

# Plan for Templehall 2017- 2021

Developed by the community of Templehall

Aim: To improve the quality of life and opportunities for all in Templehall

# Introduction

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## Why a Neighbourhood Plan for Templehall?

- To build on the strengths of the area but importantly, to raise awareness of the problems and difficulties affecting the lives of people and families in the area.
- To bring together local people and service providers to agree on projects and activities which will improve the services delivered in the area and the opportunities available for all.
- To inform the decision-takers in Fife of the priorities and action needed in Templehall as identified by the locals.
- To influence the decision-takers in Fife to financially support the priorities, projects and activities identified in the Plan for Templehall and to get the power to both direct and to take those decisions on spending ourselves.
- To build on the strong community spirit in the area and to build on the development work already undertaken in the past two years by the Neighbourhood Development Group and partners.

## How Did We Develop This Plan?

- By hosting a community event at Fair Isle Primary School with a focus on family fun, learning and capturing peoples' views on life titled; Let's Talk Templehall – My Place, My Community, My Life.
- By using the Place Standard Tool at this event and asking people questions about the area. The tool helps to 'rate' the different parts of a neighbourhood and identify areas for improvement.
- By holding focus groups and having conversations with a variety of different people e.g. young people, members of the LGBT community, older people, parents, people attending the job club, people with drug and alcohol problems.
- Through discussion sessions with the existing Neighbourhood Development Plan Group of local workers and residents. This included a review of the existing plan and identifying current issues based on worker experience.

## How Can You Get Involved? - Growing People Power

Local people have the power to design local services, to influence and take decisions and it can all start by getting more involved in community life. Here are some of the ways you can join in. Help is available to take the first step.

- Join the Templehall Neighbourhood Plan Group
- Take part in local Consultations
- Join a Club, Group or Tenants & Residents Association
- Get involved in Local Campaigns & Conversations
- Join the Templehall Talking Shop
- Connect via Our Kirkcaldy Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/ourkirkcaldy](http://www.facebook.com/ourkirkcaldy)
- **Visit the Lets Talk website**  
[www.fifedirect.org.uk/letstalk/kirkcaldy-area/](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/letstalk/kirkcaldy-area/)
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# Templehall - What We Know Already

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## The Facts

The Templehall Neighbourhood Development group has been working for the last two years to develop a more joined-up approach to improving the opportunities for people living in Templehall. This has involved working hand in hand with local people to develop new opportunities, support services and local projects. People tell us that Templehall is a good place to live but they also tell us there is still some way to go. The new Plan for Templehall is committed to building on existing local assets but also working towards improving the issues affecting the area. For example;

- Templehall has some of the poorest outcomes in Fife in areas like jobs, health, education, poverty and deprivation.
- We know that there are many people claiming Job Seekers Allowance and other working age benefits in Templehall
- We know that many people have had difficulties due to welfare reform changes
- We know that many children live in poverty in Templehall
- We know that many people experience 'in-work' poverty.
- We know that there is a reliance on foodbanks in the area
- We know that there are people struggling with drug and alcohol dependency in Templehall

## The Impact

- Poverty and inequality devastates lives and possible futures for people in Templehall.
- Children, families and individuals experiencing hardship are in desperate need to be able to realise their potential.
- There is a risk the inequality gap will increase and things will get worse.

## Our Response

- Deliver the Plan for Templehall over the next three years with local people in the driving seat.

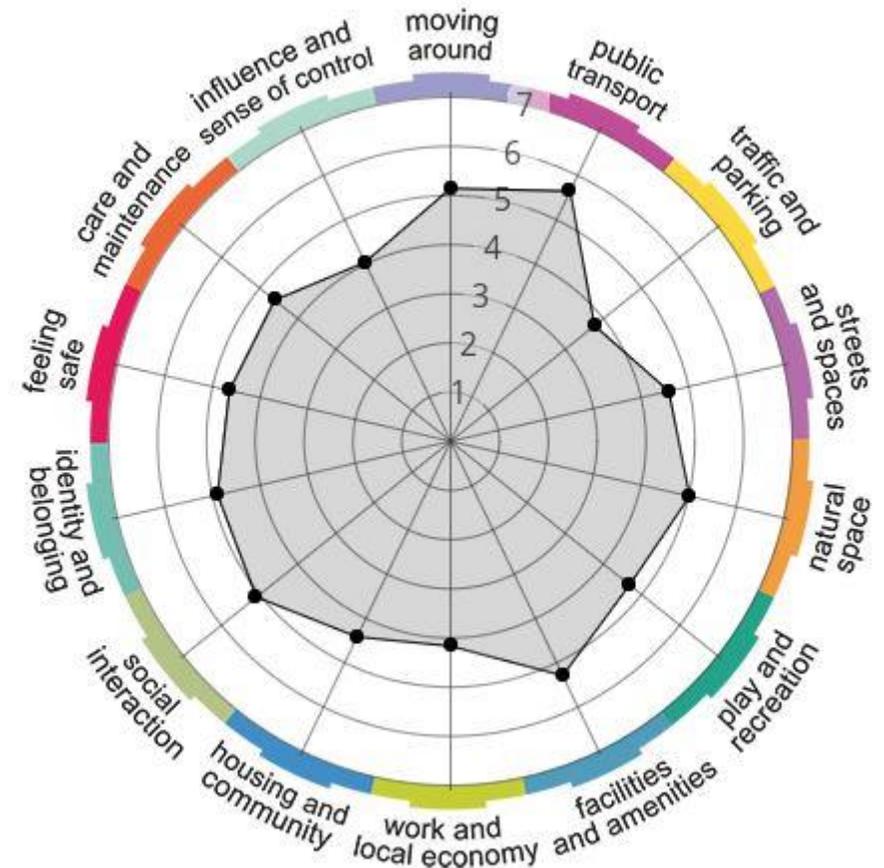
- Accept that poverty is not inevitable nor the result of individual choices and challenge hardening attitudes to poverty.
- Prioritise preventing social problems to ensure better outcomes for the whole of society.
- Build on existing local assets by strengthening local community groups, their voice and influence.
- Accelerate efforts to work together to make the most of the significant resources invested in the Templehall area.
- Influence and inform those delivering services in our neighbourhood of what is needed.
- Harness people power to ensure the best decisions are taken for the community of Templehall.

