Castlemilk Locality Plan – Focus Group Report

All Primary Schools

Introduction

A 10 year action plan for Castlemilk which will include includes what can be done to make things better is being developed. It is important that before the plan is finalised local people get the chance to say what is important to them and what changes they would like and who they would like to make those changes.

There have been 405 responses from children and young people to a community survey which has identified the following priorities:

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Litter/ Dog Fouling / Fly Tipping
- Smoking and Vaping
- Public Transport

The purpose of the focus groups are to use the findings from the community survey to talk to local people, of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, to find out what actions they think can be taken to make things better, who will take them and who will be responsible for making sure that they are carried out.

A focus groups with children from each of the Primary Schools were asked to rate their experience of living in Castlemilk using the following information from the Place Standard Tool on a scale from 1 to 7, 1 meaning very poor and a lot of room for improvement and 7 meaning exceptional and not a lot of room for improvement. The average of all the answers provided an overall rating.

Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

At the beginning, the children were asked about being involved in descions about Castlemilk and asked to rate their answer. Then each of the priorities were taken one at a time.

The children were asked to write their answers on post-its to questions for each priority and issues identified.

- What do you think about these issues, is anything missing?
- What do you think can be done about these issues?
- Who can help to deal with these issues?
- Who is responsible for making sure something happens about these issues?
- Is there anything else you would like to say about these issues?

The information will be used by the steering group overseeing the develop of the action plan to identify actions which will be grouped into themes and included within the plan.

Findings

Being Involved in Descions about Castlemilk

Rating: 5 = Very Good

Priority: Anti-social Behaviour

Rating: 4 = Good
What do you think about these issues, is anything missing? The most common answers were: 1 - Fights, threats and bullying 2 - Drunk people/ Underage drinking 3 - Bad/inappropriate Graffiti
What things could change so you would feel safer? The most common answers were: 1 - More Police 2 - More CCTV 3 - Don't 'sell to vapes/ drugs to young people
Who can help to deal with these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Police 2 - Council 3 - CCTV
Who is responsible for making sure something happens about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Police 2 - Council/ Councillors 3 – Us
Is there anything else you would like to say about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Drunk Drivers 2 - Dangerous Driving 3 - Underage Drinkers

Priority: Litter/ Dog Fouling / Fly Tipping

Rating: 2 = Poor
What do you think about these issues, is anything missing? The most common answers were: 1 - Graffiti 2 - Vapes and Cigarettes 3 - Empty alcohol bottles
What things could change so that Castlemilk is clean, tidy and looking nice? The most common answers were: 1 - More litter bins 2 - Start a group to pick it up and tidy up 3 - People stop littering
Who can help to deal with these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Council 2 - Us 3 - Police
Who is responsible for making sure something happens about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Council 2 - Us 3 – Government
Is there anything else you would like to say about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Get rid of it 2 - Compost it 3 - More streetlights

Priority: Smoking and Vaping

Rating: 1 = Very Poor
What do you think about these issues, is anything missing? The most common answers were: 1 - Unhealth 2 - Make vapes boring, it is attracting teenagers – less flavours and colours 3 - Littering vapes
What things could change to help with these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Ban vapes 2 - Ban cigarettes 3 - Letting people know the health effects
Who can help to deal with these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Government 2 - Police 3 - Council
Who is responsible for making sure something happens about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Government 2 - Us 3 - Council
Is there anything else you would like to say about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - That it needs to be stopped because it can kill people and make them unhealthy 2 - Vaping is a drug stop now! You are killing yourself everyday 3 - Put the price really high so people don’t buy them

Priority: Public Transport

Rating: 4 = Good
What do you think about these issues, is anything missing? The most common answers were: 1 - Buses are late and you can be late for something like school 2 - Rubbish on buses and trains 3 - Smoke from cars and buses
What changes to public transport would make your journeys better? The most common answers were: 1 - More buses 2 - Buses come on time 3 - Buses need to be cleaner
Who can help to deal with these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - First Bus 2 - Council 3 - Government
Who is responsible for making sure something happens about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Government 2 - Council 3 - First Bus
Is there anything else you would like to say about these issues? The most common answers were: 1 - Timetables lie 2 - Make public transport feel safer 3 - Don’t go on a bus if you don’t if you can walk or cycle