



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

North East Locality Community Planning Partnership

Thursday 19 August 2021, 10am
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Agenda

1. Welcome/ apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting- 5 May 2021
3. Action tracker
4. Locality Improvement Plan
 - a. Priority 1- Employability update- circulated progress update
 - b. Priority 2- Health and wellbeing opportunities/ social connectedness- Angela Lindsay
 - c. Priority 3 – Safe & welcoming places to live update- Chief Inspector Murray Tait/ Evelyn Kilmurry
5. Neighbourhood Networks Update
 - a. Leith NN- Douglas Tharby
 - b. Craigentiny & Duddingston NN- Councillor Alex Staniforth
 - c. Portobello & Craigmillar NN- Evelyn Kilmurry
6. Edinburgh Partnership Update
7. AOB
8. DONM



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NORTH EAST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 5 May 2021: 14.00 – 15:30

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Members present

Maria Arnold	Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council (EVOC)
Willy Barr	Citadel Youth Centre
Moyra Burns	NHS Lothian
Councillor Mary Campbell	City of Edinburgh Council
Fiona Nicholson	Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
Rachel Green (Convener)	The Ripple Project
Commander Stuart Gunn	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Evelyn Kilmurry	City of Edinburgh Council
Angela Lindsay	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP)
Chief Inspector Murray Tait	Police Scotland
Douglas Tharby	Leith Neighbourhood Network

In attendance

Julie Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council (note)
Suzanne Donkin	City of Edinburgh Council (presentation)

Apologies

Councillor Alex Staniforth	City of Edinburgh Council
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1. Welcome and Apologies

As above

2. Minutes of Meeting – 28 January 2021

The note was agreed.

3. Action Tracker

Decision

1. The action tracker will be updated.

4. Locality Improvement Plan (LIP)

a) General update- LIP Quarterly Progress Report template/ LIP Exception Report (see attached papers) – Evelyn Kilmurry

Evelyn advised that since the previous NE LCPP in January a Culture and Communities meeting had taken place, 16 March, where she presented the four re-framed LIPs. There was a healthy discussion about the plans and about how Covid-19 might impact them. The Committee agreed the plans and the next steps which are –

- Further work on more detailed action plans
- Work to align high level performance indicators with city plan indicators
- How economic recovery will be reflected in the plans

In terms of the NE LIP a meeting of workstream leads had taken place to look at where and how priorities overlap. Lauren Browne-Islam presented on Health Inequalities, looking at how each of the other priorities can have an impact on mental health. This group will meet regularly and work collaboratively across the priorities.

Workstream leads have been populating action plans with more detail on how the high-level actions will be achieved. This aligns with the work of pulling together sub-groups to take this work forward.

Evelyn referenced the report templates that had been circulated with the papers. They are modelled on the approach that has been adopted by the Edinburgh Partnership in terms of reporting. These

will support regular updates to the LCPP as well as deep dive themed meetings and will be useful in collating annual reporting data.

There was general agreement that these templates would be useful. Mary queried the escalation report and how this would work in practice. Evelyn advised that it would depend on the barrier identified. She added that if any barriers impacting on the ability to deliver on commitments in the plan are identified then they should be recorded in the exception report, however, there should be constant communication between members if they are experiencing challenges.

Decision

1. For the NE LIP workstream leads to use the reporting templates to ensure that members of the NE LCPP are kept updated on progress

b) Focussed update – priority 1 - (presentation) - Susie Donkin

Provide targeted support and early interventions for young people and their families who are most in need in order to improve their access to opportunities which lead to positive destinations and help to maximise income.

Susie spoke to the presentation (attached). Providing a deep dive on priority 1. Firstly, looking at the impacts of Covid-19 in Edinburgh and within the locality.

The presentation covers areas including Edinburgh's employability contracts and the Edinburgh Guarantee which Susie advised has been reinvigorated and will be launched shortly with a new website. The programme will now be for all ages and it is hoped that employers will be encouraged to remove qualifications barriers.

Susie advised that in terms of employability within Edinburgh there is a 'No wrong door' approach where delivery partners work collectively to connect young people to opportunities.

Decision

1. Julie to circulate slides
2. Susie to provide a breakdown of organisations funded under NEST: 3rd party grants
3. Susie to provide breakdown of numbers of people supported within the locality

c) Priority 2 – Social Connectedness Update – Angela Lindsay

Enable access to health and wellbeing opportunities, activities & social networks for people who are vulnerable and in poverty in order to restore, maintain or improve their quality of life and social connectedness.

