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North West Locality Community Planning Partnership

Tuesday 27 July 2021, 9.30am
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Agenda

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NORTH WEST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Thursday 27 May 2021: 18.00 – 19:30

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MINUTE

Members present

Dawn Anderson	Pilton Community Health Partnership, Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Joan Beattie	Inverleith Neighbourhood Network Representative
Percy Fekety	Almond Neighbourhood Network Representative
Steve Kerr	Western Neighbourhood Network Representative (Co-chair)
Evelyn Kilmurry	City of Edinburgh Council
Fred Marinello	Forth Neighbourhood Network representative
Cllr George Gordon	City of Edinburgh Council (Co-chair)
Cllr Claire Bridgeman	City of Edinburgh Council
Mike Massaro-Mallinson	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Morag Wilson	Stepping Stones, Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Rep
Nick Croft	Edinburgh College
Heather Yank	Volunteer Edinburgh
Tommy McLean	Corstorphine Community Centre, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep

In attendance

Bridie Ashrowan	EVOC (Presentation)
Paula McLeay	City of Edinburgh Council
Helen Bourquin	City of Edinburgh Council (note)

1. Welcome and Apologies

No apologies

2. Minutes of Meeting held 9 April 2021 and Action Tracking

Amendment to the minute from Dawn Anderson had been submitted to the Chair by email:

d) North Edinburgh

Dawn advised that as co-chairs of the Voluntary Sector Forum she and Morag Wilson were going to lead on this workstream. However, **she understood that the responsibility for this has now passed to the North Edinburgh Recovery Group.**

Dawn said that she wasn't sure what the arrangements were for tracking and reporting but **she assumed** Scott Donkin was going to link in with herself and Morag to discuss this further. **In response to questions from Fred Marinello about the Recovery Group**, Dawn explained that the group was built on the Covid-19 emergency food recovery group which was set up last year **and many of the members of the group were part of the local Food for Thought Forum** facilitated by Pilton Community Health Project. Last year the group **[Covid-19] had up to/approx. 65 members.** Dawn advised that a few larger organisations have taken a lead on building a framework and vision.

3. Update on implementation of Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) by Paula McLeay

Paula gave a brief update on progress of the LOIP on the following aspects:

- On the 3rd thematic area 'Good place to live' Judith Stonebridge from public health is taking lead to strengthen public health, sustainability aspect of this theme. Draft will be brought back to Edinburgh Partnership at the end of June to be considered
- There is a commitment to develop partnership approach on the 20-minute Neighbourhood initiative. This will be jointly led by Integration Joint Board (IJB), CEC and EVOC. Bridie Ashrowan, from EVOC, will lead on the 3rd sector and community hubs.
- Will be working jointly with Steve Kerr in his role as Chair of Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC), to develop programme to strengthen statutory role for Community Councils and how CEC can work with them. An EACC Steering Group has met twice in anticipation of promised meetings with relevant CEC officers. Areas covered have been community engagement, community empowerment and advocacy/governance. A further Steering Group meeting will

shortly take place and an EACC presentation document has been prepared for meeting with CEC officers.

The joint engagement process will encompass two meetings prior to the EP Board meeting on 22 June to develop framework to establish parity ('level playing field') with EVOC and third sector representation.

- There is a commitment to develop the LOIP to ensure those with lived experience of poverty and deprivation have their voices represented in it. Work is ongoing with Poverty Action group and Secretariat to strengthen their input into the LOIP.

Decision: Paula to come back after next Edinburgh Partnership meeting to update the LCPP further.

4. Presentation by Bridie Ashrowan from EVOC on 'Thriving Local Places – an Edinburgh Approach'

Bridie had taken paper to Edinburgh Partnership in March on this area of work. She highlighted the approach in the presentation needed to be viewed within the context of the Poverty Commission and the upcoming Climate Commission. Also, important to take account of was the recent Best Value audit findings on the CEC and the need to look at how to achieve genuine engagement and community empowerment.

Questions and discussion on presentation

- Will a definition be given of Anchor Organisation to share by 22nd June? Bridie emphasised how important it is to recognise and build on existing networks and involve people in defining what they think an anchor organisation should be.
- Tommy agreed and highlighted that shouldn't have one size fits all approach. Important that Neighbourhood Networks are involved in this and raised the question of how we can facilitate communities identifying these networks
- Who takes on the role of identifying community organisations/networks and what if you can't identify them?

