

West Lothian Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Terms of Reference and Membership

A. Remit of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Objectives

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership brings partners together from across the Community Planning Partnership to work together to take forward the inequalities and prevention agenda at a strategic level by;

- a) Embedding a preventative focus in the core work of the CPP and providing a platform for preventative efforts to be developed across the partnership.
- b) Ensuring health inequalities and prevention is taken forward as a shared priority as part of a wider 'whole system' CPP approach to issues like poverty, housing, education, employment and transport.

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership functions as the West Lothian Community Planning Partnerships forum for health, prevention and inequalities.

The forum will support the delivery of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan with a specific responsibility for Outcome 7:

- *We live longer healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.*

Given the cross cutting nature of the Partnership, and the whole system approach that is being taken the forum will have an influence on most of the outcomes in the LOIP.

The objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership will be achieved through the activities outlined below;

- Focus on the fundamental determinants of health and health inequalities to develop partnership solutions to issues relating to health, prevention and inequalities.
- Identify key issues relating to health inequalities that require a partnership solution
- Require a collective approach by partners to tackle the determinants of health
- Support the CPP to thread a focus on inequalities through all business
- Provide expertise and support to the CPP on health inequalities and related issues
- Enable joint work to be carried out on key issues relating to health inequalities and prevention

- Link in to the other thematic groups within the CPP structure to ensure cross-cutting actions are developed to tackle health inequalities.
- Work collaboratively to deliver on the public health priorities for Scotland at a local level.
- Provide a forum for partners to shape upstream conversations about prevention and inequalities in a systematic way.

The direction of the forum should be based on the key issues that need to be addressed in West Lothian in terms of health inequalities and prevention. As with the wider CPP, there should be a focus on those priority issues that require a partnership response.

B. Frequency

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership will meet quarterly. (TBC)

C1. Lead Officer

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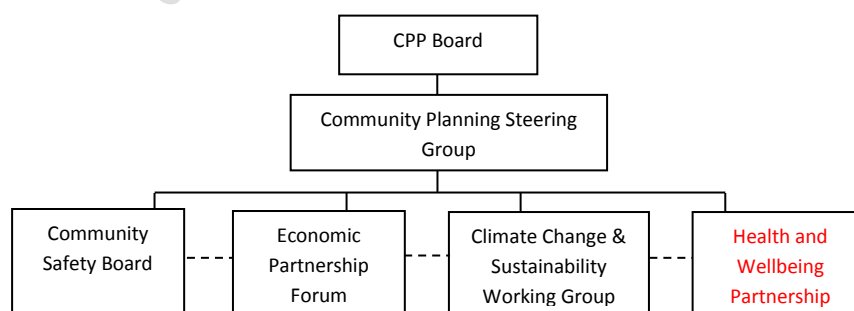
C2. Contact

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D. Reporting

The structure diagram below illustrates the how the Health and Wellbeing Partnership feeds in to the CPP. Further work has to be carried out in terms of what groups report into the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

The dotted line between the CPP Thematic Groups represents the two-way communication required on cross-cutting, relevant and related issues. There will not necessarily be regular reports between the Thematic Groups but relevant officers will attend other groups to discuss such cross-cutting issues as required. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership will also link in with other CPP groups, most notably the Anti-Poverty Taskforce.



E. Membership Profile

Members are chosen to provide the relevant knowledge and expertise to fulfil the remit of the Forum. Membership includes representatives from various partners in West Lothian. Additional relevant organisations or services may be invited to the partnership depending on the issues that the partnership are addressing.

Members
The list below identifies the partners and services that are proposed. Individuals have yet to be confirmed.
Anti-Poverty Taskforce
WLC Housing Services
WLC Regeneration Team
NHS Lothian Public Health
Integration Joint Board/Health & Social Care Partnership
Third Sector Interface
Police Scotland
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
WLC Planning Services
West Lothian Drug and Alcohol Service
WLC Education Services
WLC Economic Development

F. Review

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership remit, progress and membership will be reviewed annually.