Angela advised that a high-level action plan had been developed but required some refinement, this would be shared at the next meeting of the LCPP. The first meeting of the Health & Wellbeing LIP planning group had taken place and the membership has been refreshed.

In terms of activity –

- The group want to link in and support work that has been happening during and as a result of Covid-19 and have been listening to people including their challenges and capacity.
- There has been engagement both in-person and online but digital poverty remains an issue.
- Connections have been made with The Heart of Newhaven, a new partner.
- There has been activity in supporting the development of The Craigmillar Festival which hasn't taken place for a number of years.
- A reflective learning event is being planned for September
- Work is taking place with Lifting Neighbourhoods Together
- Relationships are being rebuilt as the Covid-19 situation eases

Decision

1. Angela to arrange meeting re mental health activity with Graeme Mollon, Linda Irvine-Fitzpatrick and Rachel.
2. Deep dive on priority 2 for next NE LCPP – Lauren Browne-Islam to be invited.

d) Priority 3 – Chief Inspector Murray Tait and Evelyn Kilmurry

Support and strengthen communities where poverty is highest to improve and maintain inclusive, safe and welcoming places to live.

Murray advised that in relation to the action on domestic abuse and coercive control, Inspector Colin Fordyce is leading a small group on how to take this training forward. It will be IT based and it is hoped that it can be extended out across the locality to a range of employers to raise staff awareness.

A meeting will take place week commencing 10 May in relation to driving forward action against hate crime.

Murray reported that from a policing perspective crime rates have dropped during the period of lockdown but anti-social behaviour has risen, this includes illegal parties and domestic incidents. A North East Anti-Social Behaviour Group has been formed, this is a cross-partner group and they will meet on a monthly basis to drill down into specific cases and themed areas, working together to tackle issues.

In relation to the place themed actions Evelyn reported the following –

Northfield – A steering group has been convened to take forward the work in relation to environmental improvements in the Northfield area. Collective Architects have been appointed to undertake initial feasibility work and high level design plans will go out for community consultation in due course.

Magdalene – The former Magdalene Matters group is to merge with the Community Renewal Community Forum in Magdalene and a joined up improvement plan for the area will be produced.

North Cairntow – Libby Strong has been leading on this work for some time and positive work has been carried out with the Gypsy Traveller community.

Work has been progressing in the area of community growing and this is now linked in with community benefits funding. Officers are keen to support local community groups across the Locality with community growing projects.

5. Neighbourhood Network (NN) Update

Craigentiny and Duddingston (C&D) neighbourhood network met on 26 April. A virtual map of Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEPs) spend was shared. Evelyn had provided an update on LIP activity. There was some discussion around having an NN representative on the LCPP and some interest was shown, this will be followed up by the Lifelong Learning Services team.

Portobello and Craigmillar neighbourhood network has not yet met but Evelyn has been in touch with Councillor Maureen Child and a meeting is expected to take place in due course.

Douglas advised that Leith neighbourhood network met on 29 April. The agenda was similar to that of C&D. The network has over 100 contacts.

Douglas added that a citywide meeting of NN representatives had taken place on 23 February. No follow up report had been received as yet.

Decision

1. Evelyn will follow up on an LCPP rep from C&D NN
2. Douglas to update on Seafield when possible

6. Edinburgh Partnership Update

In Michele's absence Evelyn agreed to circulate some bullet points from the previous EP Board meeting on 23 March provided by Paula McLeay, Senior Policy and Insight Manager. There was some discussion about how to link together the strategic EP Board issues

including empowerment, participatory budgeting etc with the work of the LCPP and how the LCPP could contribute to these areas and how the updates could provide a link. Rachel suggested in a similar way to the LIP priorities that deep dives on particular themes could be arranged.

Evelyn commented that the EP Board papers could be circulated to LCPP members and that from this, members could identify themes on which a deep dive could be arranged.

