



CONSULTATION: 2011-14 LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership was formed in the summer of 2007 to bring together the Leith Community and Service Providers to improve services for Leith. Membership of the partnership board includes the City of Edinburgh Council, Lothian and Borders Police, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service, Port of Leith Housing Association, Forth Ports Plc., National Health Service and Voluntary Organisations in Leith (VOLT) and, most importantly representatives from Leith's Community Councils

Local Community Plans

A Local Community Plan sets out the community's priorities for the improvement of local services. The local community are the best people to know what their area needs and are the best people to ask to set the priorities. Only then can work begin on identifying resources and initiating projects to bring about a positive change.

Plans need to be realistic and achievable within their three year period if they are to be meaningful to the local community. But, this does not mean that they cannot present challenges. It is for these reasons that clear outcomes are set within the plan.

Leith Local Community Plan 2009 – 11

This was the first outcome-based local community plan for Leith. In June 2007 more than 70 delegates from partner agencies and the local community worked in thematic groups identifying Leith's priorities. Recent research and reports carried out in Leith were also taken into account and further consultation was carried out with local people to bring about the Leith Priorities, as follows:

- Access to affordable housing
- A cleaner and more attractive environment
- Improve community safety
- Services and facilities for children and young people
- A healthier community

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership has put a number of initiatives in place to address those local priorities, including the following:

- More funding for Street Cleansing.
- Barrow beats.
- Weeks of Action
- Physical environment improvements
- New multi-purpose ball courts
- Mobile football pitch.
- Regeneration of Fort House.
- Leith Links Steering Group.
- Tackling alcohol abuse and underage drinking.

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A new plan is required to be in place for 2011. The first and most important part of this task lies with the people of Leith – to identify the priorities for the improvement of Leith. To do this, views need to be collated from the large and diverse community living and/or working in Leith.

Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations are asked to use the consultation pack to enable their members / clients to give their views.

The pack contains:

- This information sheet
- Consultation Forms
- A cover sheet for the return of Forms.
- A free post envelope
- Top concerns template. (optional)
- Discussion template (optional)

Using the pack:

Option 1 - When a club or group meet, ask everyone to complete a form. The form asks that a tick is put against all the things which are of concern for the person completing it. It then asks that the top five concerns are noted in order of 1,2 3, 4 and 5. Collect the forms together. Complete the cover sheet and place at the top of the bundle. Put everything in the Freepost envelope and return it to the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership. (forms can also be handed in to Leith Library).

Option 2 – Many clubs or groups have discussion forums. It would be useful if the top concerns for the group are explored a bit more and the outcomes fed into the consultation process.

Forms should be completed as noted in option 1 and used as the basis for discussion.. Outcomes will be accepted whichever format is useful for the group and facilitator. However, templates for discussion and feeding back are included if preferred. The Freepost Envelope can be used to submit the priority forms and feedback discussion outcomes or they can be handed in to Leith Library. Electronic information can be e-mailed to loraine.duckworth@edinburgh.gov.uk

FORMS AND/OR FURTHER FEEDBACK SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2011, TO ENSURE INCLUSION IN PRIORITY SETTING.

Next Steps

All information will be analysed to find out the top concerns for the Leith Community. Results will be available on www.edinburghnp.org.uk/leith. Service providers and community representatives will then work on an action plan to address those concerns over the three year period of the plan.

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