



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

North West Locality Community Planning Partnership

Friday 29 April 2022, 10.30am
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Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Update from Andrew Field (Head of Community Empowerment, CEC)
3. Minutes of Meeting held 28 Feb 2022 and Action Tracking
4. Edinburgh Partnership Update – Michele Mulvaney
5. Locality Improvement Plan Priorities- Quarterly Reports
 - a. Employment & Skills – report to follow
 - b. Social Isolation
 - c. North Edinburgh
6. Neighbourhood Networks Update
 - a. Western
 - b. Forth
 - c. Inverleith
 - d. Almond
7. AOB
8. Date of Next Meeting



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Number	Date	Topic	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Status	Comments
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	Steve	Mar-22		Steve will extend an invite to Bridie for next LCPP
3	04/10/2021	AOB	Steve to provide minute	Steve			
4	10/12/2021	My Community North presentation	Lynn and Scott to link re on-going partnership and funding.	Scott			
5	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - Social Isolation	Dawn to share social isolation case study.	Dawn			
6	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - North Edinburgh	Mike/Anna to look into training of VSF staff in carrying out assessments	Mike/Anna			
7	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - North Edinburgh	Mike/Anna to provide statistics on assessment backlogs as a means of managing expectations	Mike/Anna	Apr-22		Anna will report to next LCPP
8	10/12/2021	Neighbourhood Networks Update	Almond NN to invite Lisa to future meeting	Percy	Mar-22		Percy will provide invite at next mtg
9	10/12/2021	AOB	Steve to raise issues of lack of representation at LCPPs and inconsistency of community council policing reports with appropriate representatives.	Steve	Apr-22		Steve will provide update to next LCPP
10	28/02/2022	20 minute N'hood presentation	20-minute neighbourhood team to come back with workshop ideas	20-min N'hood Team			
11	28/02/2022	20 minute N'hood presentation	Workshop on definition of 'hub' to be scoped	20-min N'hood Team			
12	28/02/2022	LIP Update - social isolation	Look at structure of the VSF in NW	Tommy			
13	28/02/2022	LIP Update - social isolation	Meeting between VSF Chairs and Head of Empowerment	Tommy			

14	28/02/2022	LIP Update - social isolation	Call for support around a venue for Andy's Man Club	Tommy/ All			
15	28/02/2022	NN Updates Forth	Scott to ask Living in Harmony to circulate report	Scott			



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NORTH WEST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Monday 28 Feb 2021: 10.30 – 12:00

Microsoft Teams

MINUTE

Members present

Joan Beattie	Inverleith Neighbourhood Network Representative
Ramsay Dow	Skills Development Scotland
Anna Duff	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Andrew Field	City of Edinburgh Council
Percy Fekety	Almond Neighbourhood Network Representative
Councillor George Gordon	City of Edinburgh Council
Steve Kerr	Western Neighbourhood Network Representative (Co-chair)
Tommy McLean	Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Heather Yang	Volunteer Edinburgh

In attendance

Helen Bourquin	City of Edinburgh Council
Scott Donkin	City of Edinburgh Council
Julie Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Dawn Anderson	Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Representative
Councillor Claire Bridgeman	City of Edinburgh Council

Nick Croft	Edinburgh College
Martin Higgins	NHS Lothian
Mark Landels	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Joyce McAree Millar	Skills Development Scotland
Liz McIntosh	Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Councillor Max Mitchell	City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	City of Edinburgh Council
Morag Wilson	Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Representative

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above

2. Minutes of Meeting held 10 December 2021 and Action Tracking

Corrections to the minutes of 10 December:

Tommy requested his capacity for attendance be noted as Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep with 'Corstorphine Community Centre' removed.

Action 2 – Steve will invite Bridie to present at the next meeting

Action 3 – complete, to be closed

Action 5 – a launch event is being planned for My Community North at the Granton campus. It has been ascertained that there is enough budget for a developer to be employed until October

Action 8 – Anna advised that work is being undertaken to reduce the assessment backlogs including weekend overtime, recruiting and prioritisation. The number remains at 500+ with up to 6 months wait. Anna advised that she will report to the next meeting once this work had begun to have an impact.

Action 9 – complete, to be closed

Action 10 – this will be completed at the March meeting

Action 11 – complete, to be closed (Joan requested that the outcome of the discussion between Councillors Gordon and Barrie be sent in writing to the NN as Councillor Barrie would not be standing at the next election so the issue would need to be monitored)

Action 12 – this is on the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) agenda and Steve will report to the next meeting of the LCPP.