Decision

1. EP Board papers to be circulated to members

7. DONM TBC

Number	Date	Topic	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
1	30-Sep-19	Substitutes	All members to identify appropriate person to be named as their substitute	All	05-Dec		on-going
2	30-Sep-19	Substitutes	Neighbourhood Networks to consider at their next session how they want to identify substitute	Douglas	05-Dec		NN to agree representation/ subs
3	30-Sep-19	Portobello & Craigmillar NN representative	Councillor Staniforth to discuss with Councillor Campbell.	Alex	05-Dec		Discussed at Feb meeting - prompt to be sent to NN by Locality Office
4	27-Feb-20	Tracker	NN emailing question to be taken forward as a matter of priority	Evelyn	ASAP		To be picked up as part of refreshed NN discussions
5	27-Feb-20	EP Governance Paper	SA to take back questions (above) to the CPST	Sam	ASAP		
6	27-Feb-20	LIP progress report	Further discussion around whether there is a way to capture whether a difference is being made to those experiencing poverty and inequality as a result of the LIPs.	All			Ongoing- Context of performance framework discussions
7	27-Feb-20	NE LIP Review Progress Update	MA/ SC/ WB/ RG to work together on mapping input to the newly reframed LIP priorities	Maria, Susan, Rachel & Willie	Next meeting		
8	14-Oct	Locality Improvement Plan	Revised priorities for the NE Locality Improvement Plan to be shared with the three Neighbourhood Networks	EK			To be picked up as part of refreshed NN discussions/ C&D & Leith NN's rec'd update

9	14-Oct	Locality Improvement Plan	Partners to identify delivery groups / methods to take forward priorities and develop more detailed working plans to deliver actions	All	Dec 20 onwards		Ongoing
10	28-Jan	Thrive Project	LIF agreed to circulate to the group results of an evaluation on initial conversations and progress.	LIF			
11	05-May-21	LIP (priority 1)	Julie Circ slides	JD			
12	05-May-21	LIP (priority 1)	Susie to provide a breakdown of organisations funded under NEST: 3 rd party grants	SD			
13	05-May-21	LIP (priority 1)	Susie to provide breakdown of numbers of people supported within the locality	SD			
14	05-May-21	LIP (priority 2)	Angela to arrange meeting re mental health activity with Graeme Mollon, Linda Irvine-Fitzpatrick and Rachel.	AL			
15	05-May-21	LIP (priority 2)	Deep dive on priority 2 for next NE LCPP – Lauren Browne Islam to be invited.	JD			
16	05-May-21	Neighbourhood Networks	Evelyn will follow up on an LCPP rep from C&D NN	EK			
17	05-May-21	Neighbourhood Networks	Douglas to update on Seafield when possible	DT			



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LIP quarterly progress report

Date of LCPP group for consideration:

Lead officer: Susie Donkin

Priority theme: Theme 1 – Targeted support and early intervention for young people and their families

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

- Planning under way with partners to develop employability signposting/ upskilling sessions for locally based, customer facing staff – this was delayed due to other priorities but back on track for an event in September;
- Youth Talk pre-engagement planning took place with main partners. Audit of local and citywide employability provision completed. This event is delayed due to previous covid restrictions – main event likely to take place in December;
- Through partnership working with Skills Development Scotland and the local high schools, the majority of school leavers who did not have a planned positive destination were signposted to the Activity Agreement team for onward referral to relevant employability activity.
- The post school employability offer has been strengthened by funding from Scottish Government through the Young Person's Guarantee. This has enable us to provide additional places in the local Activity Agreement Hubs – operated by the Citadel in Leith and now, Barnardos in the greater Craigmillar area - for increased referrals and to provide enhanced mental health support to young people who require additional support to progress into further education, training or employment.
- There have also been a number of partner meetings to address the fall in school leaver positive destination results for some schools in the locality this year. This led to a number of new activities being developed to ensure that there was activity available for every young person. This has included additional sector-based training available through FUSE at the St James Quarter and more key worker support through the Young Person's Guarantee team.

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

- First employability signposting/upskilling session to take place with locality staff;
- Youth Talk steering group to be formed with representation from all locality high schools and plans for main event further developed;
- Planning for wider jobs, training and employability event to take place – first physical event likely to take place in January.



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Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

We have had a challenge in securing a new delivery partner for the Activity Agreement Hub previously operated by Community Renewal. They withdrew from providing this service at the end of June and we carried out a small grants process with a very quick turnaround to secure a new provider. Delighted to say that we now have Barnardos delivering the Activity Agreement provision in the Greater Craigmillar area and there has been no break in service delivery.

However, they are having issues securing premises locally for meeting with young people – due to continuing covid restrictions and also cost implications. If you know of any organisations/ premises where they could access a small meeting space – free of charge/ in kind contribution, please do let me know.