One of the challenges is that those networks may not be as apparent in some communities particularly in new and developing communities e.g. those on the edge of Edinburgh. There does however need to be a sense of ownership locally and EVOC can have a role in supporting that process e.g. work ongoing in Liberton.

If there is little infra-structure in place they can work with small and medium size businesses to do some business development. Volunteer Centre and Edinburgh Social Enterprise may also have a role to support

- Highlighted that individual voices are not being captured. We need to engage with them not expect them to come to us.

- Is this a role that Neighbourhood Networks and the organisations within them can be involved in?

Tommy requested that the LCPP agree an action point on how to progress after the discussions. It was agreed that Bridie would provide a brief explanatory note to accompany the slides. This would be sent to all Neighbourhood Networks with the offer to put on agenda for further discussion.

Morag raised that small organisations such as Stepping Stones often get cascaded information and they are not always clear what the expectation is on them regarding their role and how others can get involved. These discussions seem to be happening at strategic level and not at smaller organisation levels.

Decisions:

- Bridie to come back to subsequent meeting to update on progress
- Bridie to provide a brief accompanying note to the slides which can then be circulated to LCPP members
- Presentation with brief explanation note to be sent to NN Chairs with an offer to put on agenda for NN meetings for further discussion

5. General LIP update- Reporting arrangements and templates

Evelyn had circulated two templates for workstream leads to use to report progress on LIP priorities back to the LCPP. One was for quarterly reporting by the workstream leads on actions and progress of the 3 themes in the LIP. The proposal is that leads would submit the updates prior to the LCPP meeting on a quarterly basis and the reports would be circulated in the meeting papers for consideration by members. The second was an Exception Report template that workstream leads could use to flag up on any identified barriers to progress as required. These would then be discussed at the LCPP to find resolutions.

Members agreed that the Reports would provide structure and focus to the LIP update discussions. Nick and Mike both happy to use. Cllr Gordon requested that question on community engagement could also be incorporated.

Decision:

- Templates to be adopted and circulated for use at a future meeting to be determined and advised in advance
- Add in question on community engagement to the quarterly report template

a. Employment & Skills (Including proposed amendments)

There are 5 existing performance indicators in this work stream. Nick requested the addition of 4 others:

- Education qualification
- Participation measure i.e., progression of to education, training, etc
- Long term unemployment stats
- Service satisfaction

There are 7 actions and Nick proposed 2 additional ones:

- Better use of learning estate i.e., College, libraries, community centres, voluntary sector spaces
- Improving progression pathways – learner journeys

Decision: Add performance indicators and actions to LIP performance framework

Nick had held two partnership group/ network meetings attended by range of employability providers and interested parties. One more is still to be held on 9 June. Nick agreed to change the timing of the meeting to later in the day to allow more people to participate. Most are keen to be part of a network to share information and progress the partnership actions. Nick will present a more formal report on those three meetings at next LCPP.

Progress has been made on three areas to date. There is an increase in applications to college, Jobs fair is planned for June co-ordinated by police and work is on-going with Lifelong Learning Services looking at shared spaces.

Request from Percy and Joan to be invited to 3rd meeting.

Decision: Nick to present formal report at next meeting

b. Social Isolation

Sub-group has been established and some members of the LCPP are represented on it. At first meeting adopted framework which was circulated at last LCPP meeting. Group had expressed that some of the performance indicators were not the best measure of impact e.g., hospital admissions. Mike requested that the group present alternative proposals at the next meeting covering what the group are trying to achieve, how they get there and the best way to measure that progress.

The Group had identified three key areas of work:

1. Support services and groups to become re-established after the pandemic. This will involve supporting forums sharing experience, information on access to spaces, lateral flow tests etc
2. Improve communication between groups, organisations and residents as recognise not everyone will identify themselves as being isolated. Almond Western VSF are putting together leaflet on services/groups and group will

support to maximise distribution. Energise gym are allowing advertising on back of their fliers.

3. Communication of activities to other service providers so they can share with their service users. Using existing mechanisms i.e., newsletter distributed by Elaine Lennon, EVOC red book, I Thrive to target primary care and social care staff.