3. 20-Minute Neighbourhoods Presentation – attached

Daisy presented slides on the 20-minute Neighbourhood Principle. Part of the Wellbeing and Equalities principle under Outcome 12 of the Council Business Plan it aims to ensure wellbeing and equalities are enhanced for all and that people can access the support they need within their local area.

Daisy explained that the concept is being adopted by cities around the world from Paris to Melbourne and that the strategy was approved in Edinburgh in June 2021. It is key in realising the ambitions of the Net Zero 2030 Climate strategy approved at the same time.

The principles of the 20-minute neighbourhood are being embedded into existing projects including the Granton Regeneration project and the Wester Hailes masterplan as well as being considered where early conversations are happening in areas such as Liberton and Portobello.

Daisy explained that a new 20-minute neighbourhood team is in place, this is a wholistic team with colleagues from across the Council including urban design and communications.

George thanked Daisy for her presentation, he said that the concept relies on Hubs being available and acknowledged that there is not one in Corstorphine at the moment, he asked about timescales of the programme. Daisy advised that the team are working closely with Martin Higgins (NHS Lothian) and that health outcomes have an important role in moving forward. She explained that there is a forthcoming placemaking exercise in Corstorphine and a lot would be dependent on this. Peter Watton is also working closely with local councillors on this. Steve added that Daisy is aware that the issue of the community centre in Corstorphine is becoming urgent and explained that under 20-minute neighbourhoods the repurposing of Council buildings will be explored including looking at the potential within the Westfield House building.

Tommy stated that in order to be meaningful engagement the community and voluntary sector need to be involved at the earliest opportunity, rather than merely being asked to comment on proposals already drawn up by the Council. He highlighted that in East Craigs

there is little community provision except an already over-used Church hall or a pub lounge which isn't always appropriate. Daisy agreed that place planning comes at the very beginning and that this is being looked at and taken forward where appropriate. She added that there are other areas where work is already underway including retrofitting and development planning. Tommy asked that when the place-making workshops happen that Council colleagues attend so that there can be a view to what will happen in future not just the present. Daisy agreed that they would come back with workshop ideas before they run. Steve added that appropriate formats would be important. The placemaking exercises 6 years ago were arranged at times suitable to the community but uptake of the online option was much higher. Percy stated that it is essential that community councils (CCs) are involved from the outset. Daisy agreed that those who live in communities know best adding that she is keen to liaise with CCs.

Joan asked how many hubs there are currently, how many are planned and how long it was expected to take. Daisy explained that the strategy in June looked at 19 sites but since then this has been refined and there is still detailed work to be done so it is difficult to say how many there will be. She added that it is an approach that will be embedded over time. Ian added that there isn't one single definition of a 'hub'. It is usually where a number of services are co-located. Tommy requested that a workshop be organised in NW Edinburgh regarding the definition of 'hub'. He explained that since the Craigmount High School wing changed from community ownership it is less community orientated and rising costs are an accessibility issue.

Steve extended his thanks to Daisy and Ian for their attendance.

Decision

- 20-minute neighbourhood team to come back with workshop ideas
- Workshop on definition of 'hub' to be scoped

4. Council Structural Changes Update- Andrew Field, Head of Community Empowerment

Steve welcomed Andrew Field the new Head of Community Empowerment. Andrew thanked the group for the invitation and advised that it was his first day in post. He explained that the service was created in response to the Best Value Assurance Audit to enhance the Council approach to community empowerment and engagement. He explained that he has taken on 5 of the 8 Lifelong

Learning Service Managers but that as yet he couldn't confirm the size of the staff team or the budget as further conversations had to take place with regards to this in upcoming weeks. In terms of remit Andrew advised he had split this between internal and external and gave a breakdown –

Internally -

The service is responsible for all aspects of performance, development and delivery of the Council's approach to Community Empowerment.

The service will lead the development of a community empowerment culture within the Council and support services to embed community empowerment at the heart of service planning and delivery.

Externally –

Responsible for leading on the development of locality community planning partnerships along with relevant partners.

Responsible for developing, managing and monitoring locally devolved community empowerment arrangements.

Support and monitor the 13 Neighbourhood Networks.

Act as a key point of contact for a range of community bodies to access support and guidance from the Council

To manage and oversee expenditure of devolved Council budgets.

