

# Lambhill and Milton Thriving Place



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# Welcome to Lambhill, Milton and Cadder Thriving Place

Thriving Places was introduced in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder to help improve the quality of life of people who live and work here. This can mean trying to improve health and wellbeing, community safety, education, employment, income, housing, the local environment or access to services. It can also mean encouraging local involvement in decision making.

A key part of Thriving Places is providing services with people, not to people. This means engaging with communities using a grass roots approach to deliver the right services in order to address the right local needs. A Community Organiser was recruited in August 2016 to help local communities get involved in Thriving Places. As such, the work is just ending its first year.

This 10-year plan will tell you more about what Thriving Places is doing in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder. It is based on consultation with local people over the last year. This is a living plan, which means that it will change as more local people get involved and the work progresses.

Local communities have to be meaningfully involved for the plan to work. Without local communities and our partners working together we cannot achieve what the plan sets out.

This plan should be relevant for people who live and work in the local area and there are plenty of opportunities to be involved in different ways. This could mean setting up or joining a community group, joining a club, attending meetings, volunteering or just telling us what you like or what you would like to change about the local area.

We recognise that your community is made up of a mix of people: for example, children and young people to the elderly, people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds and religions, disabled people and those with mental health issues. Sometimes people from these groups are less involved in community activities and often less likely to be consulted in planning processes. It is important that the views of these diverse groups are included in the plan too, so we will make extra effort to involve them. This means that the plans will represent the views and needs of the widest range of people in the community.

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## Why This Plan Matters

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was passed to help communities have more say in decisions that affect them and to be empowered to do more for themselves, where appropriate. For example, the Act enables community groups to take ownership of or run a local community centre.

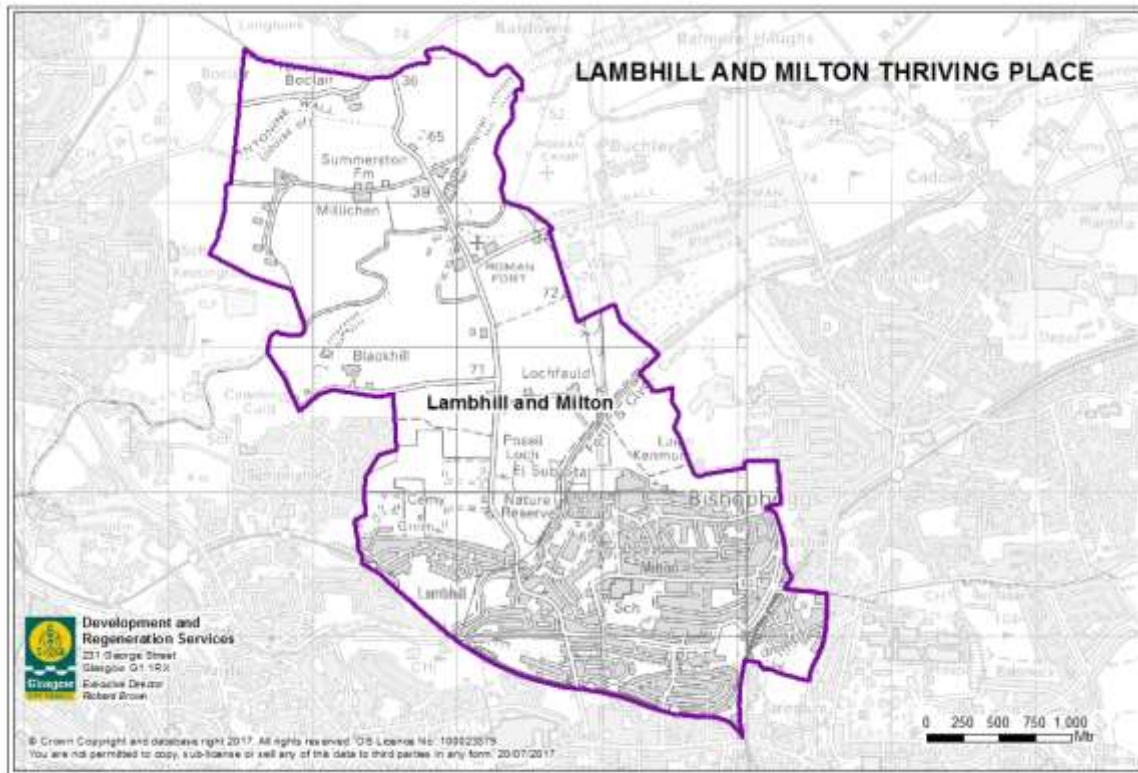
The Act also requires Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to produce Locality Plans with local people for areas that are disadvantaged in some way, including health and wellbeing, access to services, housing, community safety, employment, income or education. Locality Plans have to set out local priorities (based on consultation with people who live in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder), what improvements are planned and when these improvements will be made. If you live or work in the local area you have the right to be involved in the work associated with the Locality Plan. CPPs are required to publish progress reports on Locality Plans every year. This is the Locality Plan for your area. It tells how we will improve the quality of life here over the next 10 years, working in partnership with local communities.

