acceptable; however SPEN will remain liable for these for the duration of the guarantee period.

Verges were top soiled and seeded. As such, they would not have initially appeared to be very visually appealing until growth was established. Officers have visited the site and can confirm growth has occurred and the verges are in a satisfactory state.

It should be borne in mind that the U29 is a narrow, rural road with insufficient space for two vehicles to pass. This is likely to mean that the verges will be subject to ongoing wear and damage. SPEN are no longer responsible for verge maintenance; issues identified as a result of site inspection/public reports will be assessed and addressed as appropriate in line with the council's Roads Safety Inspection Manual.

E. CONCLUSION

Works associated with carriageway reinstatement following extensive cabling works in the Harburn area have been carried out within the nationally agreed defect inspection regime and are now complete.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Roads and Transportation, Road Asset Management Plan, Road Safety Inspection Manual

Appendices/Attachments:

None

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2018

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Area Committee of the groups invited to apply for the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2018 in the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee notes that sixteen groups within Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward have been invited to apply and applications are awaited.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Being honest, open and accountable. Focussing on our customers' needs. Making best use of resources. Working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	The duty of Best Value is set out in the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	The Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration has the delegated authority to make the final allocations and payments.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	SOA 5 - Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Total fund of £29,054 agreed by the council.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Following consideration at all nine Local Area Committees, an update will be prepared for the Voluntary Organisations PDSP.
VIII Other consultations	Similar reports will be prepared for the other eight Local Area Committees.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

Council approves the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund each year. In 2018 the total fund amounts to £29,054 (£28,808 in 2017). The fund is divided equally by the total number of beneficiaries. A full report on the final allocations will be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP later in the year. Groups have been asked to respond by 29 September 2018. Letters will be issued to groups in October advising them of the amount of funding they will receive and payments will be made directly to the bank accounts of groups during November via PECOS.

D2 Applications 2018: Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward

Sixteen application forms were issued to groups across Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward, with eight returned to date. The intention is to support all sixteen groups upon submission of their applications. Appendix one shows the groups to be supported and the approximate number of beneficiaries in each.

D3 Applications 2018: Livingston-wide & West Lothian-wide organisations

One application was sent to a Livingston-wide group. This application has been returned and will be supported. Three applications were issued to West Lothian-wide groups with one returned to date. The intention is to support all three groups upon submission of their applications. Appendix two shows the groups and the approximate number of beneficiaries in each.

E. CONCLUSION

The report advises of the groups invited to apply to the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2018 in the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

A full report on the final allocations will be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP later in the year.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Voluntary Organisations Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel, Review of the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund Process 2011, Report By Head Of Area Services.

Appendices/Attachments: Two

Appendix 1: Provisional Allocations 2018 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward

Appendix 2: Provisional Allocations 2018 Livingston-wide and West Lothian-wide Organisations

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FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND PROVISIONAL ALLOCATIONS 2018

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

Appendix 1: Allocations 2018 Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward

Group	Number of Beneficiaries
Blackfaulds Court Tenants Association	40
Breich Community Association	50 (tbc)
Crofthead Care Home	57
Fauldhouse Monday Club Old Age Pensioners	130 (tbc)
Fauldhouse Young at Heart	71 (tbc)
Harburn Association Lunch Club	16 (tbc)
Longridge Over 50's Group	75
Pitstop	40 (tbc)
Rosebery Centre	36
St John the Baptist Church - Social Care Group	130
St John the Baptist Over 50s Group	91 (tbc)
Stewart Court Registered Tenants Association	40
Stewart Court Sheltered Housing Day Centre	35
Stoneyburn and Bents Old Folks Treat	160 (tbc)
West Calder Community Centre Management Committee	40
Totals	1101

Note: Beneficiaries marked tbc are based on the 2017 final figures.

Note: Rosebery Centre is new to this ward in 2018 after relocating from Livingston to Polbeth

FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2018

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

Appendix 2: Allocations 2018: Livingston-Wide & West Lothian-Wide Organisations

Group	Number of Beneficiaries
Braid House Day Centre	150
Total	150

Group	Number of Beneficiaries
West Lothian Visually Impaired Club	10 (tbc)
West Lothian 50+ Network	204 (tbc)
West Lothian Financial Inclusion Network	400
Total	614

Note: Beneficiaries marked tbc are based on the 2017 final figures.



FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REGENERATION PLANNING

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Area Committee of progress towards developing regeneration plans within the ward, and other ward activity.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee:

1. notes that draft plans are ready for Stoneyburn, Fauldhouse and Polbeth;
2. reviews and provides feedback on the draft plans; and
3. notes that a draft Addiewell plan will be available in October.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs. Being honest, open and accountable. Providing equality of opportunities. Making best use of our resources. Working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Community regeneration reinforces the council's commitment to community planning at a local level.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance indicators relating to the activity within the plans are captured within the set of Regeneration key performance indicators.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities.- We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.- We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.- We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Activities will be funded from existing budgets or external sources.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Annual updates on regeneration plans will be presented to the Community Planning Partnership board.
VIII Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

A report was provided to the Local Area Committee in September 2016 outlining the background to developing regeneration plans, including the processes, structures, and timescales involved. Eight regeneration areas (13 individual communities) have been identified, based on the data zones within the bottom 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

In addition to this, the Community Empowerment Act 2015 requires Community Planning Partnerships to produce locality plans for their most deprived areas. The CPP in West Lothian has adopted regeneration plans as its locality plans.

D2 Progress

The Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Local Action Group was established in June 2016 and met on two occasions before the decision was taken by the members to meet at individual village level. Steering groups were then established for Stoneyburn, Fauldhouse, Polbeth and Addiewell.

Initial plans have now been drafted for Stoneyburn, Fauldhouse and Polbeth and have been attached as appendices to this report. The template for each plan is broadly the same, but the actions within the plans are specific to each area and have been developed using the engagement information gathered, the views of the local steering group and the statistical information for the area. The Fauldhouse plan also incorporates the charrette findings from 2016.

A number of pages within the plans still require content to be added and this process is ongoing. The plans will be finalised and published by the end of this year.

Stoneyburn

The Stoneyburn plan has three overarching themes:

- **Transport and moving around** – key issues raised are the lack of walking and cycling routes out of the village and what is perceived as a poor quality public transport service.
- **Play, recreation and facilities** – people value the facilities they have but are keen to see them utilised even more. High on the agenda is additional activities for young people and also for elderly and isolated members of the community. There is a desire to continue to care for the environment through regular litter picks and environmental improvements, and to develop more community events such as the Santa Parade and Fun Run.
- **Poverty, health and wellbeing** – some of the issues the community want to address relate to high levels of poor mental health, particularly those managed by prescription medication; ensuring take up free school meals and school

clothing grants by all families who are eligible; and finding other ways to save local families money.

Fauldhouse

The themes agreed by the Fauldhouse steering group are:

- **Facilities and amenities** – this theme focuses specifically on two issues: the opportunities that exist to redevelop the numerous gap sites which exist within the village and the potential to increase usage of the partnership centre and build on its current programme.
- **Play and recreation** – there is a desire to see additional play facilities provided for the village, with specific needs identified for play equipment which is accessible to disabled children to be installed at every play park. Another key finding from the community engagement was that regular community events are valued (such as the Santa Parade and Septemberfest events) and the community wish to see more events developed.
- **Environment and feeling safe** – key issues to be address in the plan include general environmental issues such as dog fouling and littering, with campaigns proposed to carry out regular litter picks. There is also a real strength of feeling about perceived road safety issues caused by parking at Jack's Corner, and a desire to look at parking solutions at the local primary schools.
- **Poverty, health and wellbeing** – the steering group in Fauldhouse recognise the same issues as the other regeneration areas. They want to address high levels of poor mental health, with a focus on those managed by prescription medication, and consider ways to ensure maximum take up of free school meals and school clothing grants.

Polbeth

The Polbeth steering group has decided on the following themes:

- **Play, recreation and facilities** – the key actions under this heading are to increase provision within the village hall and other facilities for residents of all ages; to develop additional play facilities where possible in the village; and to create a calendar of regular family events such as a fun run and Santa Parade.
- **Environment and feeling safe** - general environmental issues such as dog fouling and littering will be addressed within this theme. There will also be action to try to reduce youth anti-social behaviour and consideration given to perceived road safety issues such as car speeding through the village and lack of safe walking access to Five Sisters Zoo.
- **Poverty, health and wellbeing** – this theme is repeated in all plans and the actions are broadly similar. In addition to mental health and child poverty related actions the Polbeth plan has additional actions relating to the lack of availability of childcare and after school clubs.

Addiewell

The Addiewell plan is still being developed, with the steering group considering the data collected in order to determine the themes the plan will focus on and the actions to be undertaken. The theme of Poverty, Health and Wellbeing will be included however, mirroring that section in the other three area plans, having been identified through the local statistics available at a ward level.

The draft plan for Addiewell will available by the end of October and will be presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

E. CONCLUSION

Good progress continues to be made in developing regeneration plans within the Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley ward area. A draft plan is now available for Fauldhouse, Stoneyburn and Polbeth. All four area plans will be finalised and published by the end of 2018.

The draft Addiewell plan, plus an update on progress across all four regeneration areas, will be brought to the next meeting of this committee.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

West Lothian Regeneration Framework 2014-2034

Appendices/Attachments: Three

Appendix 1: Stoneyburn Draft Regeneration Plan

Appendix 2: Fauldhouse Draft Regeneration Plan

Appendix 3: Polbeth Draft Regeneration Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Why Regeneration Plans?

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This plan has been created by the Stoneyburn Regeneration Steering Group. The group was brought together with the specific purpose of creating this long term plan for the village and it is made up of people from local community groups, council services and other agencies who work or live in Stoneyburn. The diagram on the right details all the partners who are involved.

The plan has been created by using information from a number of sources. Firstly, community views have been gathered through a process of local engagement and consultation. The engagement data has then been collated and considered alongside statistical information from sources such as the Census, ScotPHO and SIMD, and the local knowledge of the partners on the steering group.

This is a living document covering the next ten years and will evolve and develop with the community. The plan will describe how we are going to work better locally and in partnership. It will summarise the

consultation taken place so far and set out a number of actions to be taken to create positive change in the community. In addition, this plan will link to other areas of work which we know affect or will have an impact on Stoneyburn. Examples of this include the Anti-Poverty Strategy for West Lothian, the Whitburn Learning Community Plan and the West Health Locality Plan.



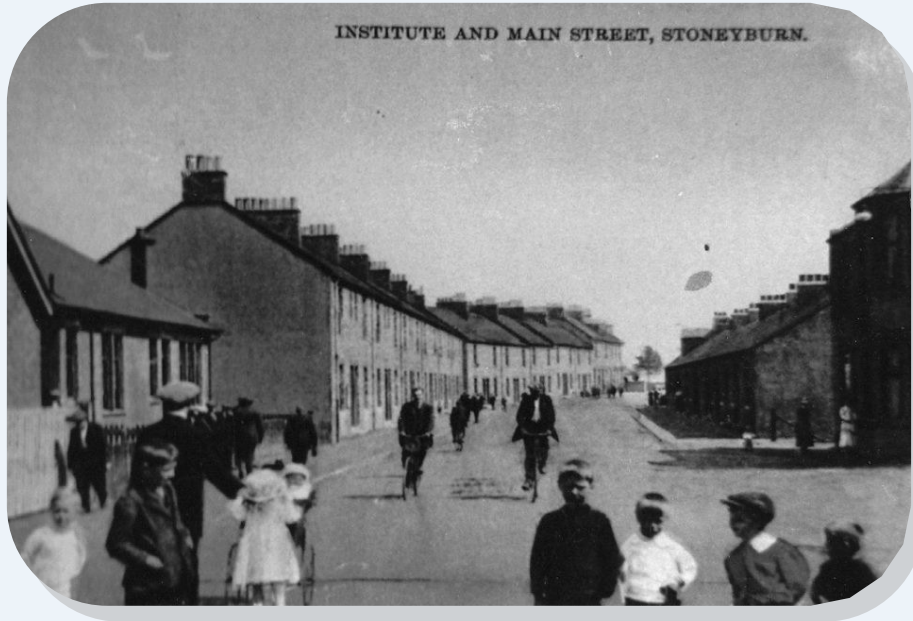
HISTORY OF THE AREA

Stoneyburn is a village located in the Breich Valley. Situated two miles away from Junction 4 of the M8 giving it has access to Glasgow and Edinburgh. Despite its location on the central belt it has a semi-rural feel, surrounded by dairy farms and fields.