He reported that the service should be fully operational by the summer and that he would be a regular attendee at NW and other LCPPs.

Both Steve and George welcomed Andrew. George stated that the community council engagement needed to be tidied up and real community engagement was required here as well as with other forums as all of the volunteers work very hard.

Steve added that in time an organisation chart would be very much welcomed.

5. Locality Improvement Plan Priorities- Quarterly Reports

Employment & Skills – please see report with papers

Nick had provided a detailed report in advance of the meeting. He had issued apologies for the meeting, so the verbal update was deferred for discussion at the next LCPP.

Social Isolation – please see report with papers

Anna has recently taken over from Mike and had provided a detailed report in advance of the meeting. She spoke to this and covered actions completed since the last report which included –

Community commissioning of £1.2mil Scottish Government Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund to be allocated by the end of March and will create new activities to reduce social isolation.

Improving connections between Health & Social Care teams and local 3rd sector (enabling the Three Conversations in NW locality).

Developing Green Prescribing in NW. Learning has been shared from North East with a view to replicating this in NW.

Volunteer facilitated short walk service from GP practices for socially isolated patients at risk of becoming frail and/or housebound.

Increase anxiety management & wellbeing provision in West Edinburgh. Health in Mind will be carrying out sessions and Andy's Man Club will trial sessions in NW once a venue is identified.

Tommy added to the report. He explained that he didn't think the Mental Health funding had been utilised well enough in NW and that the structure of the voluntary sector need to be looked at.

In terms of the work to improve connections between H&SC and the Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) he said this was going well and good opportunities were being identified.

Tommy stated that it had taken a year to get the Health in Mind sessions in place and that this was too long. He added that it is important to look at communications with the community and how best to make contact. The VSF have got a grant for paper publicity.

Tommy reported that he had contacted 35 potential meeting places regarding a venue for Andy's Man Club but with little success. It is preferable to avoid church halls. He put out a call for support from LCPP members for this issue.

Finally, Tommy added that he would like to have a meeting with all VSF Chairs and Andrew.

Decision

- Look at structure of the VSF in NW
- Meeting between VSF Chairs and Head of Empowerment
- Call for support around a venue for Andy's Man Club

North Edinburgh – please see report with papers

A detailed report was provided ahead of the meeting. Scott gave an update on priority 3. He advised that The COVID Response and Recovery Group – (R2) coordinated a response to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Funding and a good range of groups had applied with applications totalling £214k.

The link to the My Community North webpage had been shared and a formal launch is being planned.

The case study around Craigroyston Community High School was discussed in more detail.

6. Neighbourhood Networks Update

Western

Steve reported that the Western NN had discussed Neighbourhood Environment Projects (NEPs) in detail as well as a wider discussion and proposal to have a dedicated meeting to address issues about moving projects on the list forward.

In terms community grants, Youth Decides had been allocated £5k but this didn't go ahead. 11 projects were considered and all were funded. The Scout Group have since been awarded funding elsewhere leaving a balance of £3879 in CGF.

Also, on the agenda were social isolation, mapping exercise, discussion re mental health initiatives and men's group, THRIVE wellbeing sessions. Thanks, were extended to all Councillors, in particular those stepping down and also to Elaine Lennon who is moving on. Carol Marr will now be the contact officer.

Forth

Scott provided an update in Fred's absence. He reported that George Norval had presented to the group on potential projects for HRA funding and the group agreed on £330k of projects to take forward next year. Living in Harmony spoke about recent research into the effect of Covid-19 on mental health and wellbeing.

R2 attended the NN.

Five CGFs were awarded leaving Forth with a nil balance.

An event is scheduled to take place at West Pilton Park on 7 May aimed at bringing the community together.

Decision

- Scott to ask Living in Harmony to circulate report

Inverleith

Joan explained that the NN was due to meet this evening at 6pm and that she would report back to the April LCPP. A meeting of the panel had been due to take place but it was not quorate for decision making.

Almond

The meeting took place on 26 January 2022. Percy advised that it was chaired by Keith Giblett. He advised that Katrina Smith of NHS Lothian was to provide the NN with an organisational chart. There was a presentation on THRIVE. Alan Hill from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service presented to the group. He had advised that in terms of the new legislation around fire alarms it is a statutory duty to have them installed but that no prosecutions would result from not having done so. Dave Sinclair had reported on progress on NEPs and the Roads programme. Percy added

that need had been identified for a walkabout. An update was provided on social isolation. £50k of CGF had been disbursed leaving a further £10k to be allocated by the end of the financial year.

