

West Lothian Community Planning Partnership

Examples of good practice

1. Name of SOA case study
Joint Tasking and Co-ordination
2. What was the local need addressed by this SOA case study?
To use a robust evidence base to target resources in communities to address specific issues relating primarily to community safety
3. What was done – and by which partners?
<p>Lothian and Borders Police have led the initiative; all major partners (including significant input from the voluntary sector) are involved.</p> <p>Using data collated by 2 partnership analysts, partners meet monthly in 2 groupings, east and west, to assess the requirements for co-ordinated actions to address specific issues. Individuals are “tasked” with actions and these are then reported upon at the next meeting. An overseeing tactical group meets monthly to cover the whole of West Lothian, and a strategic group meets quarterly to ensure strategic direction and agree priorities.</p> <p>The fundamental purpose of this process is to assess information to identify key priorities, allocate resources, and ultimately achieve successful results in the identified areas whilst providing accountability and a transparent and robust audit trail.</p>
4. What is the evidence of the benefits for communities – or if the benefits are still to be delivered, what is the timeline for that?
<p>The process has had a positive impact on communities as partners are now coordinating their approach to identified community related issues and problems. This was evidenced with regards to deliberate fires and vandalisms within the Boghall area of Bathgate. A partnership response to the problem was embarked upon where a joint police and fire service response to the problem was conducted by means of a high visibility response and community engagement. West Lothian Council environmental teams assisted with regards to clearing any litter and removing any potentially hazardous materials. West Lothian Council Locality Planning Officers organised and chaired local public meetings to identify concerns. The two-month period of this operation displayed a 70% reduction in deliberate fires and a 30% decrease in vandalism in Boghall compared to the 2 months prior to the initiative.</p>

5. What added value has the SOA process brought to the delivery of these benefits?	
Partners are working to an agreed set of outcomes.	
6. What next steps are you taking to meet this local need?	
Over the remainder of the year the police will be working closely with all the partners to produce a Partnership Strategic Assessment. This Assessment will identify what priorities the tasking process will focus on during the next fiscal year.	
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