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

Additional funding from Scottish Government should give access to a wider variety of opportunities for school leavers and other young people who have had their chances impacted through covid-19. From access to paid work experience placements, an employer recruitment incentives available to employers who can support a young person with barriers to sustaining employment, and from additional sectoral training programmes to targeted mental health support, young people will be supported to take part in ongoing activities to stop them from becoming long term unemployed, hence impacting on their employment outcomes for years to come.

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

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)

City of Edinburgh Council funded employability third party grants

Grants of up to £75k per year awarded for three years from April 2019 – March 2022.

Project Name	Summary	Locality	Target group
Access to Industry (EdinMe)	Key work support for young people with mental health problems, leading to an employability award and onward referral	Citywide	Disadvantaged Young People (Mental Health)
Action for Children (Reach Out)	Service for young people aged 16-24 who have poor education outcomes. Small groups will go through vocational learning programme and develop action plans.	Citywide	Disadvantaged Young People
Action for Children (Youthbuild)	Structured programme for 16-24-year olds leading to careers in the construction industry. There is a paid work placement element of the programme.	Citywide	Disadvantaged Young People
All Cleaned Up (Clean 2 Change)	Industrial cleaning sector based academy - range of tickets such as CSCS, forklift, first aid, PAT for people with convictions	Citywide	People with Convictions
Broomhouse Centre (South West Edinburgh Employability Training (Sweet) Project)	Café training project offering accredited SQA modules to people at Stage 1 and 2 of the pipeline.	SW	Those with Multiple Barriers to employment
Canongate Youth (The Gate)	Employability programme for young people aged 16-24 at Stage 1 of the pipeline particularly targeting those with mental health problems and experience of care.	Citywide	Those with Multiple Barriers to employment
CHAI (Employability and Support Project)	Service in SW Edinburgh for people who are not job ready. Employability support through group work and one to one sessions.	SW	Those with Multiple Barriers to employment
Citadel Youth Centre (Futureheads)	YP 16-21 in NE Edinburgh who are at Stage 2 of the pipeline. Careers café, employability skills and volunteering placement	NE	Disadvantaged Young People
Community Renewal (Employment Safety Net)	Early pipeline stage support for young people aged 16-24 in deprived areas. Group work and one to one support. Based in NE Edinburgh	NE/NW	Disadvantaged Young People

Cyrenians (Foundations to Employment)	Holistic support for people with multiple barriers to work, including those with criminal convictions, mental health/trauma, substance misuse etc.	Citywide	Those with Multiple Barriers to employment
Cyrenians (Key to Potential)	Programme for young people aged 16+ who are in danger of negative destinations on leaving school	Citywide	Disadvantaged Young People
Dunedin Canmore (EVOLS)	Outdoor learning programme for young people aged 16-24 who have barriers to work. Leads to a level 4 rural skills course.	SE/SW	Disadvantaged Young People
Impact Arts (Bridges Project)	An integrated programme of creative learning activities, supporting young people at Stages 1-2 (aged 16-25), opportunity to gain SQA accreditation	Citywide	Disadvantaged Young People
LINKNet (Mentoring for Employment Training Project)	BAME clients including refugees. One to one mentoring focusing on employability skills	Citywide	People from Ethnic Minority Community
Support @ Work (Support @ Work)	Employment rights and responsibilities project linked to ETUC. Provides case work support and representation for clients accessing NHS or employability service in Edinburgh	Citywide	In work
Volunteer Edinburgh (Voluntary Work Coach)	Clients aged 16+ who have multiple barriers to work and stage 5 clients who are experiencing in work poverty. Supported volunteering and employability course	Citywide	Those with Multiple Barriers to employment
WorkingRite (Leith Pioneers)	Focus on NE and SW Edinburgh. Induction programme followed by a mentored work placement.	NE / SW	Disadvantaged Young People