Stoneyburn's history lies in the coal industry. Coals have been mined around the area since the late 1700s. It started with tiny wee pits that employed only handfuls of men, who lived in farm cottages scattered across the countryside. In 1873 Drumpellier Coal Company began working the coal seams on Thomas Maxwell Durhams Foulshiels

Estate and within five years, Maxwell's newly formed Loganlea Coal Company took over the running of this pit.

Shortly after this the village of Stoneyburn was born, in response to the need for housing for the miners. Fauldhouse stonemason David Dewar built four cottages (known locally as Dewar's Buildings) on what is now the main street. The first miners rows were dreary in appearance, only had one door, and the back wall only had a small window. More houses were then built by associations such as the West Lothian Housing Society, Limited.



HISTORY OF THE AREA

The miners from Stoneyburn would meet and talk at Bents Corner and Hairy Corner in the Auld Row. They would discuss world affairs and politics, smoke, play cards and gamble. As a result of working together underground the miners formed a close community. They clubbed together in associations such as the Co-operative and the Miners Welfare. There were many community activities, such as a yearly Children's Treat, where the kids put on their best clothes and attended a great feast.

The Welfare was the hub of the community. The 'pictures' were on there six nights a week, with a different picture on every night, one showing for the children and one for the adults. Late-night dancing took place on Fridays, and on Sunday there were variety concerts with acts from all over Scotland. There was also always plenty happening in the Lesser Hall, where local groups such as the Silver Band and the Women's Guild would meet.

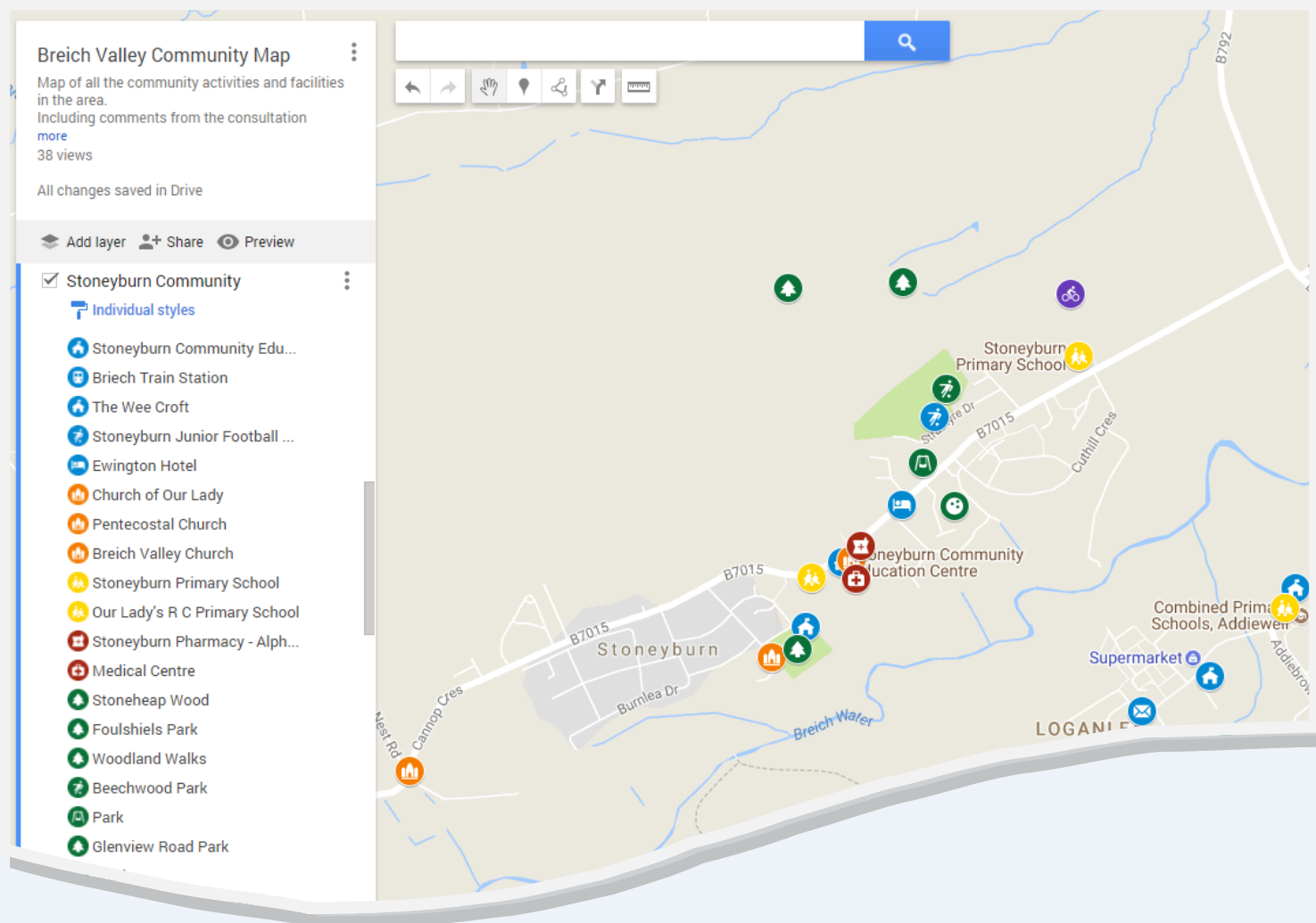


RECENT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA

- What past achievements have happened in the area?
- Previous consultation taken place
- Showing we aren't forgetting what has been done before
- Vision Group Consultations
- Refurbs of Bowling Club, Community Centre, Wee Croft
- Creation of the Vision Group



AREA PROFILE: interactive map



Community Map

This is Stoneyburn's Community Map. It is part of the Breich Valley community map and can be found here:

www.cragroup.co.uk/breich-valley

By clicking on the icons you can find out what's happening there!

AREA PROFILE

OUR COMMUNITY

1,969

Estimated population of Stoneyburn⁶



Life expectancy



77.8yrs Stoneyburn

77.9yrs West Lothian

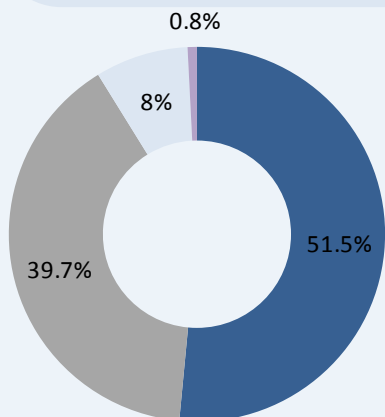


78.9yrs Stoneyburn

80.5yrs West Lothian²

Community assets and strengths

- Stoneyburn Community Education Centre
- Stoneyburn Community Council
- Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group
- Stoneyburn Juniors
- Stoneyburn Bowling Club
- Foulshiels Park
- The Wee Croft



- Owned
- Social Rented
- Private Rented
- Living Rent free



There are 864 dwellings in Stoneyburn⁶

OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES



26% is the number of children in poverty in Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley compared to the West Lothian average of 22%.⁵



5.8% are unemployed compared to the West Lothian average of 5%.¹



20% are on prescription drugs for depression compared to the West Lothian average of 18.3%.⁴



The annual median household income is £25,224 compared to West Lothians £32,994.³



1 out of the 3

Neighbourhoods in Stoneyburn are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland according to the SIMD.⁴

Data sources: ¹ Census Data 2011; ² Scotpho 2011; ³ Local Level Average Household income estimates 2014; ⁴ SIMD 2016; ⁵ Campaign to End Child Poverty 2018; ⁶ National Records of Scotland Small Area Household Estimate

CONSULTATION: METHODS

H Diagrams

H Diagrams

The H diagram is a simple tool which we have used to engage with those who live in the area. It consists of asking people, in person, what they **like** about their area, **don't like** and any **ideas** they have to make it better. These were conducted as a mini interview which helped us drill down to the details of the issue or idea. For example if someone said they liked the park we would ask them to explain what it is about the park that they like. On the back of the H diagram are demographic information questions which allowed us to make sure we got responses from a cross section of the community.

Who have we spoken to?

- Community centre youth clubs
 - Lunch club attendees
 - General community centre users
 - Online survey respondents
- Regular engagement will take place, on an annual basis, to ensure that the priorities within the plan remain relevant.

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What do you like about living in the area?

Score on a scale of 1 to 10.

Could you please circle the number you think most reflects what you think about the area (1 for absolutely awful-10 for excellent)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Ideas to make it better

What don't you like?

Please complete the following section about yourself: your responses will be kept **strictly confidential** and are important to help us to analyse the questionnaire.

Please tick any of the boxes that apply to you

Demographics & employment		Community activity		Health		Transport		Housing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed looking for work	<input type="checkbox"/> Community active in your area Groups, committees, boards, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Good health	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly visits GP	<input type="checkbox"/> Good health	<input type="checkbox"/> Car access	<input type="checkbox"/> Public transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Social housing
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-4yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-11yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-14yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-26yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 27-40yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 41-59yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 60-74yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 74yrs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Choose not to disclose			Postcode			
To which of these groups do you consider that you belong? (Please tick one box)				White other please state.....		<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani		<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scottish/Irish/Polish/Eastern European				<input type="checkbox"/> Black African		<input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean		<input type="checkbox"/> Black (other)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian				<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed ethnic group		<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above			
English your main language				YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you a parent of children that are under 26 years and that live with you?				YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Children's age range (could you put the number of kids you have for each in the boxes)				0-4yrs		5-11yrs		12-14yrs	
Do you consider yourself or any of your dependants to have a disability?				YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

Please Note The equality information will be collated and used for statistical purposes to support the work of the Community Regeneration Action Group. This statistical information will also be available to the West London Community Planning Partnership to help shape services at a strategic level for the West London Communities. If you are happy for the equality information to be collated and used for the above purpose please sign and date the form.

Signature..... Date.....

CONSULTATION: METHODS

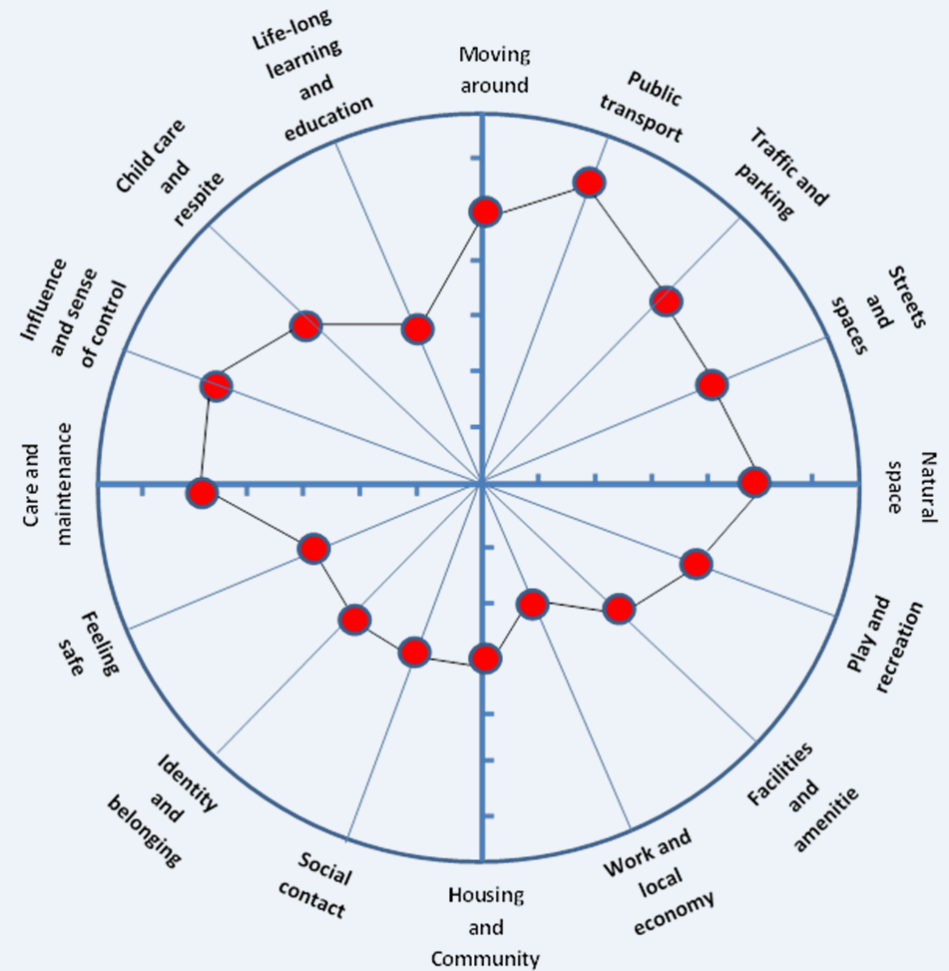
Place Standard

The Place Standard tool was designed by the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and Architecture & Design Scotland. It provides a simple framework to structure conversations about place and community. It covers the physical and social environment. We have added two more themes which we felt were important: Lifelong Learning and Education; and Childcare and Respite.