All Community Planning partners are required by the Act to work with communities to achieve the goals identified in this plan. This includes Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Glasgow Kelvin College, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Glasgow Life, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Enterprise, the Scottish Sports Council, Skills Development Scotland and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

There are many other local organisations which are part of Lambhill, Milton and Cadder Thriving Place, including North Glasgow Healthy Living Community, Love Milton, Lambhill Stables, North Glasgow Healthy Food Initiative, North United Communities: The Huts at Milton, Glasgow Housing Association (GHA), Cadder Housing Association, Jobs and Business Glasgow and Glasgow Life.

# Life in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder

The Lambhill/Milton Thriving Place area is made up of three distinct neighbourhoods – Milton, Lambhill and Cadder. The area is in the North West of the city, about 2.5 miles from Glasgow city centre. Much of the area is farmland and wetland, with almost all of the local population living south of Possil Loch.



## A Brief History of the Area

Lambhill was established in the mid-18th Century, with the original settlement coming from the north bank of the Forth and Clyde Canal. The area has always had a mix of social and private housing with a varied age range of inhabitants. Throughout the 60s and 70s many working men were employed in the nearby mine in Cadder. During the 1980s Lambhill suffered the same unemployment and social issues as Milton and surrounding areas, albeit to a lesser extent. The late 1990s saw private housing investment however it should be noted that a high percentage of the population live within 500 metres of derelict or vacant land.

In contrast, the construction of Milton started in the late 1940s as a part of a general post-war construction programme by Glasgow Corporation to deal with housing shortages and slum clearance.

The initial scheme was completed in 1952 with more housing being added in later years including high-rise flats in Castlebay Drive in the late 1960s. The area was predominantly social housing and had only a few private homes in Liddesdale Road/Birsay Road and Loskin Drive.

In the 1950s Milton was considered an attractive place to live and the social housing was quickly filled with families. However, by the end of the 1960s the lack of facilities and few

opportunities for entertainment became apparent. Social problems started to emerge with gang fighting and drug abuse causing major urban decay.



**Milton from the sky, 1950s.**

By the 1980s unemployment in the local area was high. There was no factory/industrial work in the area and most community amenities which could offer employment such as shops or pubs required travel by car or bus.

Similar to Milton but on a smaller scale, Cadder was first constructed in the early 1950s as a social housing estate to ease the housing crisis around the city. Working men found employment in the Cadder mine, however with the decline in the mining industry, the 1980s saw a rise in social issues for the area including unemployment and drug and alcohol abuse.

### Who Lives in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder?

The number of people living in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder fell between 2001 and 2015, from 13,922 to 12,628. There are more women (54%) than men (46%) living in the local area.



More than a quarter of households (28%) in the local area have dependent children, compared with just under a quarter across Glasgow. Lone parent households with dependent children account for 14% of all local households, compared with 9% of households across the city. Nearly one in five people (19%) in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder are over 65 years of age, compared with 14% city-wide.

Less than a fifth (18%) of the people living in the local area are under 16 years old.

This means that there are fewer people between 16 and 64 years of age in the local area, with 63% in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder compared to 70% across Glasgow.

The local area is not as diverse as Glasgow. Around 5% of local people were born in a country other than the UK. This compares to 12% of people citywide. A very small number of local people have some difficulty with the English language, only 2%, compared with 3% across the city.

There are local challenges; people living in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder have poorer life outcomes than the city average. The average number of years that local men are likely to spend in good health is 51, compared to the Glasgow average of 56. For local women Healthy Life Expectancy is 55 years, compared to 59 across the city.