LIP quarterly progress report

Date of LCPP group for consideration: 19 Aug 2021

Lead officer: Angela Lindsay

Priority theme: Health and Wellbeing

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

- shared information about local in-person and virtual opportunities, activities/groups, support and services with internal staff, public and third sector partners through our NE Wellbeing Network and with communities;
- promoted social opportunities (e.g. Bethany's befriending programme), volunteering opportunities (e.g. Craigmillar & Niddrie Community Festival) and training/educational opportunities for local people, especially for those population groups deemed vulnerable or at-risk (e.g. people living in more deprived areas, unpaid carers, people with disabilities, people from BME backgrounds, people who are socially isolated);
- raised awareness of the Connect Here Community Resources Directory and gave people the opportunity to provide feedback on its content and layout;
- had discussions with Linda Irvine Fitzpatrick about the potential of combining iThrive and Connect Here
- supported local organisations and community members in their development and coordination of a Craigmillar & Niddrie Community Festival this August;
- maintained a relationship with the NE Older People's Service Providers Network and utilised it as a forum for identifying community needs and barriers and learning about good practice related to promoting social connectedness;
- provided input into the development of The Heart, Newhaven's community hub (Victoria Primary School Community Asset Transfer) to ensure that it contributes to meeting the needs of local communities;
- facilitated professional connections, progressed governance and data sharing arrangements and agreed some staff time and resource donations for the Lifting Neighbourhoods Together pilot project (coordinated by Community Renewal) in Bingham, Magdalene and The Hays in order to put in place a new model of frontline, inter-disciplinary working that is responsive to people's needs, preferences and long-term goals.

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

- Assess the potential for holding in-person or virtual networking/information sharing events like we did before the pandemic hit
- Facilitate reflective learning event in Sept to take stock of the last year, to get an overview of the work currently being done locally to connect people, to identify good practices and opportunities that we can build on and to decide on priority actions for partnership work moving forward.
- Work with Pilton Community Health Project, PoLHA and other interested partners to assess the potential for facilitating Health Issues in the Community courses to inspire people to improve their health and wellbeing and that of their community
- Help ensure that the Craigmillar & Niddrie Community Festival is a success
- Support the further development and design of The Heart community hub as it progresses

- Finalise governance and data sharing arrangements and agree staff time and resource donations for the Lifting Neighbourhoods Together project
- Finalise arrangements for a permanent funding stream for our NE Community Navigator
- Work more closely with the newly appointed Edinburgh Public Health Lead and her team for the City/ Locality on shared ambitions such as social connectedness

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

- Lack of capacity and energy amongst internal and external partners to get involved in new pieces of partnership work
- Joining the dots between all the strategies being developed/rolled out that work to improve physical and mental health and wellbeing by addressing and preventing health inequalities
- Lack of budget to implement the LIP, although Community Mobilisation will be an opportunity going forward

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

The economic and health impact of the pandemic and associated restrictions have widened health inequalities, so we are working in a much more difficult context than before the pandemic, while facing increased demand on public services and strained finances.

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

The Craigmillar & Niddrie Community Festival was successfully held on 14-15 August 2021 and was planned in around 6 months with a range of partners across the sectors and community members who all recognised the importance of bringing the community together after a difficult year and a half. The aim was to celebrate 100 years since Greater Craigmillar joined the boundary of the city of Edinburgh. It looked at Greater Craigmillar now and then and shared the rich social and cultural history of the areas, whilst also celebrating the diverse communities and cultures that make up Greater Craigmillar today. This event was part of a revival of the famous Craigmillar Festival which has not been held since 2015, but ran for over 40 years since the 1960s as an internationally renowned community arts festival every August. There was a range of performances, outdoor events, food stalls, workshops, wandering musicians, window decorations, exhibitions, tree planting and more.

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)

LIP exception report

Date considered at LCPP group:

Date of Edinburgh Partnership Board:

Priority theme:

Lead officer:

Summary of actions completed to date

Reason for escalation:

Action required from LCPP:

**LIP quarterly progress report**

Date of LCPP group for consideration: 19 August 2021

Lead officer: Libby Strong/ PI Colin Fordyce

Priority theme: **Theme 3 – Support and strengthen communities where poverty is highest to improve and maintain inclusive, safe and welcoming places to live.**

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

North Cairntow- Planning and building warrant process was concluded and following the completion of the procurement phase of the programme Committee delegated the authority to award the contract for the NCT redevelopment programmed. The NCT Project Group meetings have resumed in partnership with residents via an online platform, supported by MECOPP in sourcing reconditioned Ebooks and laptops. Residents have been consulted on the interior furnishings of the chalets and a bid has been developed for Scottish Government funding to support the Place Making approach towards redeveloping the site.

Northfield Environmental Improvements- A new Northfield Grove Steering Group was established with membership including local councillors, community representatives, Collective Architects and council officers from Housing, Roads, Waste, Parks, Active Travel and Planning. The Group has met 3 times and has: received initial design proposals and costings for planned environmental improvements to the Northfield area from Collective Architects; provided detailed feedback on the proposals; agreed a community engagement programme and materials; secured additional funding to enable project delivery.

