



West Lothian  
Council



General  
Information



## About West Lothian

# A great place to live, work and visit

- Located in the central belt
- Easy commuting distance of both Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- Excellent road and rail links with direct rail links from its 12 stations to Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- West Lothian has the youngest and fastest growing population in Scotland.
- A vibrant business friendly community with a good track record in attracting inward investors.
- Property costs are 30% lower than Edinburgh or Glasgow.
- Steeped in history and with attractive country parks, quality shopping and a variety of entertainment.
- Livingston is the fastest growing shopping centre in Scotland.
- Family friendly attractions including; the Linlithgow Canal Centre, Linlithgow Palace, Almond Valley Heritage Centre, Scottish Owl Centre and the Five Sisters Zoo.





# Key facts about West Lothian Council

- Delivering innovative, high quality services to over 175,000 West Lothian residents
- West Lothian's largest employer, with over 8,000 employees
- Providing excellent terms, conditions and working arrangements
- The council's Corporate Plan sets out the overall strategic direction and council priorities for 2013-17.
- Strong performance and a culture of continuous improvement despite spending constraints
  - One of the UK's top three Local Authorities at the UK Housing Awards
  - Achieved the European Foundation of Quality Management's (EFQM) 5 star status. In addition the council achieving the highest score in Scotland
  - Overall winner of the Scottish Award for Business Excellence at the Quality Scotland Awards 2016
- Strong focus on supporting our employees to deliver
  - Achieved IIP Gold in 2015
  - Has achieved and maintained Healthy Working Lives Gold Award since 2009
- West Lothian Council has recently become a Living Wage accredited employer
  - For further information see: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/9/Council-Information>



# West Lothian Council

## service areas



# Our Priorities

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## **The council priorities are:**

- Delivering positive outcomes and early interventions for early years
- Improving the employment position in West Lothian
- Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children
- Improving the quality of life for older people
- Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality
- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Delivering positive outcomes on health
- Protecting the built and natural environment

The council is committed to making West Lothian a better place in which to live, work, do business and visit and we have already made significant progress because we focus on:

- Making a positive and lasting impact upon our community
- Delivering high performing public services
- Listening and responding to the needs and preferences of local citizens
- Finding new and innovative ways of working that help us to operate efficiently and provide value for money



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