Who have we spoken to?

There has been one Place Standard carried out so far in Stoneyburn. This was done with the **Regeneration Steering Group**.

The results of future Place Standards will be added to the plan.



CONSULTATION: WHO TOOK PART

86 people completed the survey



66%

Females

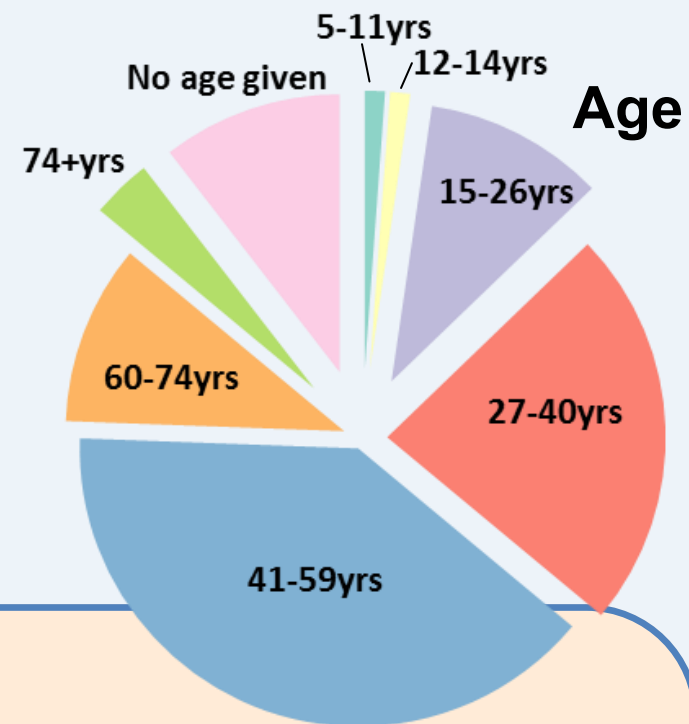


22%

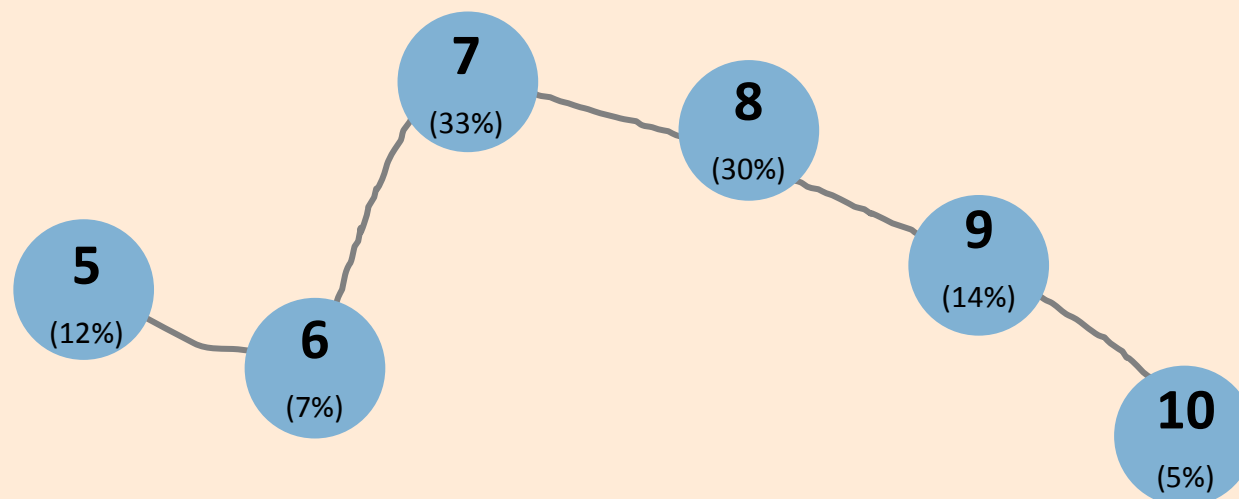
Males

12% Non disclose

31% of people who provided their postcode live in SIMD most deprived 20%



What you rated Stoneyburn out of 10



CONSULTATION: FINDINGS

All the information from the H Diagrams and Place Standards were gathered together. The comments on the H Diagrams were split up under the Place Standard themes. When we asked people what they liked about Stoneyburn this allowed us to identify what the communities assets were. By asking what they don't like and any ideas to make it better, this has helped identify priorities and areas for action.

What we like



Identity and Belonging

58 comments

Good community spirit— Lovely village to live in great community spirit— love living here

Social Interaction

35 comments

Friendly— nice people— good neighbours— people always friendly and supportive

Play and recreation

25 comments

Park good for kids— swing park— community events

Facilities and amenities

23 comments

Community centre— health centre—

What we don't like



Public transport

42 comments

Care and maintenance

20 comments

Housing and communi-

ty

18 comments

Streets and spaces

17 comments

Our ideas



Public transport

27 comments

Play and recreation

25 comments

Facilities and

amenities

Streets and spaces

17 comments

10 comments

CONSULTATION: MAIN THEMES

This section sets out the four main themes that came out through the consultation. These are the themes which had the highest comments under what you don't like and ideas to make Stoneyburn better. Under each theme there are examples of comments that have been made.

Theme 1:

Public transport

Access to an affordable, reliable and well-connected public transport service is important for communities

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"Public transport to and from Bathgate is an hour"

"poor bus service"

"poor public transport provision"

"Public transport could be a lot better"

"Public transport isn't great have lost count how many times road closures have impacted our village"

"the bus never links up with train times or even other buses"

"Lack of bus timetables at bus stops"

Theme 2:

Play and recreation

Good opportunities for play and recreation can improve the health and wellbeing of the community

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"There is not enough for the kids to do"

"lack of things for teenagers to do"

"don't like that the swing park is not fenced off"

"More activities for young children"

"Maybe a soft play area for younger kids"

"Could we have a social area for all ages that doesn't involve alcohol?"

"stuff for older teens and elderly"

"Social club for elderly"

Theme 3:

Care and maintenance

If an area is taken care of and has good maintenance it makes people feel positive and those that are not have the opposite effect

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"Dog fouling appears to be a major problem with dog walkers"

"Litter—people who throw rubbish about"

"increase in dog fouling awareness"

"better street cleaning when it snows"

"some street signs need renewed"



Theme 4:

Housing and community

The homes that are available affect who lives in an area and how the place looks and feels

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"no sheltered housing for older residents"

"lack of social housing"

"more maintenance needed to some houses and more housing needed"

"refurbishment of council housing"

"housing in the village for local people"

"build some affordable housing"



CREATING PRIORITIES

How did we do this?

By incorporating the consultation findings, the information we have about Stoneyburn from official statistics, and the local knowledge of the community members and partners agencies who sit on the regeneration steering group, we have determined three initial priorities that this community plan will focus on.

We have then used all of the available information to help us to develop actions that can be taken to address the issues that people have raised, or that we know are negatively affecting the lives of the people who live here.

The key output from the community consultation was the satisfaction with Stoneyburn as a place to live. People overwhelmingly responded with comments about the friendliness of the village and the people who live here, and there were numerous comments about the strong community spirit within the village.

This is a great position to build on!

Priority A: Transport and Moving Around

CREATING PRIORITIES

Priority B: Play, Recreation and Facilities

Priority C: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Transport and Moving Around

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Transport and Moving Around		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of paths linking Stoneyburn to neighbouring villages			
Current position : Stoneyburn has no walking or cycle paths linking it to any neighbouring villages. The only way out of the village is by car/bus		Outcome: New paths created	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities. We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Meet with all relevant stakeholders (landowners, council officers) to discuss opportunities for paths linking Stoneyburn to surrounding villages	SBFVG WLC Landowners	2018-19	
Identify funding sources that could pay for new paths		2019-20	
Secure necessary permissions from landowners	SBFVG/WLC	Within five years	
Apply for and secure funding	SBFVG/WLC	Within five years	

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Transport and Moving Around

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Transport and Moving Around		
Key Issues /needs identified: Poor quality public transport: Issues with reliability, cost, frequency and routes of buses. Often more than one bus is required to get to destinations within West Lothian. Lack of bus shelters (health centre and pharmacy).			
Current position: the current bus service doesn't meet the needs of the village		Outcome: Improved bus service	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life. We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Analysis of current provision	Regeneration steering group	2018-19	
Discussion with bus providers regarding current services and opportunity to influence delivery and quality of service.	WLC		
Review locations of current bus shelters and investigate potential for new shelters with WLC.	Bus companies		
Research and explore community transport options			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Play, recreation and facilities

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: More activities available in the village for kids of all ages (pre-school, children and teenagers). More school holiday provision within the community centre. Increasing general activities available in the community centre.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Carry out a community consultation on the community centre programme.	Community Centre		
Work with young people to design appropriate activities and long term provision.	Community Centre WLC Youth Services WL Youth Action Project		
Develop new communication channels to ensure maximum promotion and awareness of existing and future provision.			
Increase footfall and use of the community centre			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Play, recreation and facilities

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Additional play opportunities. Enhance local play parks.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Consult the community on specific ideas to provide additional play opportunities	WLC Regeneration WL Youth Action Project		
Develop ideas based on the consultation findings			
Work with young people to design appropriate activities and long term provision based on the consultation findings			
Research funding options for additional play opportunities within the village			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Play, recreation and facilities

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Create a café or coffee area.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities. Our economy is diverse and dynamic and West Lothian is an attractive place for doing business			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Investigate potential for a community run coffee bar within the community centre	Community Centre		
Provide free Wi-Fi in the community centre			
Increase the usage of the community centre through the addition of a coffee bar and associated provision			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Play, recreation and facilities

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: More cinema nights and community events. Keep parks and street free of litter and dog mess.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Consider opportunities for additional annual community events	SBFVG Schools WLC Woodland Trust		
Schedule regular litter picks			
Targeted activity to address dog fouling issues.			
Develop an annual week of environmental action			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing			
Key Issues /needs identified: Over 20% of the population are on prescription medication for mental health issues.				
Current position:		Outcome:		
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.				
Actions		Partners	Timescale	Update
a. Explore options for social prescribing (alternatives to prescription medication for low level mental health issues)		Community partners WLC Regeneration Breich Valley Medical Practice Third Sector		
a. Discuss the potential project with health centre manager				
a. Develop a social prescribing programme				

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Child poverty in Fauldhouse & the Breich Valley ward is 26% compared to 22% West Lothian average.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Work with the schools to try to achieve maximum take up of free school meal entitlement, clothing grants, Education Maintenance Allowance	Schools Advice Shop		
Design a campaign to make people better off or help them save money—'make £20 a week'	WLC Regeneration SBFVG Third Sector		

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of social opportunities for elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Community consultation on what new provision is required for older/ vulnerable adults.	Community centre WLC Regeneration Third Sector		
Design of new provision based on consultation findings			

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Ensure all children are ready to start school			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We are better educated and have access to increase and better quality learning and employment opportunities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Mapping of current early years provision and support for parents	WLC SureStart Health Visitor/Midwife Third Sector Schools/Nurseries		
Consideration of gaps in provision			
Consultation with community and partners on what additional support is required			
Design and delivery of new provision where required			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing

Priority 3E	Regeneration Plan Priority 3: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Housing issues: lack of affordable social housing, lack of sheltered or supported housing			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Establish what, if any, current and future housing development plans there are	WLC Horizon SBFVG		
Research potential options for community led housing initiatives.			

STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

This plan will be updated as the communities priorities change over the next 10 years.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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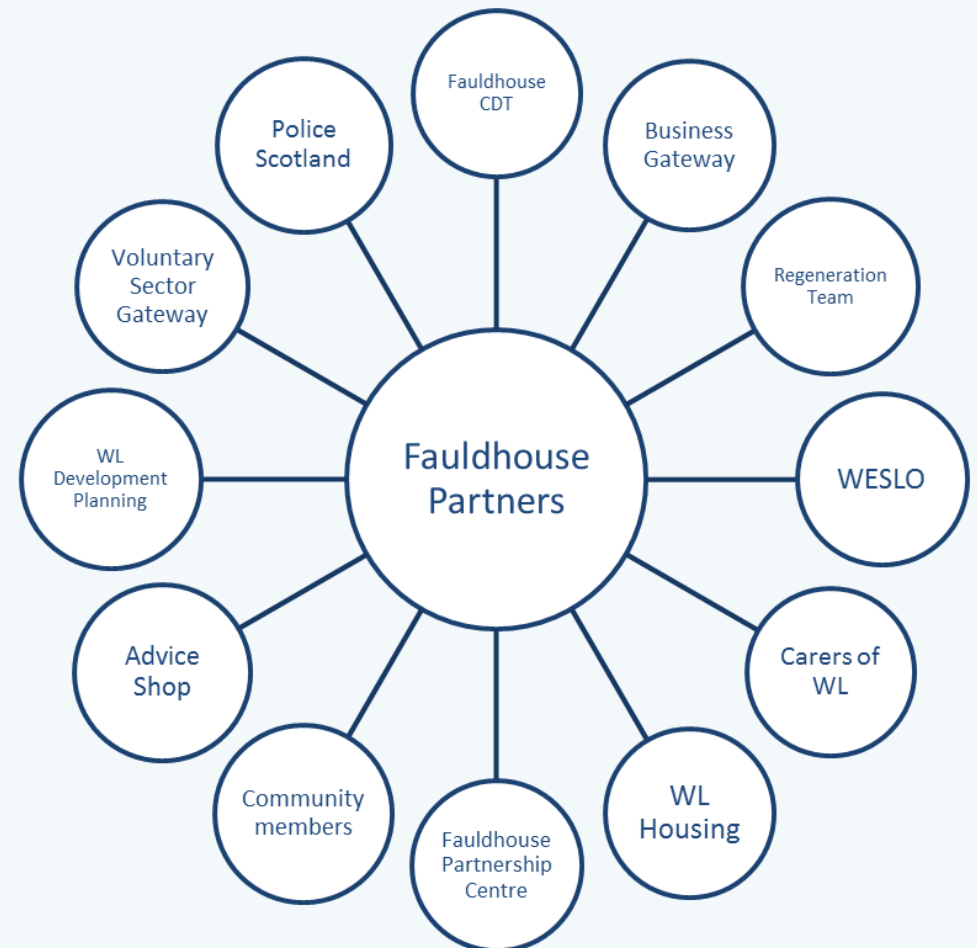
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HISTORY OF THE AREA

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The name Fauldhouse was derived from 'house on the fallow land' which is perhaps in reference to its upland location. It appears that in the middle ages there was a farmstead located here which dairy cattle were grazed, which supplied butter and cheese to its owners. In the 1600s the settlement was labelled as 'Falas' on the map. It wasn't until the establishment of a post office in the village mid 1800 that the spelling became Fauldhouse.

Fauldhouse is a former mining town; it developed in the 19th century with the growth in the iron industry and the railway. Industry then shifted from ironstone to coal mining with around 20 pits in operation in the area in the later 19th century. The last mine closed in 1974. Fauldhouse's character and heritage is slightly different to other settlements in West Lothian and North Lanarkshire. This is due to its location near the boundary between areas in which different extractive industries predominated. This has resulted in the village and the surrounding areas being subject to a number of



different processes. Fauldhouse lay towards the south eastern edge of a coalfield that extended under North Lanarkshire and beyond. Land to the east of Fauldhouse formed part of the West Lothian oil shale field and an oil extraction plant was established a mile south east of the village in the latter half of the 1800s, to process locally mined oil shale. The surrounding area was also rich in ironstone, extracted to feed the iron works at Shotts, and there were limestone and sandstone quarries in the area.

HISTORY OF THE AREA

The village is accessible from the A71 which is less than a mile to the south, however this is indirect. Although it is close to the M8 motorway, when built in the 1960s Fauldhouse wasn't in mind when access was planned. There is however a railway link that links the village to Glasgow and Edinburgh via Shotts.

The area has tried to conceal the impact of extensive afforestation from its industrial past and the area surrounding Fauldhouse is popular for windfarm development. However, Fauldhouse still gives an impression it was left behind in the last decades of the 20th century. Although there are a range of shops that operate on the main street and there are some commercial units but there are no significant local employment opportunities.

With all this in mind anyone who visits the village will find a lot of character and an attractive core. The triangular green in the centre has plenty of flowers and trees during summer and provides a focal point for the village, where Main Street meets Sheephouse Hill. The main Street is also home to plenty attractive buildings. Situated in the green is Fauldhouse' new partnership centre, which provides a swimming pool, gym, library and GP for the community.



RECENT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA

- What past achievements have happened in the area?
- Previous consultation taken place
- New partnership centre
- FCDT previous consultations
- Fauldhouse Focus charrette
- What outcomes came from these and that we are still planning to take these forward

RECENT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA: Charrette

Fauldhouse Charrette

“Fauldhouse Focus” took place between March and June 2016. The process was called a charrette, this is where the community discussed and shared ideas for the future of the village. The charrette was led by West Lothian Council and other stakeholders including Fauldhouse Community Development Trust (FCDT), with support from PAS and funding from the Scottish Government and West Lothian Council.

The conversations focused around three key areas:

- Living in Fauldhouse: housing, safety and the environment;
- Activity in Fauldhouse: interests, fitness, activity and play;
- Moving in Fauldhouse: buses, trains, walking, cycling and parking.

The purpose of the charrette was to feed into the Regeneration Plan and to help determine a long-term vision for the village of Fauldhouse.

The engagement consisted of charrette workshops which were held over four consecutive days in May 2016. There was a series of public events comprised of an opening night, a series of themed workshops for people to get together and share ideas on the future of the village, drop-in sessions and an exhibition on the last day.

The exhibition comprised of an ‘Ideas Wall’, a clear set of ideas for the charrette team to work on. A feedback event took place a month after the workshops.

The proposals focused on: **physical** one-off larger scale projects with design proposal plans and **non-physical** on-going tasks.

Physical proposals

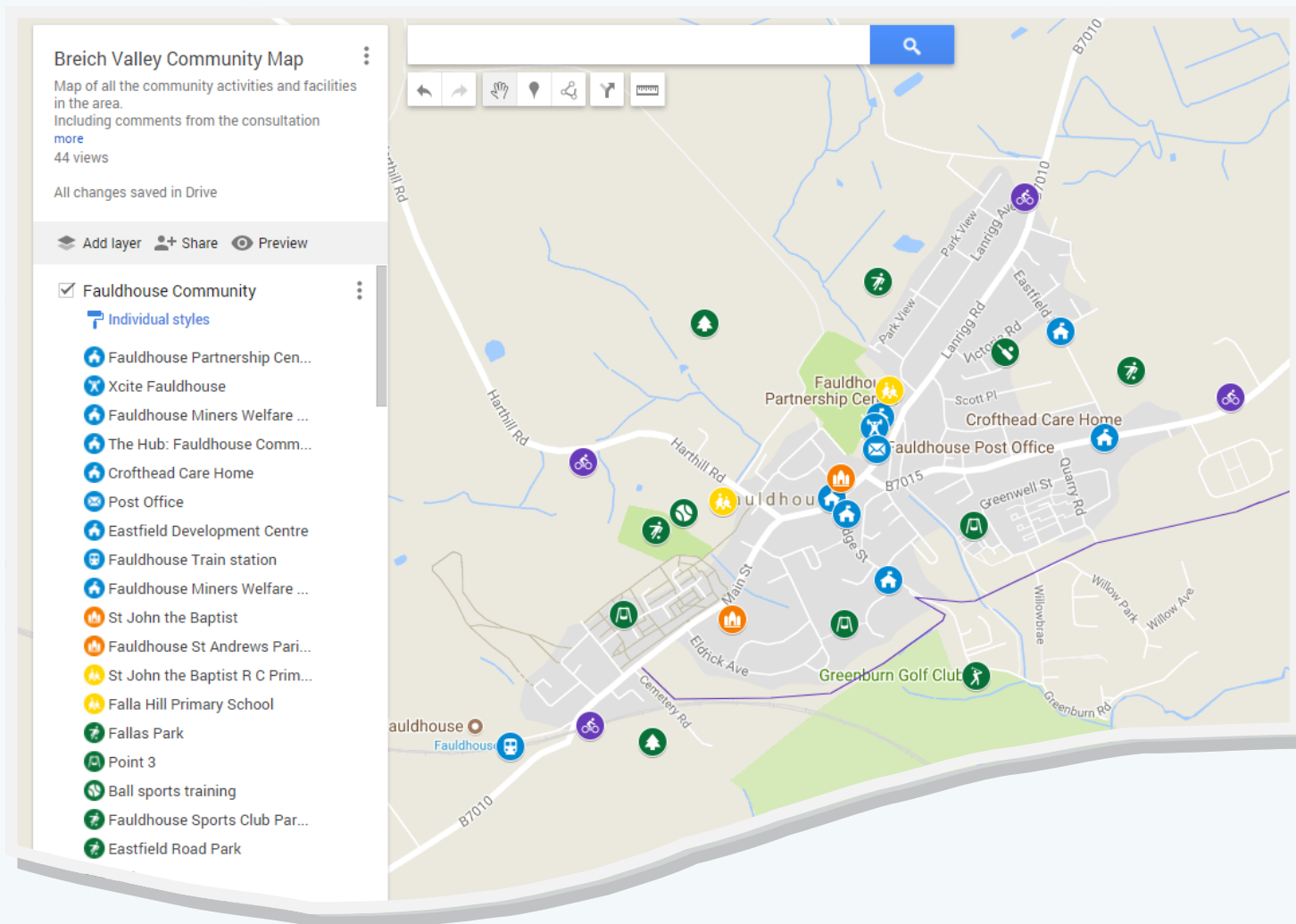
- a) Lanrigg Road village approach
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- c) Partnership Centre- Transport and Community Information Hub
- d) Improved Bus Stop- Design, Information, raised kerbs
- e) Green Network- Cycle Lending Library
- f) Enlarged Pedestrian Friendly Village Green
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- h) Main Street Retail Frontage Artwork
- i) Mining History Mural
- j) Cinema Site
- k) Burnside Footpath Improvement

RECENT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA: Charrette

Non-physical proposals

1. Ongoing up-keep and maintenance of village centre with flowers beds, planters, hanging baskets, a community garden, trees, annual 'deep-clean' event, tidy up hedges/trees, introduce more recycling.
2. Promote meeting rooms and spaces for small businesses to use.
3. Help people to set up their own shops, restaurants, cafes, and businesses (physical and on-line).
4. Find ways to have more houses to rent.
5. Find ways of promoting existing and funding more drug and alcohol support services and other services for vulnerable groups.
6. Consider providing free Wi-Fi in the village (hotspot for young people to connect to the network). This links to improvement to broadband connectivity.
7. Consider setting up a community bank and community mini-bus.
8. Visibly increase police presence.
9. Run more or different activities in the Partnership Centre (fitness classes for beginners, tea dances, tai chi, classes for 0-5 and 5-7 year olds, holiday clubs, more regular inflatable sessions, swimming sessions straight from work, better disabled access/support at swimming pool, talks on environmental awareness). Extend café opening times.
10. Help anyone who wants to start or improve a club (cricket, golf, community cinema etc.) to get the money to do so.
11. Encourage use of green space around Fauldhouse.
12. Help everyone, especially young people, find out what there is to do in Fauldhouse.
13. Talk to those who run the buses and trains to help join up timetables.
14. Provide more information to help people plan journeys (better publicise) on bus timetables, fares and services offered by buses (e.g. Wi-Fi) at bus stops and other places.

AREA PROFILE: interactive map



Community Map

This is the Fauldhouse community map. It is part of a Breich Valley interactive map. This will be used to highlight what is happening in the area. It can be found here:

www.cragroup.co.uk/breich-valley

This map allows you to see what activities, facilities and events are happening in the area.