7. AOB

Corstorphine Fayre is due to take place on Saturday 4 June 2022 and information tables for statutory partners would be welcomed.

8. DONM

Friday 29 April, 10:30am.



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Living well *locally*

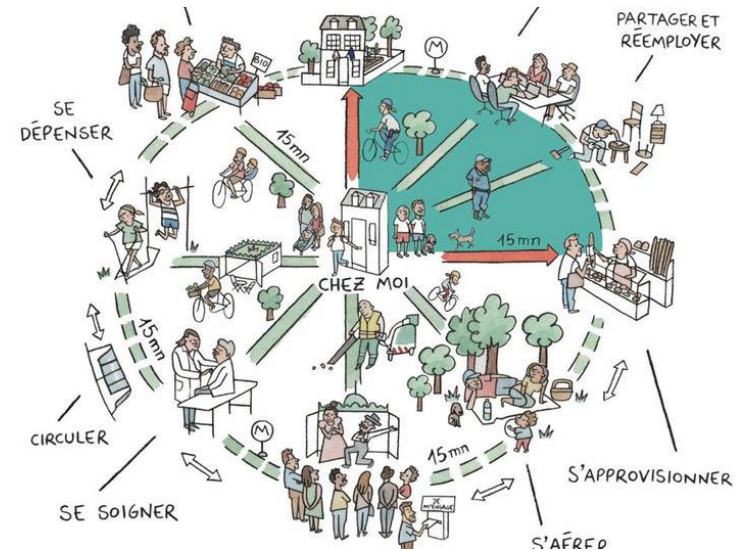


Paris – the quarter hour city

The Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo has called for ‘**ville du quart d’heure**’ as a central part of her vision of a more human scale capital city, that acts as a collection of neighbourhoods. Wherever you are in the city, from your doorstep you should be able to reach the things you need through walking and cycling.

“We need to reinvent the idea of urban proximity”

Carlos Moreno, lead for the 15 minute city concept



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20-minute neighbourhoods in Melbourne, for people to 'live locally'

In Melbourne, these walkable neighbourhoods are supported by improved public transport links and safe cycling infrastructure.

This isn't simply about access to shops and services, but also includes improvements to streets to make them greener and safer, as well as better access to parks and playgrounds.



