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North West Locality Community Planning Partnership

Monday 4 October 2021, 9.30am
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Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of Meeting held 27 July 2021 and Action Tracking
3. Edinburgh Partnership Update – Michele Mulvaney
4. Locality Improvement Plan Priorities- Quarterly Reports
 - a. Employment & Skills
 - b. Social Isolation
 - c. North Edinburgh
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 - a. Western
 - b. Forth
 - c. Inverleith
 - d. Almond
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7. Date of Next Meeting



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NORTH WEST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday 27 July 2021: 9.30 – 11:30

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Members present

Joan Beattie	Inverleith Neighbourhood Network Representative
Cllr Claire Bridgeman	City of Edinburgh Council
Ramsay Dow	Skills Development Scotland
Percy Fekety	Almond Neighbourhood Network Representative
Cllr George Gordon	City of Edinburgh Council (Co- chair)
Steve Kerr	Western Neighbourhood Network Representative (Co-chair)
Evelyn Kilmurry	City of Edinburgh Council
Mike Massaro-Mallinson	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Fred Marinello	Forth Neighbourhood Network representative
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Care, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Tommy McLean	Corstorphine Community Centre, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Max Mitchell	City of Edinburgh Council
Heather Yang	Volunteer Edinburgh
Morag Wilson	Stepping Stones, Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Rep

In attendance

Scott Donkin	City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	City of Edinburgh Council
Garry Sneddon (note)	City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Dawn Anderson	Pilton Community Health Partnership, Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Nick Croft	Edinburgh College
Louise Duff	Skills Development Scotland
Alan Hill	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Graham Hutchison	City of Edinburgh Scotland
Joyce McAree	Skills Development Scotland

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above

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

The minutes and action tracking from the previous meeting were approved.

3. Edinburgh Partnership Update – Michele Mulvaney

Michele provided an update on the last Edinburgh Partnership Board meeting. The Board agreed the reframing of LOIP Priority 3 to focus on a public health led approach to place to help tackle poverty and reduce health inequalities. A framework for delivery, together with the performance measures, is expected to be presented to the Board in September. The Board also approved the Best Value Improvement Plan which covers three themes, governance to deliver outcomes, ways of working and strengthening the role of community and voluntary sectors and community empowerment.

4. Locality Improvement Plan Update

- **Employment & Skills**

Evelyn updated the group from a written update received from Nick highlighting: -

- The mapping exercise of NW providers is complete, and we plan to get this information uploaded to CCP website in the next month.
- Near to confirming membership of the sub-group which has proved complex involving over 60 contacts.
- DYW has developed a special programme for summer school leavers to help with employability.
- College and SDS continue to work with young people to apply and enrol at college. We plan to have more students back on campus as of 30 August (semester 1). We are seeing high numbers of applications from the NW area.
- Local jobs fair - organised by Police Scotland has been re-scheduled for April 2022.
- DWP Universal credit claims are up across Edinburgh (unsure about NW specific figure). This is a concern given end of furlough approaching.

- **Social Isolation**

Mike advised that a report has been circulated which highlights the key actions of the steering group with a term of reference and a member list. There is a one-pager showing how activities will improve short and longer-term outcomes. The plan is to use this approach with various groups and the partnership were asked for their approval of this framework. A copy of the approach was included as an appendice.

Almond NN showed real buy-in and Mike proposed to approach each NN and get social isolation on the agenda noting the overlaps with employment. Reference was made to a national report on green prescribing and GP practices and their capacity around managing anxiety.

Both George and Evelyn voiced their support for the proposal and it was hoped that George and Mike could update on progress with this at a future partnership meeting.

- **North Edinburgh**

Evelyn referenced the paper circulated on addressing the priority around 'Poverty and Inequality' in North Edinburgh and explained that this theme is somewhat different and has many different contributors. Evelyn highlighted that the Voluntary Sector at present is under significant pressure and we are still at an initial stage with the overall approaches to this priority theme.