There is a higher number of local people (37%) with one or more long term health condition than across Glasgow (31%). More local people (18%) feel their day-to-day activities are very limited by a health condition compared with Glasgow (13%).



Local secondary school attendance is about the same as Glasgow, around nine out of ten pupils, while pupils do slightly less well at school than Glasgow overall. Nearly half of local people (49%) have no qualifications, compared to just under a third of people across the city (32%).

Local people are likely to earn less or have fewer employment opportunities. A very high percentage of the population live within 500 metres of derelict or vacant land (97%).



There are a number of local community groups, organisations and services which seek to address these challenges.

## What's in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder?

There are many active community groups and associations in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder. This includes tenants and residents groups, lunch groups, youth projects and arts organisations. Some of these groups are quite formal, with constitutions and bank accounts and some are groups of friends who meet regularly to take part in activities or shared interests, or socialise.

There are a range of learning and development, leisure and recreation, employability and health and well-being activities for the local and surrounding communities. This includes programmed activities, classes, services, clubs, events, community led activities, drop-ins and community meetings. Some of these activities are carried out in partnership with other services and organisations such as Glasgow Life, North Healthy Living Communities, Kelvin College, Love Milton, Partick Thistle Football Club and the Active Schools programmes.



**Lambhill Stables Community Garden, 2017.**

We will provide more detail on these activities as the plan develops.

There are several community facilities in the local area, which are detailed below.

**Ashgill Recreation Centre (ARC)** is located on Ashgill Road and open Tuesday to Saturday. A number of programmes and projects are run here, including a community gym, Click and Connect Learning Centre, social functions, soft play and an under-5's area, bubble football and a community café. The ARC Steering Group is made up of local residents and organisations and plans local events and activities for the area such as the summer gala day.

**Cadder Community Centre** re-opened in June 2016 and is managed by Cadder Housing Association. **The community centre used by a range of local groups, including...**

**Love Milton** is based at Scaraway Drive and is involved in a wide range of projects within the community that allow the people of Milton an opportunity to make a real difference to the area that they live in.

**Milton Community Garden** is based in Liddesdale Square and run by Glasgow Community Food. The garden creates a wildlife-friendly place for young and older people to enjoy, meet new people and learn new skills related to gardening and food. Milton Food Hub is based at the garden to encourage healthy living. The Hub also runs Milton Barras at Scaraway Nursery and St Monica's Nursery for local people to purchase garden grown fruit and vegetables at affordable prices.

**The Huts @ Milton** is run by North Glasgow United Communities and delivering street work, youth activities and various other clubs.

**Lambhill Stables** was established in 2017 with the aim of providing recreational, occupational, training and employment opportunities for local people. The café provides affordable healthy food and uses ingredients from the stable's community garden whenever possible. There are various community-led activities such as a toddlers clubs, language lessons, a photography club, a walking group and family storytelling.



**Lambhill stables, 2017.**

**Milton Community Campus** houses St Monica's Primary School and Milton Community Nursery as well as Milton Library and Learning Centre. Glasgow Club Milton is open to the general public 7 days a week

**Life Link at Milton Medical Centre** offers one to one counselling, training and group work.

**A & M Scotland** delivers a range of activity opportunities for local young people, aged 12 to 19 years old, who are not in education, employment or training. Educational based workshops are delivered in partnership with other organisations, including personal development activities, training and workshops in alcohol and drug abuse/misuse, sectarianism, volunteering, employability and community safety.

**Milton Art Project** provides free music sessions, including guitar and song writing sessions for adults and young people.

There are four Primary Schools (Chyrnside, St Monicas, Cadder and Miltonbank) and one nursery (Scaraway). The nursery runs positive parenting programmes. There has not been a secondary school since St Augustine's Secondary School was demolished in 2010. Local children and young people are most likely to go to secondary school within Bishopbriggs, Springburn or Summerston. There are a number of places of worship, some of which host a number of community projects.



## How Local People Have Been Involved In Thriving Places

Lambhill, Milton and Cadder Thriving Place is in its infancy and we have only spoken with a small number of local people so far. We plan to engage with many more local people over the first year of Thriving Places here.