Magdalene- An officers working group has met to develop a consultation newsletter for tenants and residents with an overview of work to reposition the street based communal bins at Magdalene Avenue/Drive. Also, the next phase of the programme has focusing on the external improvements planned and to be agreed by residents at the identified blocks at Magdalene Drive and Gardens. Detailed information is being prepared for property owners on estimated costs, advice on payments and the Tenement Management Scheme voting/appeals system. A future phase of consultation is currently on hold in the interim relating to the back greens and open space throughout the estate.

Community Growing- Work is taking place to explore the scope and market interest to procure a provider to manage Council owned community gardens and to develop capacity and uptake of future community gardens and food growing areas that will be supported by the HRA.

Locally officers are continuing to support interest in resident led applications for community gardens or smaller scale projects for informal community space in partnership with Community Renewal.



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Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

North Cairntow- Residents will move off site into temporary accommodation to ensure a clear site by end of March 2022. Demolition, ground preparation, utility installation and build to begin 18 April 2022. Off site build of the chalets will see a phased delivery over summer 2022.

Northfield Environmental Improvements- Deliver the community engagement in Northfield through on street presence, letter drop, noticeboard information and postal feedback. Consultation hub information to go live. Gather and consider feedback from engagement and update proposals.

Magdalene- A tailored newsletter will be prioritised for residents in the buildings being developed to reach agreement of the programme of works including roof upgrade, render and window/door replacement, to ensure homes are warm and energy efficient. On agreement this work is planned to begin early 2022. This work will include estimated costs for property owners and advice available to support.

Community Growing- The planning and delivery of community garden at Niddrie House as part of a wider HRS Capital programme of works currently undergoing procurement. Officers are continuing to support requests to use plots of Council land for communal use, wild meadow flowers etc.

Deliver Domestic Abuse Training – Reinvigorate Dom Abuse training within CEC.

Further progress in the developing Dom Abuse training, with Domestic Abuse Task Force, suitable for distribution to the private sector in line with SG and partners.

Tackling ASB - Identify opportunities for early intervention through existing and newly identified working action group.

Consult with Community Groups and identify ASB issues and suggested solutions.

Engage with Community in areas affected by ASB.

Identify persistent offenders.



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Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

North Cairntow- Through working in partnership with MECOPP we are supporting residents with temporary accommodation tailored to their needs. Residents have reported concerns on experiencing challenges around accessing lets in the private rented market. Work is taking place to reach out to other Local Authorities to identify number of vacant pitches and arrangements are being made for storage of caravans, white goods and belongings for those residents looking to go into Council temporary accommodation. Funding is being sourced via the Scottish Welfare Fund to cover the cost of interim furniture for unfurnished tenancies.

Northfield Environmental Improvements- Timescales to deliver the project within the current financial year are very tight. There are additional challenges in delivering improvements in mixed tenure blocks where private owners may not agree or be supportive of the changes.

Magdalene- Consultation will focus on building improvements to reach agreement on the scope of works and costs. Property owners in the stairs identified have the right to appeal share costs and this could present a delay in delivery of these works scheduled to start early 2022.

Community Growing- The main challenge is the availability of active Resident and Tenants Groups with an interest in community growing and the onward maintenance of the gardens, when interest abates. Officers are continuing to build capacity where possible.

Deliver Domestic Abuse Training –DA Training paper currently being discussed with SG and partners prior to PSoS Exec sign off. Thereafter Training Package to be rolled out to Domestic Abuse Champions for delivery. Unknown timescales for sign off/roll out.

Tackling ASB - The biggest challenge over the coming months for Police Scotland will be the impact

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

Deliver Domestic Abuse Training – Training package is being developed and funded in cooperation with SG and partners. Timing for roll out is unknown.

Tackling ASB - On-going COVID 19 pandemic legislation and restrictions.

If restrictions are eased we can anticipate a rise in anti-social related issues relating to domestic space, public space and public houses. That said diversionary groups such as youth and social services may be able to provide more “hands on” services than they had been able to.

If restrictions are tightened we can assume anti-social behaviour issues will again move to more domestic settings seeing a potential rise in noise complaints and breaches of restrictions / regulations.



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

Northfield Environmental Improvements - The creation of the Northfield Steering Group has allowed community representatives, officers, and elected members to spend time discussing and developing a shared understanding of the range of issues that local residents face with the common aim of addressing the challenges and making improvements in the area. Additional funding has been secured for the area with the potential of external funding which will maximise the impact of changes made.