AREA PROFILE

OUR COMMUNITY

4,776

Estimated population of Fauldhouse¹



Life expectancy



77.8yrs Fauldhouse

77.9yrs West Lothian

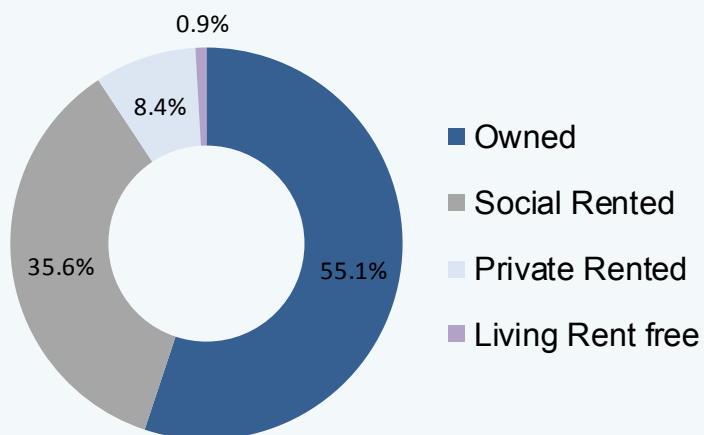


78.9yrs Fauldhouse

80.5yrs West Lothian²

Community assets and strengths

- Partnership Centre
- Fauldhouse CDT
- Xcite Fauldhouse
- Eastfield Centre
- Victoria Cricket Club
- Greenburn Golf Club
- Fauldhouse United FC



Housing¹
There are 2,134 dwellings in Fauldhouse⁵

OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES



26% is the number of children in poverty in Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley compared to the West Lothian average of 22%⁴



4 out of the 7

Neighbourhoods in Fauldhouse are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland according to the SIMD³



11% of young people are not in education, employment or training compared to the West Lothian average of 7%³



The annual median household income is **£26,366** compared to West Lothians £32,994⁶



16% employment deprivation. This is higher than the West Lothian average (10%)³

Sources: ¹ Census Data 2011; ² Scotpho 2011; ³ SIMD 2016; ⁴ Campaign to End Child Poverty 2018; ⁵ National Records of Scotland Small Area Household Estimates; ⁶ Local Level Average Household Income Estimates

ENGAGEMENT: METHODS

Another round of engagement took place during 2017-18. This was to further add to the charrette findings and find out if the communities priorities had changed over the last two years. Two methods were used in this:

H Diagrams

The H diagram is a simple tool which we have used to engage with those who live in the area. It consists of asking what people like about their area, don't like and any ideas they have to make it better. These were conducted as a mini interview which helped us drill down to the details of the issue or idea. For example if someone said they liked the park we would ask them to explain what it is about the park that they like. On the back of the H diagram is demographic information questions this allowed us to make sure we got a good representation of the community.

What do you like about living in the area?

Score on a scale of 1 to 10.

Could you please circle the number you think most reflects what you think about the area (1 for absolutely awful - 10 for excellent)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Ideas to make it better

What don't you like?

Please complete the following section about yourself: your responses will be kept **strictly confidential** and are important to help us to analyze the questionnaire.

Please tick any of the boxes that apply to you

Destinations & employment	Community activity	Health	Transport	Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Local shops	<input type="checkbox"/> Community centre	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Local services	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports club	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Public transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> Local facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Your age group: 0-4yrs ☐ 5-11yrs ☐ 12-14yrs ☐ 15-20yrs ☐ 21-40yrs ☐ 41-50yrs ☐ 51-70yrs ☐ 71yrs ☐

Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐ (please tick one box)

To which of these groups do you consider that you belong? (please tick one box)

Scottish/British ☐ Polish/Eastern European ☐ White other please state: _____

Indian ☐ Chinese ☐ Black African ☐ Pakistani ☐ Bangladeshi ☐

Is English your main language? YES ☐ NO ☐

Are you a parent of children that are under 25 years and that live with you? YES ☐ NO ☐

Children's age range (tick you and the number of kids you have for each in the boxes): 0-4yrs ☐ 5-11yrs ☐ 12-14yrs ☐ 15-20yrs ☐

Do you consider yourself or any of your dependents to have a disability? YES ☐ NO ☐

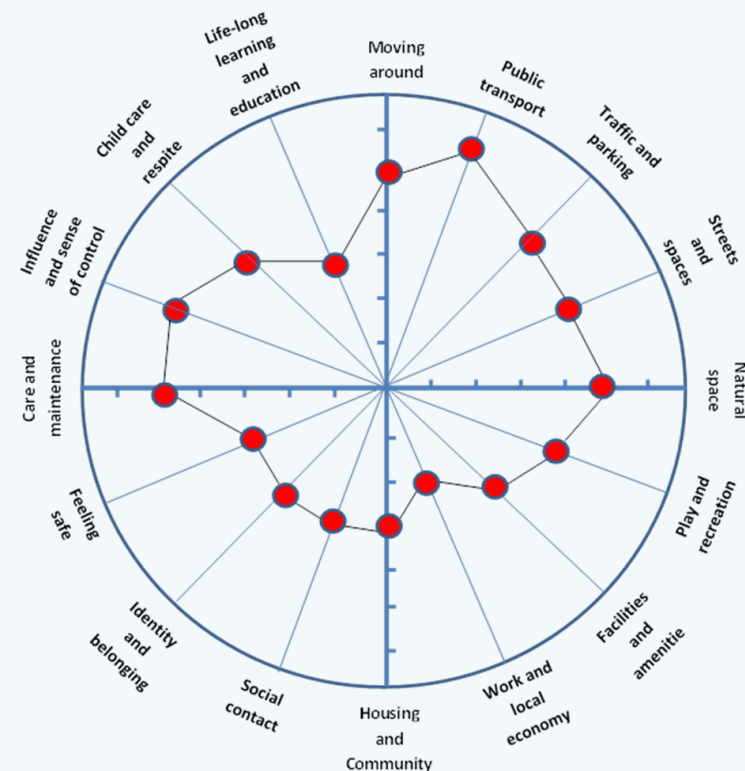
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Contact Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Place Standard

The Place Standard tool was designed by the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and Architecture & Design Scotland. It provides a simple framework to structure conversations about place and community. It covers the physical and social environment. We have added two more themes which we felt were important: Lifelong learning and education; and Childcare and respite.



CONSULTATION: WHO TOOK PART

86 people completed the survey

29% of people who provided their postcode live in SIMD most deprived 20%



69%
Females



23%
Males

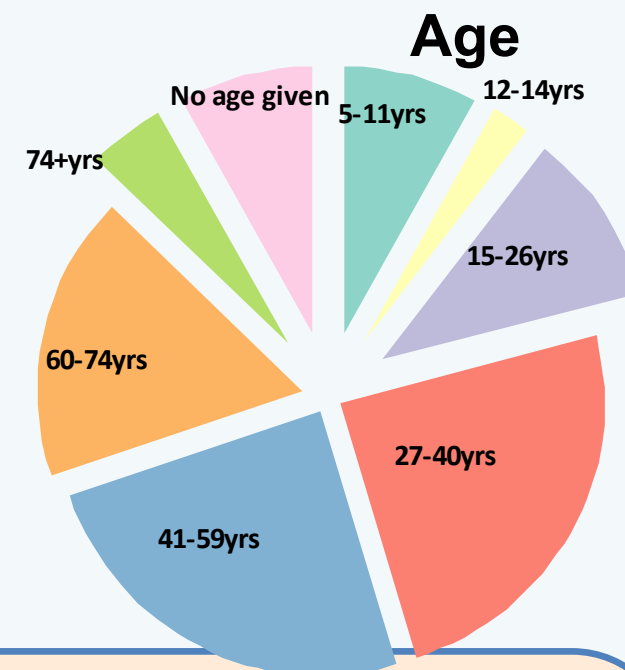
8% Non disclose

Who have we spoken to?

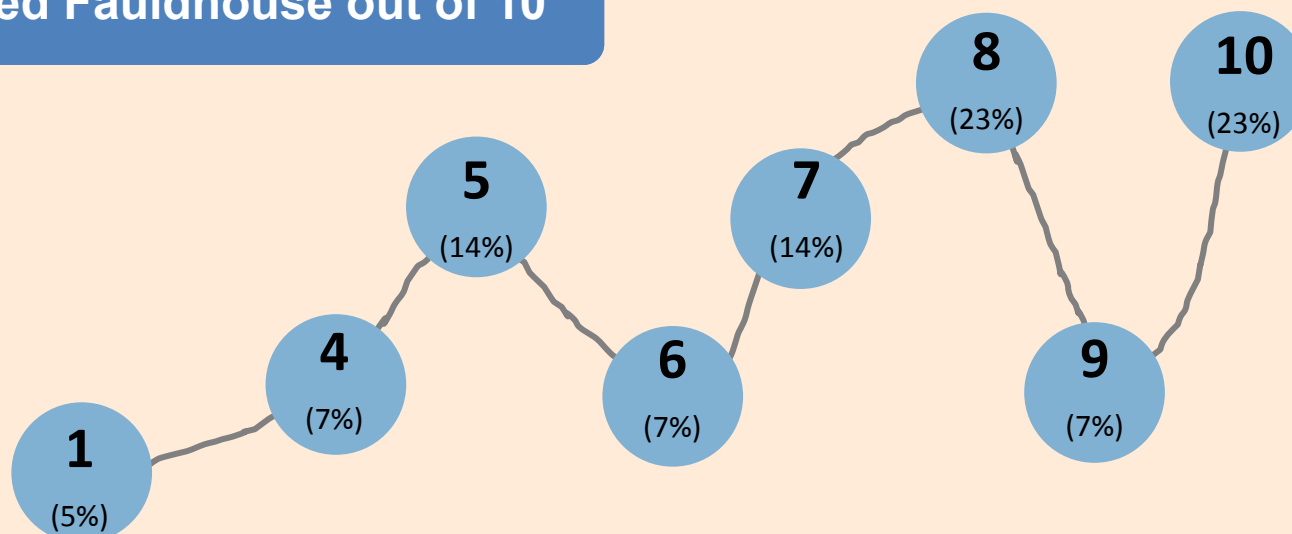
- Partnership centre users
- Online survey respondents

Place standards:

Fauldhouse Regeneration Steering Group



What you rated Fauldhouse out of 10



CONSULTATION: FINDINGS

All the information from the H Diagrams and Place Standards were gathered into a database. When we asked people what they liked about Fauldhouse this allowed us to identify what the communities assets were (illustration opposite). By asking what they don't like and any ideas to make it better, this has helped identify priorities and areas for action.

What we like



Facilities and amenities 61 comments

Partnership centre- Swim-
Computers is PC

Identity and belonging 41 comments

Community- Lived here whole life

Social interaction 23 comments

Nice people- welcom-
neighbours- know everyone

Play and recreation

Parks- Gala day 10 comments

ming pool-

ing people- good

What we don't like



Care and Maintenance 33 comments

Feeling safe 30 comments

Facilities and amenities 28 comments

Play and recreation 20 comments

and amen-

Our ideas



Facilities and amenities 35 comments

Play and recreation 23 comments

Care and maintenance 21 comments

Feeling safe 17 comments

CONSULTATION: MAIN THEMES

This section sets out the four main themes that came out through the H diagram and Place Standard consultation. These are the themes which had the highest comments under what you don't like and ideas to make Fauldhouse better. These will be used to help inform the priorities.