A door-to-door survey was carried out between 2014 and 2016 with people living in Milton. The survey, Milton Talks, was conducted by North Glasgow Community Food Initiative in partnership with Love Milton and local residents. The survey asked local residents three simple questions: what they like about living in Milton, what changes they would like to see, and what they can do to make a difference. 606 responses were received, mapping the dreams and priorities of people in Milton, amounting to just under 10% of Milton's population.

Connecting Milton **was set up in 2016** to help address the issues identified in the survey. This group is made up of local groups, organisations and services in Milton including North Glasgow Community Food Initiative, Love Milton, Glasgow Life, Police Scotland, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and Glasgow City Council.

A short-term community engagement was undertaken in Lambhill and Cadder in the summer of 2017 by Community Development Workers to ascertain levels of satisfaction, aspirations, current issues and specific community needs. This has provided some insight into how some local communities feel about their area and what they would like to see changed or improved.

These consultations are only the starting point, we plan to engage with more communities in order to develop a more comprehensive plan by the end of the first year of Thriving Places here. For example, we will engage local community groups around Cadder Community Centre, Lambhill Stables, St Matthew's Centre and St Agnes Church, Langa Street Nursery School, Milton Community Campus and Cadder Primary School.

# What Local People Say About Their Area

## Milton

The responses to Milton Talks suggest that the local area has a supportive community. However, it also seems that people are largely uninspired to make a difference to their area and there is a perception that Milton needs further regeneration.

People who took part in the survey said that local people as their biggest asset and the most positive aspect of living in Milton. There was a strong sense that Milton was 'home' for many people, a place where they belonged and felt comfortable.

The most common changes to the area that people suggested were improvements to local amenities and more opportunities, particularly for young people. Residents wanted to see more activities on offer in community facilities, more leisure and employment opportunities and new facilities such as a community centre and more local shops. There is a limited range of local amenities such as shops, with no local supermarket, and people said that community facilities are not used to their full potential.

People who took part in the survey said they wanted a positive identity and reputation for Milton. A significant portion of the community felt that it was not a good place to live, and an even larger number (over 60% of respondents) felt that they could not do anything to address local issues such as low income, unemployment, the lack of well-used facilities and crime.

*"I know there are small parts of the area that have problems, but it's never affected me and gets dealt with."*

– Local resident

## Lambhill and Cadder

People who spoke with Community Development Workers this summer felt that Lambhill and Cadder were good communities to live in, despite occasional anti-social behaviour around the shops or in certain streets, which can on occasion have a negative impact on these parts of the community.

Opinion on the local environment was generally positive, although some people said they wanted open spaces to be more cared for and litter-free. Pedestrian safety issues were raised in relation to particularly areas where parked cars restrict pavement access and traffic can be heavy.

Access to the canal pathways at the Lambhill stables for cycling and walking was seen as a benefit to local people in terms of health and wellbeing, along with the access to local allotment spaces at the Stables and St Matthew's Church.

Public transport was also an issue with regards to the level, timetabling and routes from the communities to parts of the city.

Taking account of what is already available in the communities for children right up to people 65+, it was clear that there is a good range of activities and opportunities within the local community resources.

*"I have stayed in Cadder for 28 years, it's a great community and have never had any problems."*

-Local resident

Activities that support vulnerable people experiencing addiction, homelessness, mental ill-health, older people, people with learning disabilities and young people with Aspergers/Autism and ADHD (and their carers) were seen as important.

People felt also there is a need for young people to take part in activities outwith the community, such as outdoor activity centres. The availability of affordable childcare is an issue, especially during school holidays. This was seen as an issue for working and seeking-work parents on low incomes. People said there is also a need for employability support, including work placements.

It was felt that specific support should be provided to the black and ethnic minority members of the local community, including English classes, women-only gym sessions to accommodate cultural sensitivities, and cooking classes.



### **Cadder Community Centre, 2017.**

As noted in this plan already, there is no secondary school provision within the Lambhill, Milton and Cadder area. Most local children following the Catholic faith attend John Paul Academy in Summerston which, despite being relatively close by, still requires public transport. The nearest non-denominational secondary schools are in Springburn, Bishopbriggs, Annesland and Royston. Again these require public transport.

It was suggested that local children are often late to school due to the infrequency of the bus services. Those attending Springburn Academy face an hour long wait if they miss their bus in the morning and, for those who make it, a wait at Stobhill hospital is a daily occurrence. Parents are especially concerned about bus travel to school for children aged 11 to 13 years old.