Morag advised that there has been a number of conversations to establish further clarity for this priority including looking closely at how this theme is worded in the LIP. Morag highlighted that she had shared the information with members at a recent Voluntary Sector Forum meeting and around 5 or 6 of those at the meeting showed a willingness in being involved with the work to take forward this priority. One way to benefit from the wealth of work that is already taking place in this area is to link in with the already established information gathering processes e.g. the Poverty Commission looking for annual evidence across different areas such as health, income security etc, with organisations submitting evidence of activity by 31st July. It was suggested the LCPP could link in with this and Evelyn agreed that this could be looked at with a view to reducing pressure on the voluntary organisations involved.

George acknowledged that it would be beneficial to have oversight of the sector and that this work would contribute to that and that it would also help to have a single line of reporting into the Edinburgh Partnership.

Morag – felt that such oversight would help minimise duplication and highlight any gaps as there is a lack of longer-term planning.

5. Neighbourhood Networks Update

- **Western**

This network has met and discussed Social Isolation theme and have a list of projects and actions – mapping exercise is underway and is looking at developing activities around tackling lower level mental health issues. There are around six or seven different groups co-ordinating and

prioritising this area of activity. There has been an update on NEP activities with requests made for notional timelines. There are currently no bids for CG funding. £5k has been set aside for young people to influence projects in the community via 'Youth Decides'. There are challenges around how these projects will be assessed.

- **Forth**

No meeting as yet. Bids required for the CG funding which is capped at £5k to help spread the money wider. Mike will update at the next meeting. There is a need to encourage smaller organisations to apply for funding who might otherwise be put off by the bidding application process as it stands.

- **Inverleith**

NEP Update – there appears to be projects which have been on the list for some time. Joan asked when will these be progressed. A 'Funding Panel' has been agreed with a panelist from each Community Council. A grant has been awarded to Drylaw Community Centre to a sub-group for a community garden and Cllr Osler is seeking volunteers to help get this site up and running. George Gordon offered assistance with this as previously land has been fast-tracked where there is budget to facilitate such initiatives. David Stevenson was named as the best contact for progressing this work.

- **Almond**

Percy highlighted the 16th June meeting (Keith Giblett, David Sinclair in attendance) where NEP roads schemes were discussed. There is 'additional' capital roads funding for this area of £3.5m.

Community Grants funding was made to South Queensferry for PE equipment.

There is a sub-group looking at social isolation and the mapping work is progressing.

Next Almond meeting scheduled for September 2021.

Liz McIntosh pointed out that a meeting with Elaine Lennon was scheduled for 28th July and accepted that contacts may not be up to date because of Covid. Pauline was also supporting this exercise across the groups.

Steve highlighted that in the past the Council facilitated grant workshops where groups were shown the application and bidding process and that this could be an approach reconsidered in the future.

6. AOB

Tommy highlighted VSF activities such as 'Space to Talk' to help people who are struggling to re-engage. There is space in a local café dedicated with a volunteer always on hand to talk to and to help create new networks. There is also 'energise' activities with free classes at a local gym being run in conjunction with VSF available free to 13-16 year olds.

Tommy asked when will Community Centres fully re-open citing a report being provided by the Council. Evelyn explained that there was a phased re-opening already in progress and that the reopening of centres has been complex with significant health and safety considerations such as maximum capacities and risk assessment requirements. Evelyn agreed to provide a list of target reopening dates for the Community Centres in the North West locality.

8. DONM

No date agreed at time of this meeting. The Edinburgh Partnership date is scheduled for 21st September so it would be good for NW LCPP to meet before or just after this date and to agree further future dates.

ACTION (ALL) - Evelyn raised the question of LIP priority leads using the quarterly template for future progress reporting and it was agreed that all leads would provide the first completed templates for the next LCPP meeting.