# What You Told Us – Place Standard Tool

The diagram below has been produced from the results captured at the community event using the Place Standard Tool. It uses a rating scale 1-7 to rate the different aspects of a place with 1 being most scope for improvement (poor) and 7 representing where an area is performing well. (good). Overall, the compass diagram shows a fairly positive report for Templehall with ratings of around 4 and 5 for most categories. Appendix 2 provides more information on the questions under each category.

**Areas of strength** were identified as; facilities and amenities and social interaction. People also associated positively with the area: “A good place to stay” “Good community spirit” and pointed to where things could be improved; “Information about all that is there” “Support for isolated people is needed”

**Areas for improvement** were identified as; traffic and parking, influence and sense of control, work and local economy, with all other categories rating slightly higher but still requiring focus e.g. housing and community and feeling safe, care and maintenance, play and recreation. People said: “Not enough parking spaces” “School parking dangerous.” “Could do with more natural space” “More houses needed for bigger families” “At night I wouldn't go to Templehall Shops - during the day it is fine” “More parks - would go to Beveridge instead. Need that here” “I don't like all the broken glass” “I don't know where to go. Not aware of how you would do it”. (*get involved*)



# What You Told Us – Let’s Talk Templehall

Rich information was drawn out in the conversations with Templehall residents using the Let’s Talk Templehall series of questions;

- **My Place** - What would make Templehall a better place to live?
- **My Community** -What community facilities and activities would you like to see in Templehall?
- **My Life** - What changes would make a difference to you and your family?

The following themes emerged strongly and re-inforce the findings from the Place Standard Tool ratings and comments received. People also proposed ideas and practical suggestions to address many of the issues they identified.

<b>Personal Safety</b>	Fear of groups of people. People do not go out at night.
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	Underage drinking in public / youths on motorbikes
<b>Physical Improvements</b>	Facelift of shops and public / community buildings. Look closed or not welcoming
<b>Environmental</b>	Litter, broken glass, evidence of drug use
<b>Green Space and Play</b>	Vandalised play parks. More facilities / activities for families. Walking routes.
<b>Housing</b>	Not enough suitable housing for larger families
<b>Traffic &amp; Parking</b>	Congested and unsafe - shops, school. Lack of residents parking
<b>Health &amp; Well-Being</b>	Social isolation and loneliness. Concern for older people and young families requiring support and feeling connected

# Our Priorities

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Taking on board all of the feedback received from the community of Templehall, our priorities are to:

<b>Improve Communication &amp; Information Sharing</b>	<b>Improve Community Safety</b>
<b>Improve Outdoor Recreation &amp; The Physical Environment</b>	<b>Foster Community Spirit &amp; Improve Health &amp; Well-Being</b>

A number of projects and activities have been identified and the detail of these will be further shaped by conversations with local workers and local people through the Neighbourhood Development Group and relevant Sub-Groups. Where an issue is felt to be outwith the scope of the local group it will be raised with the appropriate public body, service or partnership group to consider and respond to.

Partners in the area are already leading on core anti-poverty work which supports e.g. welfare reform, housing, provision of advice and drug and alcohol support. All are partners in the delivery of this plan. Efforts will also be directed towards strong partnership working with the emerging 'Locality Plan' for Kirkcaldy which is being led by the Health and Social Care Partnership.

# Appendix 1 –Templehall Projects To Be Scoped

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## Priority 1: Improve Communication and Information Sharing

### Typical Projects

Develop co-ordinated and up to date email distribution lists

Promote existing information sharing networks

Develop and promote local Templehall Social Media page

Ensure public notice boards are well sited across the community and fit for purpose

Develop a platform for on-going community conversations

## Priority 2: Improve Community Safety

### Typical Projects

Public awareness campaign to raise profile of Police crime reporting systems.

Safety at schools campaign

Young people's initiatives

Scoping exercise - traffic and parking issues

## Priority 3: Improve Outdoor Recreation & The Physical Environment

### Typical Projects

Ensure play spaces are well sited across the community and fit for purpose – (Play Spaces Project)

Templehall has attractive and fit for purpose outdoor spaces – (e.g potential of Rabbit Braes Project)

Creation of green and growing opportunities

**Kirkcaldy North Hub** – the creation of a modern, sustainable and fit for purpose multi-service facility

Improve main shopping area at Dunearn Drive. (Dunearn Drive Improvement Project)

## Priority 4: Foster Community Spirit & Improve Health & Well-Being

### Typical Projects

Supported communities play an active role developing initiatives in the area (People Power / Fostering Community Spirit Project)

Link, promote and develop a calendar of community events across the area

Improve and promote older peoples services (Link to emerging Locality Plan, H&SC Partnership)

Improve access to local services which are tailored to support the most vulnerable working age members of the community (Link to emerging Locality Plan, H&SC Partnership and others)