Decision: Mike to present amended actions and performance indicators at next meeting

c. North Edinburgh- North Edinburgh Covid-19 Recovery Group

After last meeting it was requested that Bidy, manager of Fresh Start, give an update on the North Edinburgh Covid Respond & Recovery Group membership and how they link to the work on the third priority in the LIP.

Bidy advised that the Group was originally set up as a Food Share Group at start of pandemic. 40 organisations were invited to be a part of it and ended up with a core group. It is chaired by Willy Black and has representation from small and large organisations in North Edinburgh as well as MSP, MP and local Cllr representation. The aim is to share knowledge, volunteers and skills in order to maximise resources.

In June/July the Group started to think about what recovery would be needed after Covid and how they could support that. A vision paper was produced that endeavoured to fit in with the LIP, CEC business plan and Poverty Commission report. Five working groups were set up and members invited to participate in them. Aim is to share information and direct resources to right organisations who have best skills to address identified issues.

Bidy advised that the Group is not constituted rather it's a network of voluntary, statutory, elected members and community groups committed to working together collectively to identify gaps and work out how best to address them. Bidy will circulate membership list if that would be helpful. The Group works closely and is part of the VSF.

A discussion followed and a specific question raised as to why the Group were leading on the priority rather than Dawn and Morag as VSF reps which is the decision that had been reached by the LCPP. Bidy mentioned a meeting that she had had previously with Peter and Scott about the work. Councillor Gordon expressed concern that there was a lack of clarity over leadership and that there seemed to be a shift in approach.

Morag also expressed confusion about the position and advised that she and Dawn had requested a meeting with Scott and Evelyn to discuss the position further. Morag advised that Bidy's group are part of the wider VSF and that they work closely together but further clarity is needed. Morag also highlighted that as manager of a busy local organisation she had expressed concern about taking lead.

Evelyn advised that it was more of an overlap of work between the groups but agreed that there is confusion which needs to be resolved. Bidy had been invited to attend the LCPP meeting as questions had been raised at the last meeting about the North Edinburgh Covid Respond & Recovery Group and that it was hoped that she could answer any questions that members had. Evelyn understood that this had created more confusion and is happy to meet with all parties to get to a position where there is clarity over roles and leadership. Councillor Gordon requested a meeting with Evelyn and Steve to discuss the position so that a shared understanding could be reached. Tommy stated that it was important that the voluntary groups involved were part of discussions and there was a need for collective working, and he was given reassurance that they would be.

Decision: Evelyn to meet with relevant parties to get clarity and report back to next LCPP

6. Neighbourhood Networks Update

Western

- Discussion on social isolation theme and how to progress
- Discussion on Neighbourhood Environment Projects (NEP) and frustration expressed at lack of progress on some projects. Requested update at next meeting
- Discussion on Community Grants Fund (CGF) around criteria. Agreed to ring-fence some funding for youth work i.e., create a Project Challenge Fund. Adopted social isolation as another notional criteria for the CGF.

Forth

- CGF discussion and agreed to try and encourage applications from smaller organisations rather than usual suspects
- Update from LCPP

Inverleith

- Discussion on how to progress 'use of green space' theme and how to identify community garden space. Ritchie Fraser attended and had circulated list of all green spaces in Inverleith.
- Presentation from Blackhall Community Trust who were seeking funding from CGF for architectural drawings to aid a Community Asset transfer of Ravelston park Pavilion.
- Refresh discussion on CGF – criteria and process. Agreed to set up funding panel to make decisions on applications
- Discussion on NEPs and frustration expressed on lack of progress on some projects. Request for relevant officers to come to next meeting to update.
- Discussion on anti-social behaviour in Drylaw and how to protect an area behind Drylaw Parish church to enable young people to play safely.