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	Presentation by Bridie Ashrowan from EVOC	Bridie to come back to subsequent meeting to update on progress	Julie		
3	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	
4	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		
5	27/07/2021	AOB	Evelyn raised the question of LIP priority leads using the quarterly template for future progress reporting and it was agreed that all leads would provide the first completed templates for the next LCPP meeting.	All		



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LIP quarterly progress report

Date of LCPP Meeting for consideration: Monday 4 October 2021

Lead officer: Nick Croft – Edinburgh College

Priority theme: Outcome 2 - Employment and Skills and Education

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

Actions completed against key LIP objectives are:

- 1. Support schools to develop life skills/similar programmes suitable for each cluster** – Schools, SDS and DYW coordinators in schools are providing more opportunities for life and employability skills building.
- 2. Develop flexible training/taster sessions with employers for young people and wider community** – Initial engagement with some individual employers and through local business and trade associations in NW Edinburgh to discuss an employer offer for local young people. College working with local schools to improve the School College Partnership offer – which includes training and taster sessions.
- 3. Develop suite of options for school leavers – including Edinburgh College, volunteering etc** – Large scale government investment in the Youth Guarantee, College Micro Skills Courses, Kickstart, and Capital City Partnership third party investment. SDs working more closely with the College on school leaver tracking through improved data sharing.
- 4. Develop partnership approach to supporting pupils placed on reduced timetables** – TBC
- 5. Develop North Edinburgh comms app as community database for available jobs/training/volunteering** – Initial mapping of around 30 NW employability, training and education providers completed. New LIP outcome network contact list agreed by partners. All providers to be asked to upload service details to CCP website and join the JU4J Forum at: [Joined Up for Jobs](#) and <https://www.joinedupforjobs.org/service-providers/joined-up-for-young-people>. First network meeting planned for early October 2021 – theme – coordinating 16-25 service provision and opportunities – core business – update on LIP objectives.
- 6. Maximise local employment opportunities e.g. Waterfront, including social enterprise space/community benefits** – Granton Waterfront Developments at tram / train station and College Granton Campus (Community Renewal Funding applied for + others)
- 7. Develop local “Jobs Fairs”** - Police Scotland still progressing proposals for local Jobs Fair in April 2022 in Granton.
- 8. Better use of learning estate i.e., College, libraries, community centres, voluntary sector spaces** – Temporary location of Muirhouse Library Services at the College’s Granton campus Hub as 11 October 2022. Increased CLD provision at College’s Granton Campus
- 9. Improving progression pathways** – Recruitment for College academic session 2021/22 continues for the Granton Campus with start date for semester 1 on 30 August 2021. Around 1600 students per week planned to be on campus. Schools College Partnership Programme on campus (Tue and Thur) recommenced on w/c 6 September 2021. College launched new micro skills courses in childcare, health and social care and finance sectors (short courses with guaranteed interviews at the end of the course) – www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk . GWD Project published their new ‘Learning Strategy’ - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/28867/learning-strategy>.



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Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

1. Mapping data to be uploaded to Capital City Partnership Website.
2. Network Meetings to be established on a quarterly basis in line with NWLCPP meeting cycles with 30 members expressed interest.
3. Improve coordination of employability services to 16-25 year old age range.
4. April 2022 Jobs Fair arrangements confirmed.
5. NB Update on high level KPI data and analysis in Neighbourhood Profiles:
 - Total NW population at Jan 2019 – 145,450
 - 19,919 (18.1%) of NW citizens have no formal qualifications.
 - 71,031 (72.2%) of NW Citizens are economically active
 - Of the 168 data zones in NW – 13 zones (7.7%) are employment deprived and 19 zones 911.3% are education deprived.
 - Workless households - TBC
 - Participation measures - TBC
 - PEF Spend - TBC
 - MCR Programmes - TBC
 - Service Access and Satisfaction - TBC

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

1. CV19 Pandemic impacts on the reduction in face to face / on site educational engagement and learning has had a negative impact on learners. Important to recommence, within guidelines, the resumption of more face to face / on site learning.
2. The end of Furlough period at September 2021 will likely lead to higher unemployment and universal credit claims. UC claims already risen by around 140% in the last quarter. Important for NW providers to work more closely with SDS and DWP to ensure support for affected individuals.