Theme 1

Care and maintenance

If an area is taken care of and has good maintenance it makes people feel positive and those that are not have the opposite effect.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"the pavements are covered in dog poo"

"Main street looks really run down"

"don't like the empty buildings in mains shopping area"

"sometimes streets are not clean but improving"

"more dog poo bins"

"Community clean up"

Theme 2

Feeling safe

How safe people feel in their area affects their wellbeing. Places that have been well designed can help reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"Drug and alcohol abuse"

"Don't go out at night don't feel safe"

"length of time it takes police to respond to issues"

"crime rate is increasing"

"increased police presence in Fauldhouse"

"increase in community police"



Theme 3

Facilities and amenities

Facilities and amenities include shops, schools, nurseries, libraries, GP surgeries and place to eat and meet friends.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

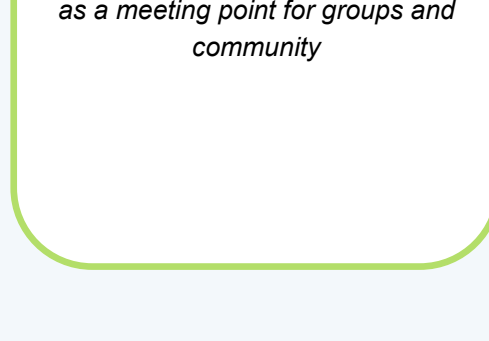
"only gap is having to go to Bathgate or Livi for big shop"

"no bank"

"poorly managed swimming pool means its not used to its full potential"

"more supermarkets"

"keep partnership café open it serves as a meeting point for groups and community"



Theme 4

Play and recreation

Good opportunities for play and recreation can improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"not much to do with young kids"

"the price for 3G pitches is horrific"

"more thing to do"

"build a skate park or put a diving board in the swimming"

"introduce somewhere for a soft play area"



CREATING PRIORITIES

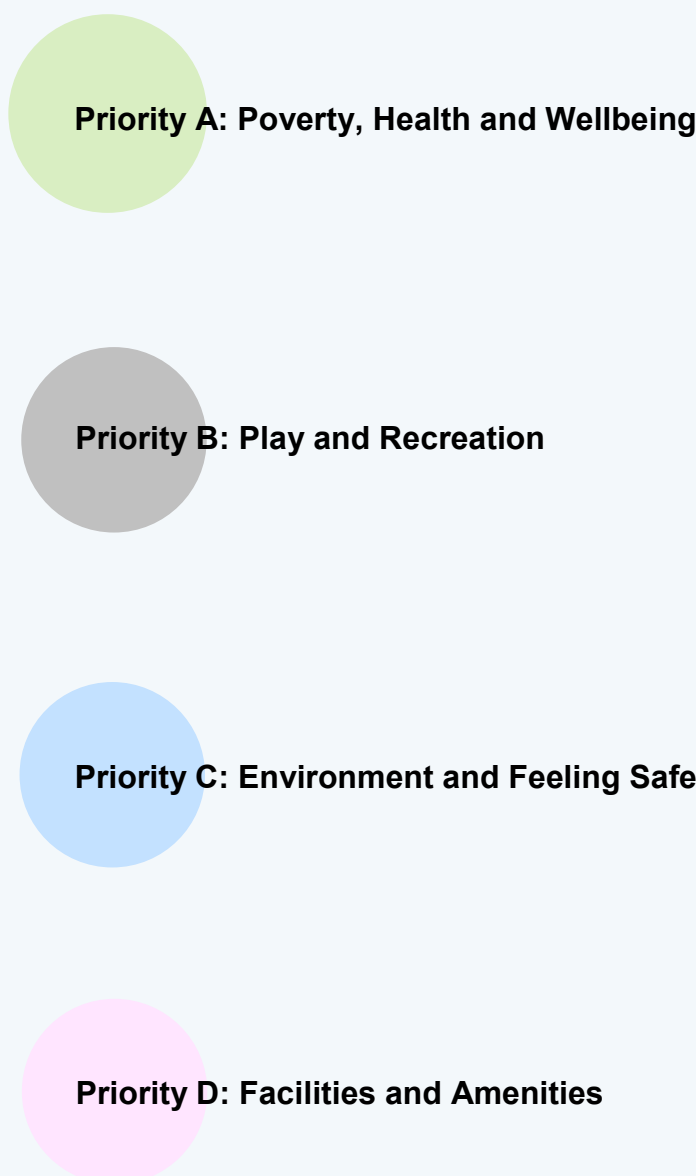
How did we do this?

By incorporating the consultation findings, the information we have about Fauldhouse from official statistics, and the local knowledge of the community members and partners who sit on the regeneration steering group, we have determined four initial priorities that this plan will focus on. This further added to the charrette findings and helped to identify any changes in the communities priorities over the last two years.

We have then used all of the available information to help us to develop actions that can be taken to address the issues that people have raised, or that we know are negatively affecting the lives of the people who live here.

A key output from the community consultation was the satisfaction with Fauldhouse as a place to live. The people surveyed felt strongly about the friendliness of the village and the people who live here, and there were numerous comments about the community spirit within the village.

This is a great position to build from!



Priority A: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority B: Play and Recreation

Priority C: Environment and Feeling Safe

Priority D: Facilities and Amenities

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priority 4: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Over 20% of the population are on prescription medication for mental health issues			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Explore options for social prescribing (alternatives to prescription medication for low level mental health issues)	Community partners		
	WLC Regeneration		
Discuss the potential project with health centre manager	Third sector organisations		
	Health centre		
Develop and implement a social prescribing programme			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priority 4: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Child poverty in Fauldhouse & the Breich Valley ward is 26% compared to 22% West Lothian average.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Work with the schools to try to achieve maximum take up of free school meal entitlement, clothing grants, Education Maintenance Allowance	Schools Advice shop WLC Regeneration Third sector organisations		
Design a campaign to make people better off or help them save money—'Make £20 a Week'			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priority 4: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of social opportunities for elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults.			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Community consultation on what new provision is required for older/ vulnerable adults.	Community Centre		
	WLC Regeneration		
Design of new provision based on consultation findings	Third sector organisations		

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priority 4: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Ensure all children are ready to start school			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We are better educated and have access to increase and better quality learning and employment opportunities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Mapping of current early years provision and support for parents	WLC Surestart Health Visitor/Midwife Third sector organisations Schools/nurseries		
Consideration of gaps in provision			
Consultation with community and partners on what additional support is required			
Design and delivery of new provision where required			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priority 2 Play and recreation

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play and Recreation		
Key Issues /needs identified: Additional play opportunities and community events			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Consult the community on ideas to provide additional play opportunities			
Develop ideas based on the findings			
Work with local young people to design appropriate activities and long term provision based on the consultation findings			
Research funding options to support delivery			
Consider developing additional annual community events			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priority 3: Environment and feeling safe

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Environment and Feeling Safe		
Key Issues /needs identified: Environmental improvements which will improve the look of the village			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Organise an Environmental Visual Audit	Police, Fire, WLC, FCDDT, Community		
Consider options to address dog fouling throughout the village			
Install planters on Main Street			
Implement regular community litter picks/clean-ups			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 3: Environment and feeling safe

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Environment and Feeling Safe		
Key Issues /needs identified: Parking and speeding issues have been identified at key points in the village			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Investigate safety issue relating to parking at Jack’s Corner shop			
Consider speed reducing measures along Main Street			
Document parking issues at both schools and consider Park Smart initiative			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS: Priority 1: Facilities and amenities

Priority D	Regeneration Plan Priority: Facilities and Amenities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Fauldhouse Partnership Centre is not utilised to its full capacity			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Increase usage of the swimming pool			
Reinstate the cafe			
Consider how the community programme in the centre can be enhanced			
Partnership working between FPC and FCDT to cross promote activities and facilities			
Explore options for additional appointments with GPs before and after work hours			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priority 1: Facilities and amenities

Priority D	Regeneration Plan Priority: Facilities and Amenities		
Key Issues /needs identified: There are numerous gap sites throughout the village which are unsightly. The land or buildings could be brought back into use.			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Map current gap sites and identify land/building owners			
Consult the community of each site and potential future use/options for development			

STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

FURTHER INFORMATION

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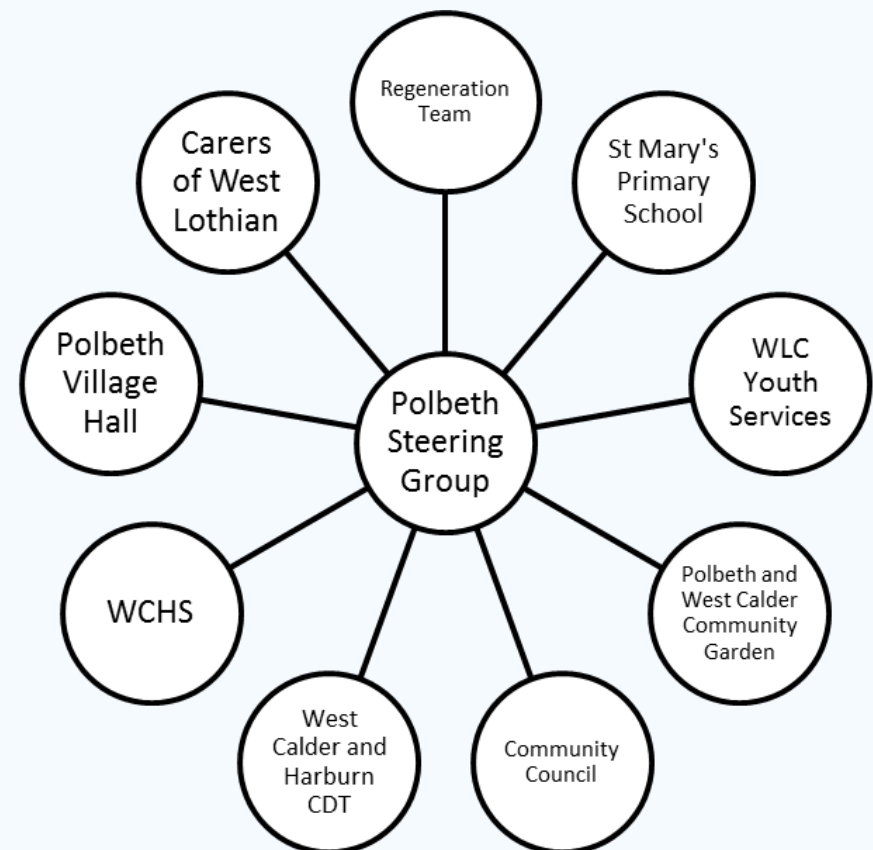
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HISTORY OF THE AREA

Polbeth is situated in the central belt, about a mile from West Calder and three miles from Livingston. The Five Sisters shale bing, a historic local landmark, is located a mile west of the village.

Over a century ago in the grounds on the Limefield Estate, just off the A71 through Polbeth, was the residence of one of Britain's most wealthy entrepreneurs. James Young acquired Limefield House in 1855. He was responsible for the development of the shale oil industry in West Lothian.

Young's Paraffin Light and Mineral Oil Company Ltd was one of the largest public companies floated at that time, and had the advantages of having two manufacturing bases, a national network of sales offices, and the wide public recognition of the Young's brand. James Young chaired the new company, and continued to do so until his retirement in 1870.

Young was a close friend of David Livingston, the first westerner to see the Mosi-oa-Tunya waterfall on the Zambezi River in 1853 which he renamed Victoria Falls. After Livingston's death, as a tribute to him, Young had a miniature of Victoria Falls constructed on Harburn Water, the stream that runs through the estate.

The house was donated to the community in 1955 and was used as a care home for many years. When replacement care homes were built Limefield house fell into disrepair. The house has now been fully restored and has returned to its original use as a private residence.



RECENT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA

Polbeth Nursery

Polbeth Nursery won an award in 2017 from Nursery World magazine for their excellent parental engagement:

"Judges concurred that Polbeth Nursery demonstrated excellent, evidence-based practice when it comes to parent partnerships. These trusting and supportive relationships clearly have a positive impact on the well-being and learning of children, and promote the health of parents and carers in a variety of ways."

Aspiring Communities Fund

After a successful funding application to the Scottish Government's Aspiring Communities Fund, a new Community Development Worker has been employed to work in Polbeth. The Development Worker is working with the local community to identify gaps in services and provision within the village and to help to develop new services to meet community needs. Through this work it is hoped that a local Development Trust can be set up to continue this work and bring local employment opportunities for local people.

New West Calder High School

A new state of the art high school has been built on the outskirts of Polbeth, on the border with West Calder. The £32m investment will deliver a 1,100 capacity secondary school on the eastern side of the village near Parkhead Primary, which will include a swimming pool, floodlit 3G sports pitch, and sports facilities for school and community use. The school opened in August 2018.

Five Sisters Zoo

Five Sisters Zoo was established in 2005 and is the most-visited wildlife attraction centre in West Lothian. The Zoo has grown into an exciting collection of over 180 different species of mammals, birds and reptiles from all around the world.

The Zoo is privately owned and run by Brian and Shirley Curran with the help of full time zookeepers. There is also a large team of dedicated volunteers. As a non profit making organisation, any money is injected back into the Zoo to help with the animals upkeep, veterinary bills and maintenance of the enclosures.