In general, residents have said that the bus provision is infrequent and it although provides access into the city centre and surrounding areas, it does not help with travelling

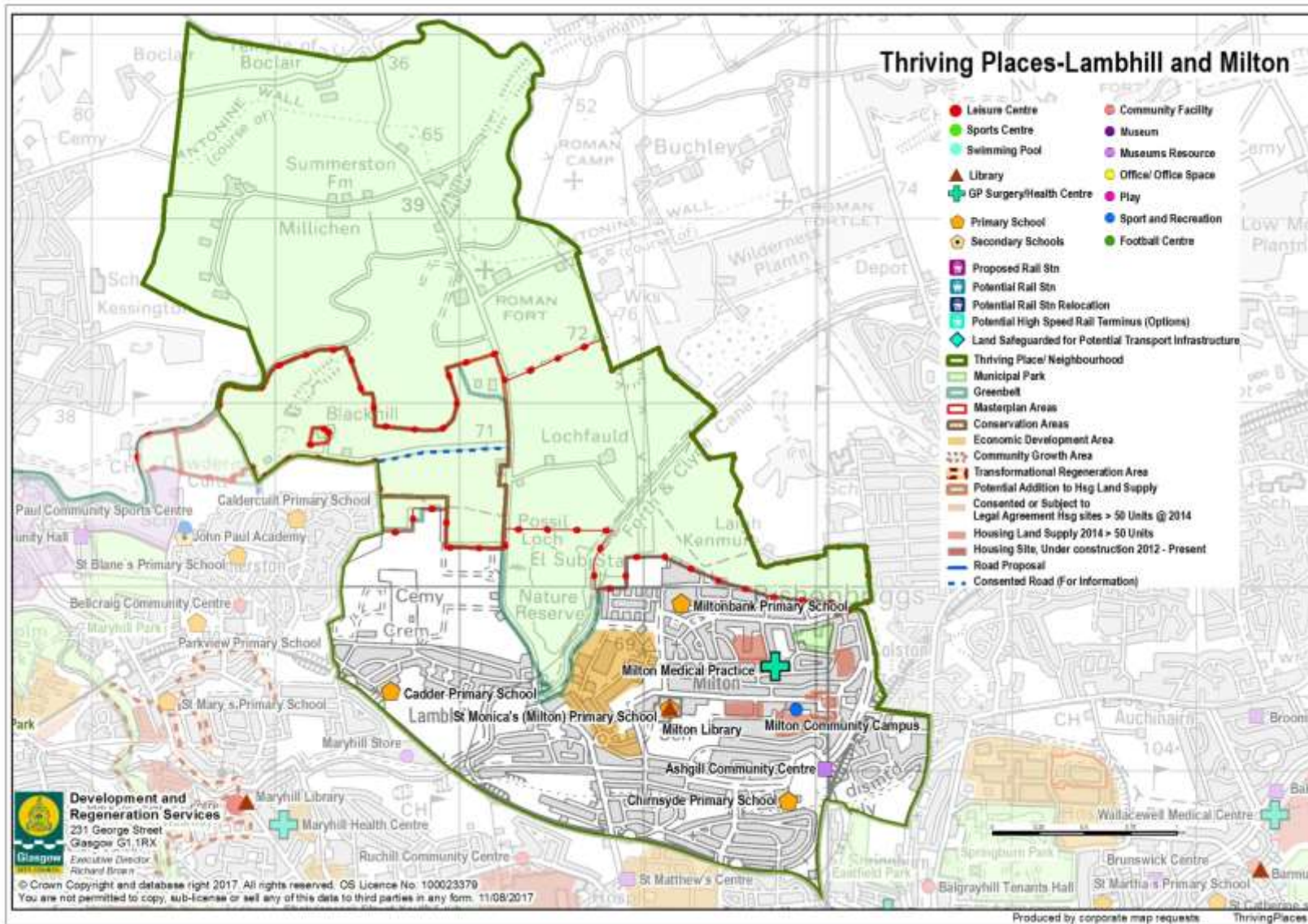
throughout the local area. An example given was travelling between Lambhill and Milton which could not be completed by bus and required people to walk or take private transport. This creates a barrier to those with mobility issues and those who cannot afford taxis.