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

1. EU Withdrawal impacts on NW yet to be specifically defined, but likely to affect hospitality, construction and technical sectors and export sectors most.
2. Covid 19 Pandemic end of Furlough period and proposed reductions in Universal credit, plus, ongoing pandemic impacts on reductions in face to face delivery of services and continued closure of premises.

Community engagement undertaken

Local business engagement.
Local community and third sector service provider engagement.

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

TBC by network after their initial meeting.

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)



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Date of LCPP group for consideration: 2nd October 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)

- Shared outcomes framework presented for discussion and input at the following Neighbourhood Networks:
 - Inverleith (17 August 2021)
 - Western (25 August 2021)
 - Forth (1 September 2021)
 - NB. Almond (last quarter, 16 June 2021)
- Theme 1: social isolation lead (MMM), Theme 2: Employment and Skills lead (NC), and public health practitioners met on 29 July 2021 to explore potential synergies between these workstreams.
- [NHSL Green Prescribing Report](#) recommendations reviewed by the Social Isolation Subgroup and actioned as follows:
 - Subgroup members joined the Lothian green prescribing network (virtual network run by NHSL);
 - Subgroup members shared the Green Prescribing report and recommendations through their networks;
 - In line with the 'Making the Case' pathway in the report, subgroup is writing a case study of health walk prescribing (with Crewe Medical Centre, Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust and Pilton Community Health Project) and will use this to encourage other practices to try something similar. For interested practices that do not have a community link-worker attached (this is the majority of NW practices), the subgroup could help bring a practice and suitable 3rd sector organisation together.

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Increase social prescribing, including green prescribing	People are able to access support that is right for them
Promote "everyday" techniques to improve mental wellbeing and resilience	



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- Identified a venue for an anxiety management course facilitated by Health in Mind in West Edinburgh, although this will not go ahead until January due to HiM staffing/capacity:

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Support the remobilisation of services and activities following the COVID19 pandemic	A wide range of activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing are available in NW
Promote “everyday” techniques to improve mental wellbeing and resilience	People are able to access support that is right for them

- Supporting development of drop-in wellbeing hub at The Gyle shopping centre. Project coordinator is a West NN member and Almond & West VSF member.

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Raise awareness of existing opportunities to connect	A wide range of activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing are available in NW
Increase opportunities for befriending/ companionship, and peer support	People can easily find out about activities that interest them
Promote “everyday” techniques to improve mental wellbeing and resilience	People are able to access support that is right for them

- Promotion of the Police Scotland/’I Am Me’ Keep Safe initiative through the NN, VSF and other subgroup networks. There has been a very positive response in North-West with a number of businesses signing up for the scheme including Costa Coffee. It will take time for Police Scotland to provide these premises with the training; members will review in a few months how to support uptake of the programme.

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Reduce impact of barriers to participation (inc. financial, digital inclusion, frailty)	People feel confident to take part in varied activities and meet people



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- Mutual support for remobilisation of services and activities following the COVID19 pandemic continues through various forums (sharing of plans/guidance) e.g. risk assessment and guidance for the reopening of the Munro Centre through subgroup members from public health and Fire Scotland

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Support the remobilisation of services and activities following the COVID19 pandemic	A wide range of activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing are available in NW

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

- Complete health walk case study and promote to other GP practices
- Trial of short walk support from Blackhall surgery with Volunteer Edinburgh Community Taskforce, to build confidence among those at risk of becoming frail and housebound
- Support Gyle hub drop-in to open on schedule (early December) through links with local community organisations, Health and Social Care Partnership teams, Thrive etc.
- Strengthen links with Neighbourhood Networks and identify how we can best support the priorities they have identified
- Continue to promote the Keep Safe scheme

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Reopening, remobilising keeping everyone very busy, leaves less time/space for getting involved in community planning networks and opportunities.