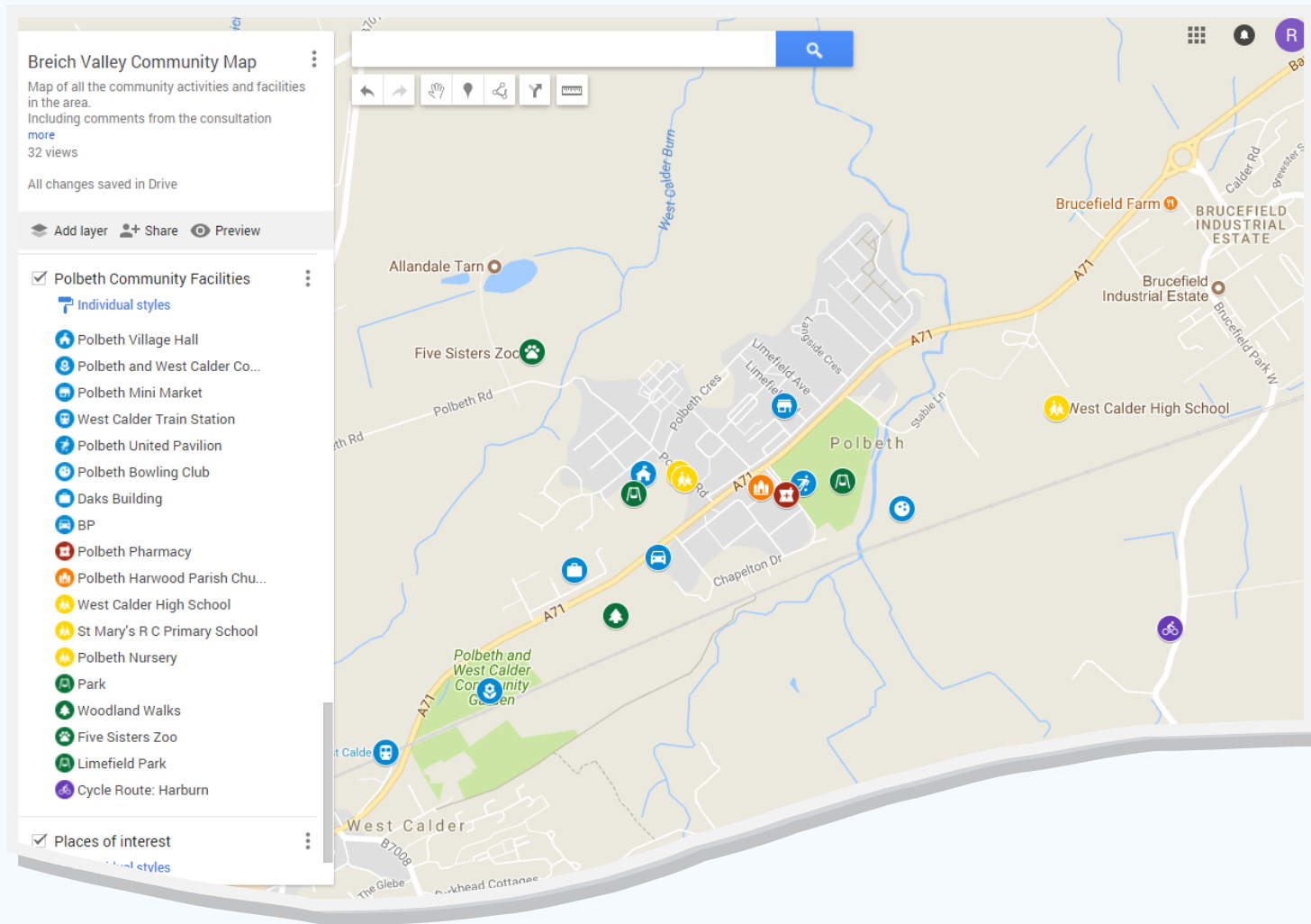
Capital Investment Programme

West Lothian Council have highlighted that they plan to spent £4.1m in Polbeth within the next ten years to upgrading lighting, play parks and an extension on the Primary School.

Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden

Polbeth is home to the award winning Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden. It offers a wide range of led outdoor activities in the garden and woodland. Most recently is the addition of the Stick Man Activity Trails. The garden won an award in 2015 for best Community Gardens within West Lothian. They are currently working to provide Green Gyms and volunteering opportunities for local people.

AREA PROFILE: Interactive Map



Community Map

This is a snapshot of Polbeth's interactive community map. It is part of the wider Breich Valley map. You can find it here:

www.cragroup.co.uk/breich-valley

By clicking on the icons it will tell you what is happening in the area.

AREA PROFILE

OUR COMMUNITY

2,303

Estimated population of Polbeth¹



Life expectancy



74.8yrs West Calder and Polbeth

77.9yrs West Lothian



81.2yrs West Calder and Polbeth

80.5yrs West Lothian²

OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES



26% is the number of children in poverty compared to the West Lothian average of 22%⁵



16% employment deprivation, which is higher than the West Lothian average (10%)⁴



1 out of the 3

Neighbourhoods in Polbeth are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland⁴

Community assets and strengths

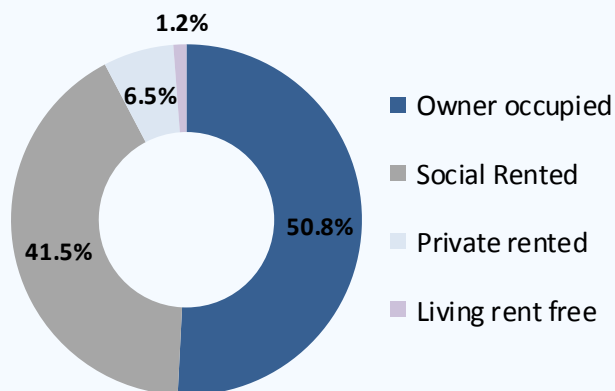
- Polbeth Village Hall
- Overboard Softplay
- Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden
- Polbeth United Football Club
- Polbeth Harwood Church
- Polbeth Nursery
- Polbeth Gala Day Committee
- St Marys RC School



10% of young people are not in education, employment or training compared to the West Lothian average of 7%⁴



The annual median income is **£27,276** compared to West Lothians **£32,994**³



There are 1,020 dwellings in Polbeth⁶

Sources: ¹Census Data 2011; ²Scotpho 2011; ³Local Level Average Household income estimate s 2014; ⁴SIMD 2016; ⁵Campaign to End Child Poverty 2018 ⁶National Records of Scotland Small Area Household Estimates

CONSULTATION: METHODS

H Diagrams

The H diagram is a simple tool which we have used to engage with those who live in the area. It consists of asking people, in person, what they **like** about their area, **don't like** and any **ideas** they have to make it better. These were conducted as a mini interview which helped us drill down to the details of the issue or idea. For example if someone said they liked the park we would ask them to explain what it is about the park that they like. On the back of the H diagram is demographic information questions, which allowed us to make sure we got a good representation of the community.

What do you like about living in the area?

Score on a scale of 1 to 10.

What don't you like?

Ideas to make it better

Please complete the following section about yourself: your responses will be kept strictly confidential and are important to help us to analyse the questions.

Please tick any of the boxes that apply to you

Destinations & employment **Community activity** **Health** **Transport** **Housing**

☐ Church ☐ Shop ☐ Library ☐ Community centre ☐ Sports centre ☐ Food bank ☐ Health centre ☐ GP surgery ☐ Social club ☐ Car wash ☐ Public transport ☐ Community hall ☐ Local shop ☐ Local bank

Your age group ☐ 0-4yrs ☐ 5-11yrs ☐ 12-14yrs ☐ 15-24yrs ☐ 25-34yrs ☐ 35-44yrs ☐ 45-54yrs ☐ 55-64yrs ☐ 65-74yrs ☐ 75yrs+

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other

To which of these groups do you consider that you belong? Please tick one box

☐ Scottish/British ☐ Polish/Eastern European ☐ White other please state _____ ☐ Pakistani ☐ Bangladeshi ☐ Indian ☐ Chinese ☐ Black African ☐ Black Caribbean ☐ Black (other) ☐ Mixed ethnic group ☐ None of the above

Is English your main language ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you a parent of children that are under 16 years and that live with you? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Children's age range (could you put the number of kids you have for each in the boxes) ☐ 0-4yrs ☐ 5-11yrs ☐ 12-14yrs ☐ 15-24yrs

Do you consider yourself or any of your dependants to have a disability? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please Note The equality information will be collected and used for statistical purposes to support the work of the Community Regeneration Action Group. This statistical information will also be available to the West Lothian Community Planning Partnership to help shape services as a strategic level for the West Lothian Communities. If you are happy for the equality information to be collected and used for the above purpose please sign and date the form.

Name _____ Address _____ Contact Number _____ Date _____

Who have we spoken to?

We undertook the H-diagrams with 100 residents

- West Calder CDT consultation
- Online survey
- Community Blether
- St Mary's Parents evening
- Polbeth & West Calder Community Garden Open Day
- Polbeth Community Council
- Polbeth Village Hall Bingo Group
- Polbeth Drop-In

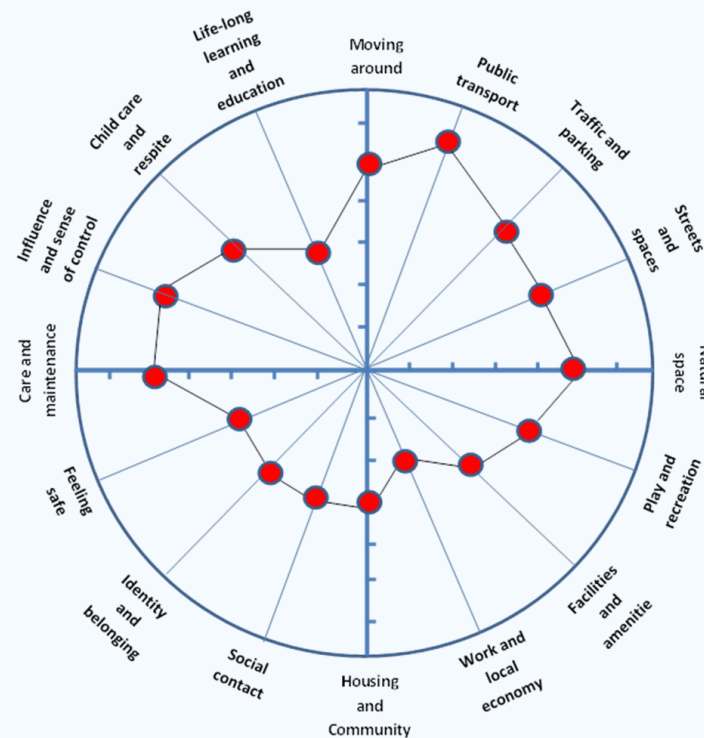
CONSULTATION: METHODS

Place Standards

The Place Standard tool was designed by the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and Architecture & Design Scotland. It provides a simple framework to structure conversations about place and community. It covers the physical and social environment. We have added two more themes which we felt were important: Lifelong learning and education; and Childcare and respite.

Who have we spoken to?

The Place Standard tool was used with the Polbeth Regeneration Steering Group and the information gathered was added to the engagement results from the h-diagrams.