Residents have expressed their concerns over being able to access sports and recreational services. Although Milton Campus and the ARC both have a gym and various sporting facilities, the nearest swimming pools are in Bishopbriggs and Springburn, which many feel is outwith their reach physically and/or financially. Our initial consultation with local people suggest that although swimming can be a relatively cheap way of entertaining the children, the transport costs associated with traveling there can make it too expensive for many families.

Some residents also state that they are missing out on saving money as small independent shops charge more for supplies than the larger supermarkets. Transport to and from the nearest large supermarket with heavy bags is a burden given the public transport is so poor. Residents have said that without a car or access to private transport, it can be challenging to “get out” of the area to access recreational facilities or the larger supermarkets.

### **Planned Development for Lambhill, Milton and Cadder**

There are a number of housing developments planned for the local area. These are shown on the map on the next page. There are plans to build potentially around 323 housing units in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder. This is a mix of private and social housing. This means there could be an increase to the local population in the next ten years. In addition, there is planned economic development within the Milton area.



# Thriving Places Action Plan

Thriving Place has just begun its journey in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder. However, several key tasks will be delivered by October 2018:

- Appointment of Community Connector post. A host organisation was identified in June 2017 with North Glasgow Healthy Living Community accepting the invitation. The advertising of the Community Connector Post will run throughout July with a view to having someone in place for the beginning of September.
- Mapping of Assets – The Community Connector will initially be tasked with carrying out a full and detailed mapping of assets exercise to highlight the organisations and projects already operating and identify the gaps.
- Thorough Community Engagement – There has been some work around community engagement so far with a study “Milton Talks” carried out in 2016, however the Lambhill and Cadder areas were not included and further engagement is required to tease out the wants and needs of the thriving place area as a whole.
- Development of a detailed action plan with clear goals set for the next ten years. This will be reviewed annually within the local community to review and report on progress at a local level and change the focus plan where needed.

The table on the next page sets out what we are going to try and achieve up until 2027. This is just a brief summary of the work we aim to do – as more people get involved we will set new goals and try to achieve more. This is a living plan, so it should change as local people work with us to identify new needs and new ways of working.

# What We Plan to Do Over Ten Years in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder

By 2018	By 2020	By 2027
<p>The Thriving Places partners will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• publish this plan and tell as many people as we reasonably can about it;</li> <li>• use the most appropriate methods to engage widely with local people from diverse backgrounds;</li> <li>• use the right methods to engage with and support specific local people affected by local challenges;</li> <li>• empower local people to decide which local projects get funded through Community Budgeting where project ideas are voted on by local people;</li> <li>• support local people to get involved in decisions about the services in the area, to find out about opportunities to be involved in delivering their own services and to engage with local elected representatives and planning officers to make sure their views are heard;</li> <li>• support local people to become more involved in community life in Lambhill,</li> </ul>	<p>The Thriving Places partners will have reviewed and refined the plan annually over the next three years, and it'll be something local people are aware of, and own. Within three years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the group overseeing Lambhill, Milton and Cadder Thriving Place will be made up of as many local people as service officers and elected representatives, ensuring that the diversity of local communities is represented;</li> <li>• more people will               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ be involved in more community groups, projects and services;</li> <li>○ be aware of support that is available;</li> <li>○ be involved in learning programmes;</li> <li>○ come to community breakfasts;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Within ten years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the people who live in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder will:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ be able to get involved in local decision making;</li> <li>○ feel better connected to each other and elsewhere in Glasgow and Scotland;</li> <li>○ feel that they live in supportive, active and powerful communities;</li> <li>○ feel confident that services will work with them;</li> <li>○ be better off in terms of employment, health, safety and education;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• services and activities in the area will be:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ led, developed and delivered by the local</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Milton and Cadder through a variety of means so that residents are represented and working alongside services in delivering the Locality Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• involve local people in reviewing this plan to make sure we do more of what is working well and change what isn't working well</li> <li>• develop the Pathfinder website to include a wider range of services and activities in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ feel safe in their local area;</li> <li>○ be able to get about within the area and in and out of the City centre; and</li> <li>○ engage in voluntary activity</li> </ul>	<p>community working with and managing services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ be more about preventing problems than fixing what could have been prevented;</li> <li>○ based on knowing what works well for local people, avoiding what doesn't, learning from mistakes and learning from community experts (the people the people who live in Lambhill, Milton and Cadder)</li> </ul>
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