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

Ongoing, considerable workforce disruption across most agencies (absence due to COVID self-isolation, other respiratory infections as weather cools, impact of Brexit on employment market)



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Community engagement undertaken

- Chair of the subgroup (Mike Massaro-Mallinson) and Public Health Practitioner (Katrina Smith) have now attended the 4 Neighbourhood Networks in the locality.
- Attendance 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

See activities noted above.

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.*



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LIP Quarterly Progress Report

Date of LCPP group for consideration: Monday 4th October 2021

Lead officer: Dawn Anderson / Morag Wilson, Co-Chairs Forth and Inverleith VSF
(Supported by CEC Lifelong Learning)

Priority theme: 3. North Edinburgh

GENERAL:

Meetings have taken place between Lifelong Learning and Third Sector Leads to establish mechanisms for developing and reporting activity associated with the priority. This has included reaching an understanding around roles and responsibilities and how each action may involve wider involvement than solely that of the third sector.

It is suggested that whilst there are specific actions, the overarching ambition supporting the priority is better understanding how activities and provision in the north impacts on poverty and inequality.

It has also been recognised that there are many agencies, organisations and groups involved with supporting this type of activity and it will be challenging to capture everything that is underway. More work will take place in the coming months to firm up processes for capturing information and wherever possible, case studies will be used to demonstrate how local activity impacts individuals and families.

The Poverty Commission put out a call for updates from third sector organisations and a request has been made for this information to be shared to further support priority 3 and to prevent duplication around requests for information.

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

Overarching High level outcome: *'Develop a robust mechanism for engaging with the community to articulate and develop plans to combat poverty and inequality in North Edinburgh'*

The COVID Response and Recovery Group, which includes 30 local organisations, has developed 5 working groups to take forward their priorities. A more detailed report on these and progress made will be available after their workshops on the 30th September 2021.

It has been agreed that the COVID Response and Recovery Group and the Social Isolation subgroup updates would be regular agenda items on Forth NN agenda ensuring appropriate levels of engagement at community and strategic levels.

Forth NN has agreed to develop an action plan to widen communication about the



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activities of the Forth NN and their members and to engage with more vulnerable and isolated members of the community.

Local Research

The Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP) Living in Harmony Project Action Research Volunteers have recently completed a piece of research associated with the Impact of lockdown on mental health and wellbeing. 24 individuals provided a personal view to how they have been impacted, and includes:

- What has helped with mental health and wellbeing
- What has the individual done to improve mental health & wellbeing that would be beneficial to continue
- Has support has been found in the community and if yes, what and where
- What services might be useful

A range of activities have been identified as support based activities including access to friends, family, music, gardening as the most popular. However, it has also been highlighted that access to counselling as being important and in many ways, the lockdown itself amplified existing issues.

Family, friends and exercise appear to have been a key priority.

Around half of the respondents indicated that during this time, they had sought access to mental health support. The most popular was 1 to 1 befriending support.

In terms of what services would be beneficial (multiple tick box), 63% felt outdoor activity would be useful, 50% individual support and 45% seeking creative opportunities.

PCHP and the Living in Harmony Project will make contact with respondents happy to be engaged and seek to identify opportunities for them to access existing services and support and help shape new ones.

The research has been helpful in creating a snapshot of how people have coped and where issues remain around mental health and wellbeing. The full report will be published by PCHP shortly, when it will be circulated.