Tackling ASB - Resident (Hillcrest Housing)

Resident in newly built flats in the Craightinny area of Edinburgh. Shortly after moving in, complaints were made by neighbours regarding their anti-social behaviour.

Warnings given by police however incidents continued and escalated. Joint visit (Police/Hillcrest) undertaken to resident and other residents. Further incidents reported where resident was charged with various offences. Further visit by FAHST officer and Housing officer where they were again warned regarding behaviour.

Incidents disclosed to Hillcrest and Disclosure request under Disclosure of Information in accordance with Section 139 Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 completed.

Bail conditions requested to not allow them within building for safety of other residents and victim of offences which was granted. They have since been rehoused by Hillcrest.

Tackling Hate Crime - Local CPT have forged relationships with a number of local community groups, including Autism Scotland, People First and Polish Family Support.

Approach was made and intentions set out clearly to create relationships and provide support for all community.

Work continuing with intention to provide face to face inputs re reporting and police support/activity.

Hate Crime is down by 15% year to date. This is taken from a five year average to ensure that effects of COVID on crime reporting are considered.

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Date considered:

Is the priority on track? Y/N

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

Feedback to lead officer (if any)

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Best Value Assurance Audit Improvement Plan

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Edinburgh Partnership Board agreed a paper at its meeting on 23 March 2021 which set out proposed improvement actions to strengthen community planning in the city in response to the findings from the Best Value Assurance Audit.
- 1.2 Following this meeting, the actions were considered by the Edinburgh Partnership Working Group and an improvement plan produced. This paper presents this plan to the Edinburgh Partnership Board for approval.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to:
 - i. approve the improvement plan set out in Appendix 1;
 - ii. note initial progress in implementing the actions; and
 - iii. agree that progress will be subject to regular reporting to the Board.

3. Main Report

- 3.1 The Best Value Assurance Audit identified areas where further improvement was recommended relating to partnership working and community engagement. In framing the response, the Working Group took account of several factors and most notably:
 - the shift in strategic context in the city over the last 12 months with the need for a strong post pandemic response to recovery which is fair, sustainable and delivers more resilient and healthy places to live;
 - opportunities to build on the strong foundation of collaborative working between statutory, voluntary and communities' sectors realised during the pandemic response;
 - recent and current activity by the Edinburgh Partnership, notably the review of the governance arrangements, and the ongoing development of the local outcome improvement plan and revised locality improvement plans; and
 - the existing programme of development and improvement activity underway including the development of the performance framework and associated measures.

- 3.2 The resulting strategic actions, agreed by the Board in March 2021, are now presented in an improvement plan appended to this report. The actions are grouped under three key themes as follows:
- Governance to deliver outcomes
 - Ways of working and strengthening the role of the community and voluntary sector
 - Community empowerment
- 3.3 The implementation plan sets out the key deliverables under each of these themes, together with milestones, timescales and measures of success. Notably it identifies a range of lead agencies demonstrating the joint approach and shared ownership which is critical to partnership working.
- 3.4 In tandem to developing the plan, work to take forward the activity has been progressing, with this including:
- initial proposal for reframing of LOIP Priority 3 a 'Good Place to Live' considered by the LOIP Delivery Group and presented to the Board elsewhere on this agenda;
 - workshop 'Joining the Dots' held with key public and third sector partners to consider future alignment of activity to deliver the 20 minute neighbourhood and third and community sector thematic priorities;
 - senior management structure approved by Council leading way to creation of Empowerment Team within the new Culture and Wellbeing Division of the Council Place Directorate;
 - neighbourhood network activity resumed across the city. This was informed by a city wide session involving representatives drawn from each of the networks which considered the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on communities and joint working across the city. The session was designed to help shape the future development of each of the networks and next steps in improving ways of working, whilst recognising that individual networks will evolve to meet the needs of their local communities.
 - meeting planned between the City of Edinburgh Council and the EACC to take forward the development of a collaborative framework; and
 - work ongoing to develop the new End Poverty Edinburgh citizens group with a proposal presented to the Board elsewhere on the agenda to provide the necessary infrastructure support.
- 3.5 The improvement plan is presented for approval, with the intention to provide regular updates of progress to future meetings of the Edinburgh Partnership Board. Detailed actions relating to LOIP Priority 3 will be incorporated within the



LOIP delivery plan which is scheduled to be presented to the Board for agreement in September 2021, together with the revised performance measures.