Almond

- Keith Giblet agreed to continue as Chair
- Identified 'social isolation and well-being' as key theme to prioritise and Mike Massaro Mallinson had been invited to attend next meeting
- Discussion on NEPs and frustration expressed at lack of progress on some projects. Request made for clarity on process going forward
- Discussion on loss of CEC contacts to keep members updated on issues or to know who to go to. List of key CEC contacts was circulated

7. AOB

None

8. DONM

TBC

Number	Date	Topic	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Status
1	05/02/2021	Locality Improvement Plan	Nick to liaise with Council colleagues re linking into schools	Nick		
2	27/05/2021	Update on implementation of Local Outcome Improvement Plan	Paula/Michele to come back after next Edinburgh Partnership meeting to update the LCPP further.	Julie		
3	27/05/2021	Presentation by Bridie Ashrowan from EVOC	Bridie to come back to subsequent meeting to update on progress	Julie		
4	27/05/2021	Presentation by Bridie Ashrowan from EVOC	Bridie to provide a brief accompanying note to the slides which can then be circulated to LCPP members	Bridie/Steve	Steve will liaise with Bridie	
5	27/05/2021	Presentation by Bridie Ashrowan from EVOC	Presentation with brief explanation note to be sent to NN Chairs with an offer to put on agenda for NN meetings for further discussion	Evelyn/Helen		
6	27/05/2021	Social Isolation	Mike to present amended actions and performance indicators at next meeting	Mike		



LIP Quarterly Progress Report

Date of LCPP group for consideration: 27th July 2021

Lead officer: Mike Massaro-Mallinson (EHSCP)

Priority theme: Theme 1 – Social Isolation

LIP quarterly Progress Report

Actions completed in the last quarter (since the last progress report)

- Subgroup Terms of Reference agreed (see attached)
- Shared outcomes framework developed (see attached draft)
- Outcomes framework shared with Voluntary Sector Forums and Almond Neighbourhood Network (attendance at other NNs proposed for next quarter)
- Mutual support for remobilisation of services and activities following the COVID19 pandemic continues through various forums (sharing of plans/guidance)

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

- Continue to support the remobilisation of services and activities and promote these to the public and frontline teams as they reopen
- Trial new green prescribing activities based on recommendations from the Green Health report from NHSL and the Greenspace Trust
- Exploring offer of anxiety management courses in NW locality
- Plan expansion of the Keep Safe scheme into new settings throughout the locality
- Reps from subgroup to attend all Neighbourhood Networks and share outcomes framework, building consensus for shared outcomes
- Link with Subgroup on Employment & Skills to coordinate workplan

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc.)

- Rising COVID case numbers has led to large numbers of people self-isolating as contacts, causing workforce disruption across most agencies
- Remains some confusion around what is permitted at current COVID tier. This continues to hinder reopening of some services.
- Some important community spaces remain closed or appointment only e.g. libraries.



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Wider factors/influencers (i.e. legislative changes)

Community engagement undertaken

- Chair of the subgroup (Mike Massaro-Mallinson) and public health practitioner (Katrina Smith) attended the Almond Neighbourhood Network meeting on 16th June to share work of the subgroup
- Attendance of Chair at future meeting of other NN to tba in the next quarter. Attendance also proposed at Community Council meetings.

Case study examples – please complete for any examples of success/good practice that has been achieved to date under this priority

The subgroup has spent time on developing a common understanding of the themes and priority areas. There are many activities happening across the NW locality that will contribute to the shared outcomes identified. The idea of the framework is that different organisations, groups and forums across the locality will be able to see how their own work on social isolation fits in with others and contributes to the bigger picture, without feeling that a work plan is imposed, or that they need to try to do everything. For this reason consensus building around the framework is very important, and strengthening the relationships and trust within the whole NW locality “network” is a core activity of the subgroup.

For LCPP delivery group to complete

Date considered:

Is the priority on track? Y/N

Any decisions to be taken? (i.e. change of actions, escalation)

Feedback to lead officer (if any)

DRAFT

NWLCP: Reducing Social Isolation in NW Edinburgh (draft 19.07.21)

We reach these groups

- Families on low incomes
- Young people
- New parents and young families
- Isolated older people
- Carers
- Those who are housebound
- Those with no recourse to public funds
- Those who are struggling with stress/distress

To address these issues

- Changes in life circumstances can be isolating and social networks can shift
- People don't always know about activities and support available
- People lack confidence to make new connections and take part
- Opportunities for connection and support are not always available or accessible

Our activities

- Support the remobilisation of services and activities following the COVID19 pandemic
- Raise awareness of existing opportunities to connect
- Reduce impact of barriers to participation (inc. financial, digital inclusion, frailty)
- Link with and support the actions of the LIP Employment and Skills workstream to promote welfare and employability advice
- Increase social prescribing, including green prescribing
- Increase opportunities for befriending/ companionship, and peer support
- Promote "everyday" techniques to improve mental wellbeing and resilience

Our short-term outcomes

- A wide range of activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing are available in NW
- People can easily find out about activities that interest them
- People are able to access support that is right for them
- People feel confident to take part in varied activities and meet people
- People have strong social networks

How we work:

- We work in a spirit of collaboration and learning.
- We foster good relationships and trust.
- We start from local knowledge and context.
- We build on community resilience, rather than statutory interventions or services.
- We recognise that all ages and groups can be affected by social isolation at different stages of life.
- We consider how our activities can best help to reduce poverty and inequality.