ACTIONS:

'Deliver North Edinburgh comms platform in conjunction with Edinburgh college and link with Edinburgh Partnership's emerging Community Engagement and Communications Strategies'

www.communitynorth.scot aims to act as an online hyper local information portal which:

- Will support anyone that lives in, works in, or visits the North (Greater Pilton) Edinburgh area to quickly access information relevant to them



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- Will serve as a promotional tool for local projects to raise awareness of their services and activities, and opportunities to signpost their users to other local projects.
- Will complement local projects own online presence by directing traffic to them

A key feature of the platform will be its role in helping communities both new and existing to fully integrate with an emphasis on providing new community members to fully understand and appreciate the services available and where to access support if required. As the website grows, we hope to add additional features and themed areas, and would welcome your thoughts on what this might include. At present it has:

- **Home page** - local map, contact section and welcome
- **What's On** - list all known local regular activities and events
- **Local Directory** - listing and also an individual page for each local organisation, showing basic info and links to website / social media / contact details etc
- **Helplines** – list of local and wider emergency and support contacts
- It will also have a full search and a translation facility

The site was refined pre-Covid through engagement and is now at stage where it was ready to be shared with the Forth NN. This took place on 1st September 2021 and feedback gathered is currently being used to get the site to a launch stage.

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

Overarching:

- A mechanism for capturing North based activity will be developed and introduced;
- Further progress against work of Covid-19 Response and Recovery will be reported following their workshops on 30th September;

Website:

- Further feedback will be sought to help shape the site development
- Launch event to be planned
- The website will be launched

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Overarching:

Whilst seeking to capture as much information as possible regarding north based activity, it is recognised that groups and organisations, especially those in receipt of grant funding, have competing demands in terms of reporting activity. It is hoped that via the Voluntary Sector Forum and those involved with the Covid-19 Respond & Recover groups that simplified processes around capturing updates can be used to support Priority 3.



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Website

- Need to increase buy in from local projects and organisations, especially those that can utilise the site to support clients, new residents etc
- Need to raise awareness of the site so that it becomes the go to place for local information, support and community involvement
- Need to identify funding for ongoing maintenance and development – c.£6k per annum

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

N/A

Community engagement undertaken

Overarching:

Discussions regarding the Locality Improvement Plan have taken place at the previous 3 meetings of the Forth Neighbourhood Network. At its meeting held on 01 September 2021, discussions specifically in respect of Priority 3 identified key areas of community engagement required to support the priority including:

- How seldom heard groups are reached and engaged?
- How the reach of the network is improved?
- Potential to establish a small working group specifically to identify engagement opportunities.
- Capturing what's already happening?
- How best to share findings and agreed actions?
- Encourage other organisations to come along and share their work at this time where groups are moving back towards meaningful activity

Website

- Edinburgh College student groups had carried out questionnaires with local groups
- Feedback was gathered and fed into phase 2 site
- This was then taken back out into the community at two public events and a beta site was revealed.
- Post COVID restrictions, College have now been working to develop the site and an ex-student is now managing this development.



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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

Introduction:

As mentioned previously, it is intended to provide case studies wherever possible as it's felt that data capture only provides a very small overview of what activity and involvement means in terms of the role of the organisations and the impact this can have on individuals, families and the community. In many cases, an individual may engage with a local organisation in respect of a single issue impacting on their lives. Through engagement and follow up, these issues can often be the tip of the iceberg with a complex picture of interlinking issues.

A case study guidance/template has been drafted to help organisations contribute relevant evidence to support the impacts being made to tackle this priority.

The following provides a brief overview of a case study provided by Stepping Stones North Edinburgh.

'Jessica, originally from Nigeria, has 2 children and had come to Scotland from Majorca. She lost her job due to Covid and couldn't afford her private let. She had few resources for her house or her baby, spoke little English and had no network of support.

Stepping Stones were able to provide advocacy support to help Jessica with her settled status, welfare support and access to free childcare. They also supported her to engage with opportunities in the local community including summer activities for her children. With their support, Jessica was able to secure Council accommodation and her children are now settled into school and nursery. With more stability in her life she was able to secure a part time job and improve her English.

The family are now more secure and less isolated. They have the essential resources they need and an avenue of support for when times are more challenging.

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)