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Theme	Action	Leads	Milestones	Timescale	Measures of success	Issues to consider
Governance to deliver outcomes	Reviewing the LOIP priority – A good place to live - by June , to reflect a broader definition of health and wellbeing that supports the development and growth of healthy, sustainable communities across the city.	LOIP Delivery Group (Public Health NHS Lothian EIJ, Council leads)		EPB June 2021		
	Develop a partnership plan to deliver the 20-minute neighbourhood model with a focus on shared public, commercial and third sector services models and public service hubs.	Council and EVOC	Share strategic plan with partners for comment Agree design and delivery mechanisms and priority community locations	EPB June <u>Sept</u> 2021	Evidence of partners taking into account 20MNM in own decisions	(e.g. UoE locating new IntoUniversity Centre in White House, Craigmillar – also interested to know more about any plans for Nicolson Street and Tollcross)
Ways of working and strengthening the role of the community and voluntary sector	Coordinate on the development of, and model for, operationalising community anchors (organisations and/or networks), and strengthening community networks cohesion through the co-production of a shared definition and associated tools and processes.	EVOC, IJB, EACC and Council	Developing the task force of partners Development of voluntary sector hub model Development of common definition, tools and processes Develop plan and outline for investment models	May/June <u>action</u> September EPB update		Edinburgh PACT coming to the EPB board meeting in June Need to bring together activity underway in different partner plans eg community mobilisation
	Continue to implement the improvement activity already agreed by the Partnership including developing a model of facilitation and support for community planning, performance and communications.	LOIP Delivery Group (Council Lead)	Delivery Plan in place Priority 2 well developed Priority 1 progressing review for advice services	Updates at EPB June <u>Sept</u>		Resilience and fragility of partnership capacity across partners

	Promote and rally the support of Anchor Institutions and more broadly develop plans to collaborate on the delivery of the Community Wealth Building agenda.	Cec econ dev with Scottish Enterprise	Partnership thinking on community wealth building in a local context – Elin Williamson to facilitate a session on economic footprint of key strategic partners Identify joint value of partnership projects/ activities (case study of bioq, panmure st anns, and potentially Granton?) Identify resources from regional deal	End May June Sept EPB agenda	Measure of new social businesses 5 principles of CWB expressly stated in joint plans between anchor institutions	Avoid risk of duplication and ensure tracking of wider complementary action
Community Empowerment	To strengthen and enhance the Community Empowerment plan in development and ensure it clearly outlines how community influence and involvement in community planning can be supported and increased.	Council EVOC and EACC	Development of draft Community Empowerment Plan Project plan for delivery and key milestones Reflect community work and the summer season of engagement	September / December EPB June – August		
	Strengthen the resourcing and capacity to support Neighbourhood Networks and the LCPPs through the establishment of new Community Empowerment teams by the City of Edinburgh Council; more council staff deployed at community level	Council (Community Empowerment Team)	Resumption of all neighbourhood network activity Increased support to neighbourhood networks/ LCPPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council service review 	Begin engagement June	Attendance of partners at LCPPs Partners formally	Timelines and interim resourcing/support

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of the community empowerment team 		linking in new CEC community empowerment team to own 'community teams'	
	<p>Develop a framework for collaboration with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils and the community councils, to ensure they can fulfil their statutory function in representing local communities and build a productive relationship with all community planning partners and the Council in particular.</p>	Council, EACC	<p>Council paper went to April Committee covering next steps</p> <p>EACC Steering Group members have met twice in anticipation of promised meeting with relevant CEC officers. Areas covered have been community engagement, community empowerment and advocacy/governance.</p> <p>EACC presentation document has been prepared for meeting with CEC officers.</p> <p>Joint engagement process will encompass two meetings prior to the EP Board meeting on 22 June.</p> <p>Develop framework to establish parity ('level</p>	EPB June <u>Sept</u> 2021		Resourcing implications

			playing field' with EVOC			
	Develop future ways of working with the new End Poverty Edinburgh citizens group to ensure that the voices of people with experience of poverty continue to inform the way the Partnership plans and delivers services.	Council (LCPPs), End Poverty Edinburgh, EVOC	<p>Articulate new ways of working with End Poverty Edinburgh group</p> <p>Edinburgh Poverty Alliance appointing capacity to support group</p> <p>EVOC colocation of post</p> <p>Agree outcomes and meaningful plan of engagement on key activities above</p>		<p>Commitment and measurement of partners delivering recs of EPC</p> <p>Rep of EPE attending EPB, or a subgroup?</p>	Clarify timelines – new capacity etc