Our medium-term outcomes*

- Vulnerable members of our communities feel less isolated and more engaged with community life and key organisations, helping improve mental and physical wellbeing

** As set out in the North West Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) 2017-2022. The LIP is a legislative requirement of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and a key responsibility of the Edinburgh Partnership.*

NW Locality Planning Partnership
Social Isolation and Loneliness Subgroup
Terms of Reference

The NW Locality Planning Partnership

The NW Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) introduced in December 2019 has responsibility for the development and delivery of the NW Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) 2017-2022. The LCPP comprises a broad range of statutory and non-statutory agencies and community representatives. In December 2020, a revised LIP for each of the city localities was agreed by The Edinburgh Partnership. The revised NW LIP presents a renewed focus on achieving better outcomes for communities and individuals in NW Edinburgh and reducing inequalities, building on the creative action and community resilience shown in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

NW Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) Theme 1 – Social Isolation

Within the NW LIP, the first theme focuses on social isolation with the following outcome and associated high-level actions:

Outcome:

Vulnerable members of our communities feel less isolated and more engaged with community life and key organisations, helping improve mental and physical wellbeing

High Level Actions:

- Identify vulnerable people building in work done during Covid pandemic supplemented by a local survey
- Build on the recent Covid community resilience activity, rather than statutory/clinical interventions or services
- Develop and promote a wide range of activities promoting mental and physical health and wellbeing targeted to those most at risk of social isolation
- Support vulnerable people to access available benefits and entitlements
- Dissemination combining community led and peer review through events, publications and webinars.

Duration

The current Locality Improvement Plan implementation period runs until 31 March 2022. The subgroup acknowledges this date but expects the collaboration, learning and activities of this subgroup to extend past this (see Purpose No. 7 below).

The Social Isolation subgroup

Social isolation is the result of many real-life interactions and factors. The subgroup recognises this complexity and that it is the collective action of many agencies, communities and individuals that together can achieve the stated outcome, not the action of one single organisation or service.

The purpose of the group is to:

1. Provide collective leadership for work on the social isolation theme in order to make best use of opportunities and overcome challenges as they arise.
2. Maintain an overview of the diverse activity going on across the locality that contributes to achieving the stated outcome and consider this activity within the context of available evidence about what works to reduce social isolation.
3. Agree and progress a range of actions that contributes to the prevention of social isolation and immediate support for people experiencing social isolation now.
4. Support, share and build on good practice across partners and the locality.
5. Link strategies and high-level plans with actions on the ground.
6. Provide updates to the NW LCPP in accordance with their schedule
7. Shape further iterations of the locality improvement plan so that addressing social isolation remains a priority

The group adopts the following principles:

- We work in a spirit of collaboration and learning, building good relationships and trust.
- We are open to others who wish to participate in the group and provide opportunities to do so
- Our actions start from local knowledge and context
- We recognize the individual strengths and roles of group members as a powerful resource
- We consider our language carefully and recognize that not everyone will identify with the same language to describe social isolation or social connection

Governance

The Social Isolation group will report to the NW Locality Community Planning Partnership, which in turn reports to the Edinburgh Partnership.

Meeting frequency

Approximately every 6 weeks, or more often as necessary.