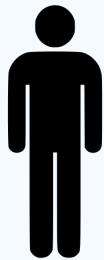
CONSULTATION: WHO TOOK PART

100 people completed the survey



74%

Females

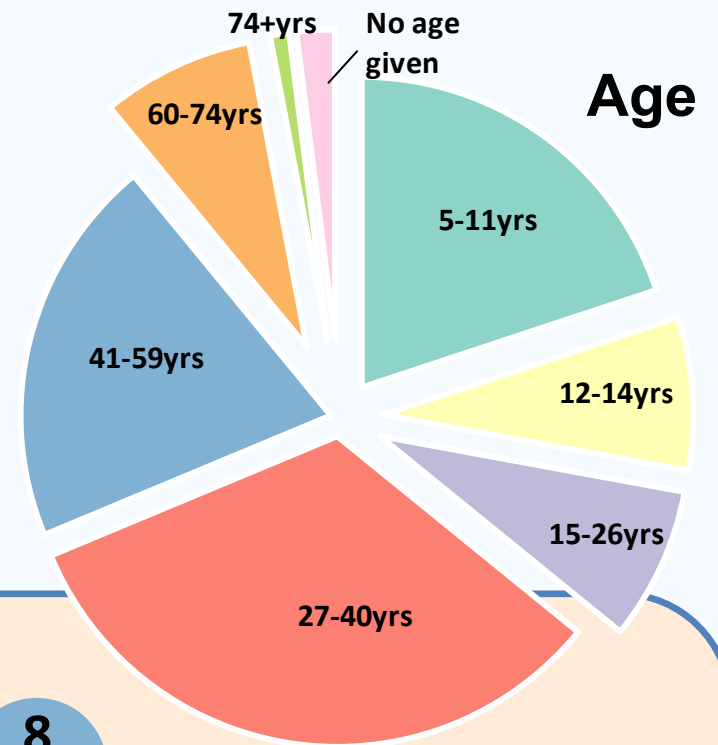


24%

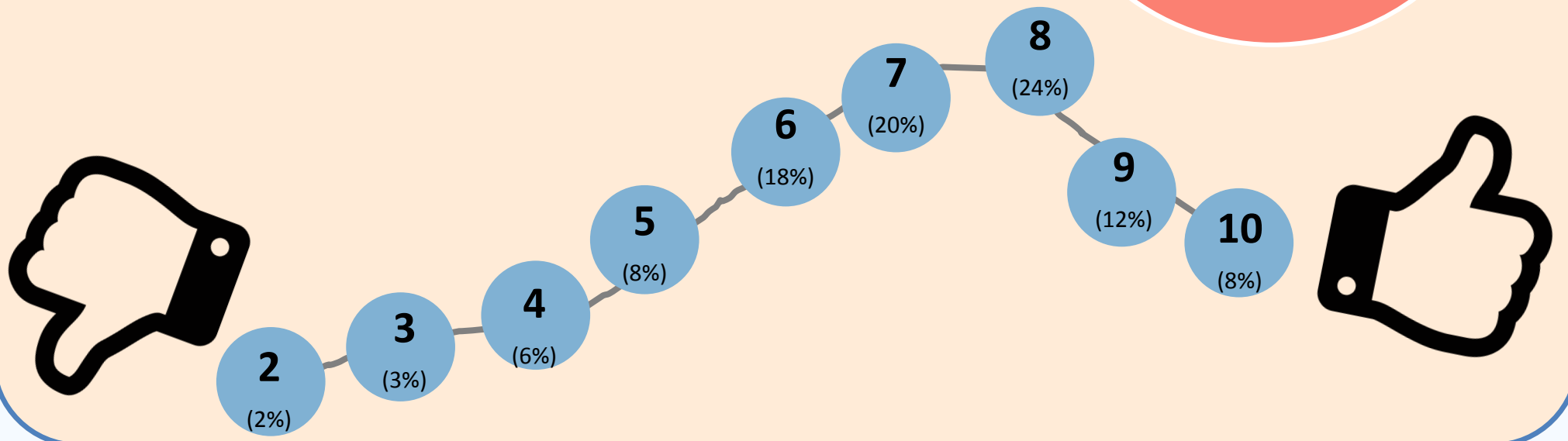
Males

2% Non disclose

70% of people who provided their postcode live in SIMD most deprived 20%



What you rated Polbeth out of 10



CONSULTATION FINDINGS

All the information from the H Diagrams and Place Standards was gathered together. The comments on the H Diagrams were split up under the place standard themes. When we asked people what they liked about Polbeth this allowed us to identify what the communities assets were. By asking what they don't like and any ideas to make it better, this has helped identify priorities and areas for action.

What we like



Facilities and amenities

47 comments

Shops– The Zoo– Soft play

Social interaction

37 comments

Everyone is friendly– friends here–
bours are great

neigh-

Play and recreation

36 comments

Parks– good swing park– Gala day– Football Club

Identity and belonging

34 comments

Good community spirit– lived here
life– my family are here

all my

What we don't like



Care and maintenance

48 comments

Play and recreation

38 comments

Feeling safe

27 comments

Social interaction

16 comments

Our ideas



Play and recreation

72 comments

Facilities and amenities

33 comments

Care and maintenance

16 comments

CONSULTATION: MAIN THEMES

This section sets out the four main themes that came out through the community consultation. These are the themes which had the highest comments under what you don't like and ideas to make Polbeth better. Under each you can see example of the communities comments. These will help influence the priorities for the area.

Theme 1

Care and maintenance

If an area is taken care of and has good maintenance it makes people feel positive, and those that are not have the opposite effect.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"people throwing litter"

"the streets not as clean as they used to be"

"the amount of dog mess on pavements and play areas"

"the grass cutting at the park is just left"

"get bins in the streets"

"broken glass on the walk to and from the nursery and school bus"

Theme 2

Play and recreation

Good opportunities for play and recreation can improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"there is hardly anything to do in the summer holidays"

"Not enough things to do"

"nothing for teens to do so always about the streets"

"more activities to do"

"more things for young children"

"would like cooking group, women's groups OAP groups etc."

Theme 3

Facilities and amenities

Facilities and amenities include shops, schools, nurseries, libraries, GP surgeries and place to eat and meet friends.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"more places to go eat"

"more shops"

"regular community event to bring people together"

"Village Hall used more"

"More groups or organisations"

Theme 4

Feeling safe

How safe people feel in their area affects their wellbeing. Places that have been well designed can help reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

"young teenagers hanging around the streets at night and making too much noise"

"stop bullying"

"drug use"

"some people vandalise things e.g people houses, cars and sides of buildings"

"bored teenagers destroying things"

"better Police presence"

CREATING PRIORITIES

How did we do this?

By incorporating the consultation findings, the information we have about Polbeth from official statistics, and the local knowledge of the community members and partners agencies who sit on the regeneration steering group, we have determined three initial priorities that this community plan will focus on.

We have then used all of the available information to help us to develop actions that can be taken to address the issues that people have raised, or the things that we know are negatively affecting the lives of the people who live here.



Priority 1: ... Play, Recreation and Facilities



Priority 2: ... Environment and Feeling Safe



Priority 3: ... Poverty, Health & Wellbeing

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of activities available in the village for adults and older people			
Current position : Not enough for people to do in Polbeth		Outcome: Increase activities for adults and older people and enhance the village hall programme. Increase use of Polbeth Village Hall	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Map current level of provision and identify gaps (types of activity and times).	Regeneration Steering Group	2018-19	
Carry out a community consultation on the village hall programme.	Polbeth Development Worker	2018-19	
Work with local people to design appropriate new activities and long term provision.	Polbeth Village Hall Committee	2019-20	
Develop new communication channels to ensure maximum promotion and awareness of existing and future provision.	WLC Adult Learning Carers of West Lothian	2018-19	
Increase income generating activities and develop new income streams for Polbeth Village Hall.	Polbeth Harwood Church	1-3 years	
Consider community ownership of Polbeth Village Hall		3-5 years	

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of activities available in the village, including holiday provision, for kids of all ages (pre-school, children and teenagers).			
Current position : Not enough for children and young people to do in Polbeth		Outcome: Increase activities for young people and enhance the village hall programme. Increase use of Polbeth Village Hall	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Map current level of children and youth provision and identify gaps (types of activity and times)	Regeneration Steering Group	2018-19	
Carry out a community consultation on the village hall programme.	Polbeth Development Worker	2018-19	
Work with young people to design appropriate new activities and long term provision.	Polbeth Village Hall Committee	2019-20	
Develop new communication channels to ensure maximum promotion and awareness of existing and future provision.	WLC Youth Services	2018-19	

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of play facilities and opportunities.			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Consult the community on specific ideas to provide additional play facilities and opportunities	Regeneration Group		
Develop ideas based on the consultation findings			
Consider option for a skate park/ BMX facility	West Calder & Harburn CDT		
Research funding options for additional play opportunities within the village			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Increase community spirit through more family and community events			
Current position : Lack of regular community events		Outcome: Increased community cohesion and satisfaction with Polbeth as a place to live	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Establish and annual Christmas event/Santa parade.	The Hub Regeneration Group		
Establish a Polbeth family fun run.	The Hub Regeneration Group		
Consult the community on options for other sustainable activities.	The Hub Regeneration Group		

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

Priority A	Regeneration Plan Priority: Play, Recreation and Facilities		
Key Issues /needs identified: Need to improve communication to promote local activity			
Current position: Lack of awareness of what’s happening in the village		Outcome: People are more aware of what’s going on and participate more in local activity	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Development of a community Newsletter	The Hub		
Create a social media platform to share information about the local community	The Hub		
Increase opening hours of Polbeth Village Hall	The Hub		
Create an online interactive map	Regeneration Group		

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Environment and Feeling Safe		
Key Issues /needs identified: Environmental improvements—Improve the look of the village			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Arrange a Environmental visual audit	Regeneration Group		
Develop a campaign to target untidy gardens.			
Schedule regular litter picks			
Targeted activity to address dog fouling issues.			
Develop an annual week of environmental action			
Consider opportunities for planting on the A71 and in other key locations			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Environment and Feeling Safe		
Key Issues /needs identified: Speeding traffic through the village and no safe walking routes to key locations			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Look at options to tackle speeding though the village			
Created safe access road to Five Sisters Zoo			
Improve Village Hall Car Park			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe

Priority B	Regeneration Plan Priority: Environment and Feeling Safe		
Key Issues /needs identified: Youth Anti Social Behaviour			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Look at diversion activities for young people			
Consider an area within the village for young people to meet.			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 3: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of childcare and after school provision			
Current position:		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Mapping of current available childcare and after school provision			
Consult with local parents to identify needs			
Consider options for gaps in provision			

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority C: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing			
Key Issues /needs identified: Over 20% of the population are on prescription medication for mental health issues.				
Current position:		Outcome:		
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.				
Actions		Partners	Timescale	Update
a. Explore options for social prescribing (alternatives to prescription medication for low level mental health issues)				
a. Discuss the potential project with health centre manager				
a. Develop a social prescribing programme				

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Child poverty in Fauldhouse & the Breich Valley ward is 26% compared to 22% West Lothian average.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Work with the schools to try to achieve maximum take up of free school meal entitlement, clothing grants, Education Maintenance Allowance	Schools/Education Regeneration Group		
Design a campaign to make people better off or help them save money—’Make £20 a Week’	The Hub Advice Shop		

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority C: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Lack of social opportunities for elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults.			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Community consultation on what new provision is required for older/ vulnerable adults.			
Design of new provision based on consultation findings			

Priority C	Regeneration Plan Priority: Poverty & Health and Wellbeing		
Key Issues /needs identified: Ensure all children are ready to start school			
Current position :		Outcome:	
How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We are better educated and have access to increase and better quality learning and employment opportunities.			
Actions	Partners	Timescale	Update
Mapping of current early years provision and support for parents	WLC		
Consideration of gaps in provision	Surestart		
Consultation with community and partners on what additional support is required	Health Visitor/Midwife		
	Third sector organisations		
Design and delivery of new provision where required			

STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

FURTHER INFORMATION

This plan will be updated as the communities priorities change over the next 10 years.

This page will detail plans for the future, when further consultations are planned to take place and when the plan will be updated to show progress made.

Link in:

- Website
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**FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – JANUARY 2019
WORKPLAN 2018-2019**

Issue	Purpose	Lead Officer	Date
Housing report	Quarterly update on housing issues	Kate Ward	All meetings
Police report	Quarterly update on police activity	Sgt Vince Hughes	All meetings
LBFR report	Quarterly report on activity	Brian Robertson	All meetings
NETs Report	Quarterly report on NETs activity	Tony Fleming	All meetings
Regeneration Plans	To provide an update on regeneration plans	Laura Wilson	All meetings
West Calder & Harburn CDT	To provide an annual update on activity	Matt Pearce	January 2019
Pensioners Christmas Fund	To provide final allocation details	Laura Wilson	January 2019
School Update – Whitburn Academy	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Tracey Loudon	January 2019
Advice Shop Update	To update on Advice Shop activity in the ward	Elaine Nisbet	January 2019
Schools Update – St Kentigern's	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Andrew Sharkey	March 2019
Fauldhouse CDT	To provide an annual update on activity	Julie Smith	March 2019
Schools Update – West Calder High School	To provide an annual report on activity and attainment at the school	Julie Calder	August 2019