Membership

Name	Role	Organisation
Alan Hill	Station Commander	Fire Scotland
Alison Leitch	Area Lead (North Edinburgh)	Community Link Worker network
Biddy Kelly	Managing Director	Fresh Start
Dawn Anderson	Co-chair	Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum
Douglas Samuel	Chief Executive	The Spartans Community Football Academy
Katrina Smith	Public Health Practitioner	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Liz McIntosh	Co-chair	Almond & Western Voluntary Sector Forum
Liz Simpson	Senior Health Promotion Specialist	NHS Lothian
Mike Massaro-Mallinson (Chair)	North West Locality Manager	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Paul Powrie	Public Health Practitioner	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Sarah Taylor	Chief Inspector	Police Scotland (Edinburgh)
Scott Donkin	Service Manager, Lifelong Learning	City of Edinburgh Council
Tommy McLean	Co-chair	Almond & Western Voluntary Sector Forum



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NW LIP Priority 3 – North Edinburgh: Update

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. At its meeting on 27 May 2021, the North West Locality Community Planning Partnership requested that they be provided with clarity on the lead and reporting arrangements for the LIP Priority 3 – North Edinburgh. Following the meeting, discussions were held with the Co-Chairs of the LCPP and with the Voluntary Sector Forum representatives in order to agree the best way forward.
- 1.2. This paper seeks to provide clarity on the partnership arrangements which will be put in place in order to take forward, deliver and report back on commitments and actions promoted in priority 3. It also outlines how partners will develop and deliver the actions in the Plan over the next 14 months.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The LCPP is recommended to:
- 2.2. Note the LCPP Voluntary Sector Forum representatives will continue to lead on LIP priority 3;
- 2.3. Note that Lifelong Learning Services will provide ongoing support and lead as required in gathering information and evidence of activity for priority 3 in order to enable regular progress reports to the LCPP;
- 2.4. Note partner's plans to focus activity on the development and delivery of activities to combat poverty and inequality in North Edinburgh and to capture evidence of progress from the broad scope of voluntary and community organisations that are working towards this ambition in North Edinburgh;
- 2.5. Receive a further report on progress at the next NW LCPP meeting.

3. Main Report

- 3.1. Since agreement was reached by the NW LCPP at its meeting on 17th December 2020 to appoint the Voluntary Sector Forum representatives as lead for priority 3 in the LIP, there have been a number of continuing conversations amongst partners and at the LCPP itself which have resulted in a need for further clarity on the arrangements which will take forward the work involved.



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- 3.2. It is recognised that the Voluntary Sector Forum representatives who are members of the NW LCPP will act as lead for this priority and will therefore take the lead role in providing progress updates to the LCPP. However, it is important to note that the work required to deliver against the commitments in priority 3 is broad and involves a wide number of voluntary and community organisations, including statutory and third sector organisations that sit outwith the Voluntary Sector Forum. As such, the NW Lifelong Learning Services team will lead alongside the VSF reps to link with the wide range of partners that will contribute towards the work to realise this priority and in the evidence gathering required to demonstrate progress and fulfil the requirement to provide quarterly progress reports to the LCPP.
- 3.3. In reporting back progress to the LCPP, the information received can also be shared across the LIP priorities 1 and 2 as direct contributors to those priorities and help to create a larger picture of associated and connected activity.
- 3.4. It is also recognised that there is some overlap between membership of the North Edinburgh Covid Response and Recovery Group and the Voluntary Sector Forum and with other network groups such as the NW Locality Operational Group, the Children's and Young People's Network, and the Forth and Almond Neighbourhood Networks amongst others and the aim would be to ensure that the key work which all of these organisations are undertaking is reflected in the development and delivery of activity and in the evidence gathering process. This will also include other smaller community groups providing services which may not be directly involved with the networks specifically referenced but provide important contributions towards meeting the outcomes in priority 3. It is therefore important to note that the partnership work impacting on this priority differs to the other two priorities in the NW LIP in that it will be coordinated and delivered across a number of partnership groupings rather than in one single network, reflecting the desire to work with already established local forums where possible.
- 3.5. It is important to note that there will be challenges in securing buy in from partners to assist with reporting into this LIP priority and that developing an appropriate feedback template will be crucial in overcoming this. It is hoped that the development of this work will realise some benefits for organisations involved which could include:
 - Helping to establish a combined picture of service impact across the North communities;
 - Serve to highlight the key contributions that the voluntary sector make towards tackling the persistent issues experienced by individuals and communities in the North;
 - Linking activity to strategic process and supporting the identification of potential service gaps;
 - Help to establish the development of a local satisfaction survey (LIP Measure)



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3.6 It is proposed that further and more detailed dialogue is required amongst key partners on how the development work and information gathering will be taken forward for the priority but that this be undertaken over the coming months and reported back to the NW LCPP.

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