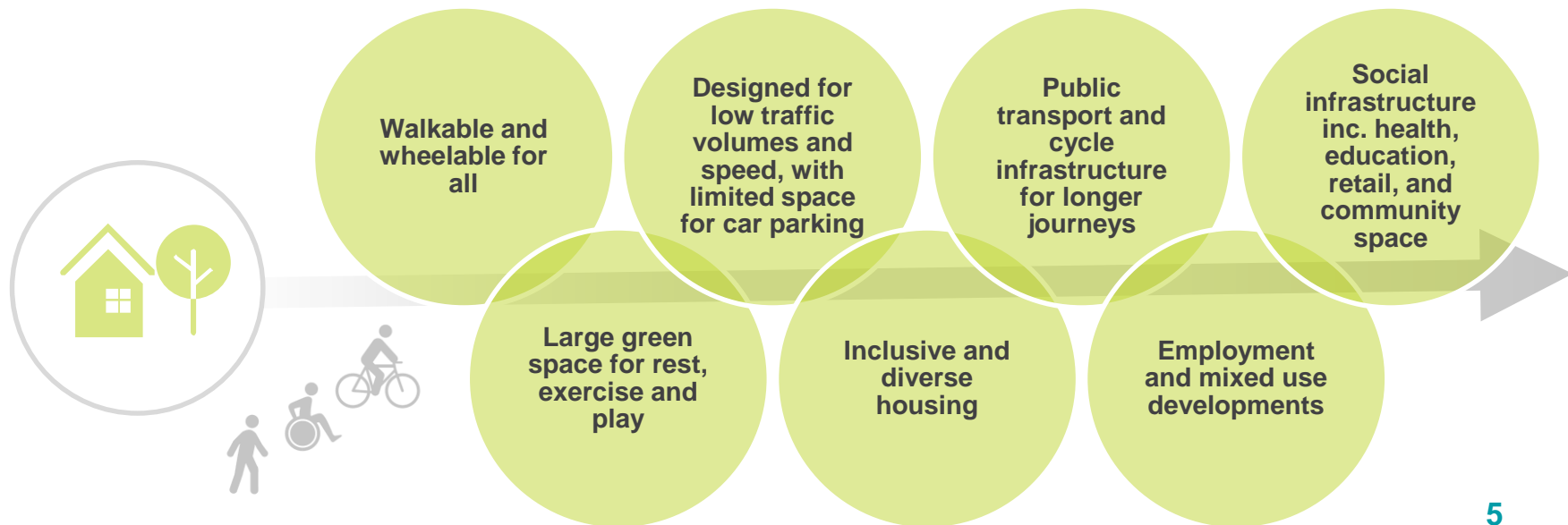
Scotland: Programme for Government

- *This crisis also gives us an opportunity **to radically rethink the places we live in, our homes and our communities.** We want to ensure our communities can become vibrant hubs for the people who live there – to work, shop, learn, keep active, and socialise.”*
- *“For some people the experience of lockdown showed that their lives could be improved through active travel, exercise, access to local or online services, working from or closer to home, and access to shared green spaces. While it is natural for people to slip back into old habits as lockdown has eased, throughout this Programme for Government **we will take steps that support the idea of 20 minute neighbourhoods** – where people can meet their needs within a 20 minute walk from their house – enabling people to live better, healthier lives and supporting our net zero ambitions”*



What's in a neighbourhood?

Neighbourhoods are defined by the communities who live there and each will have unique expectations of the services and facilities they need.

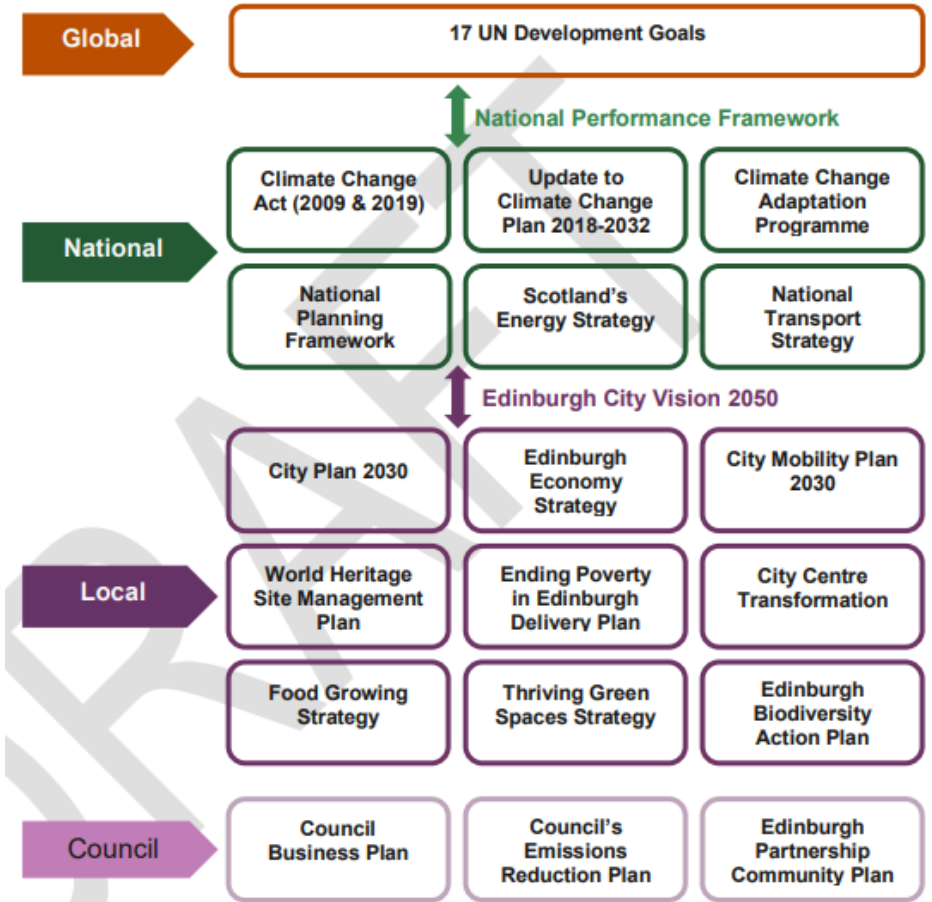




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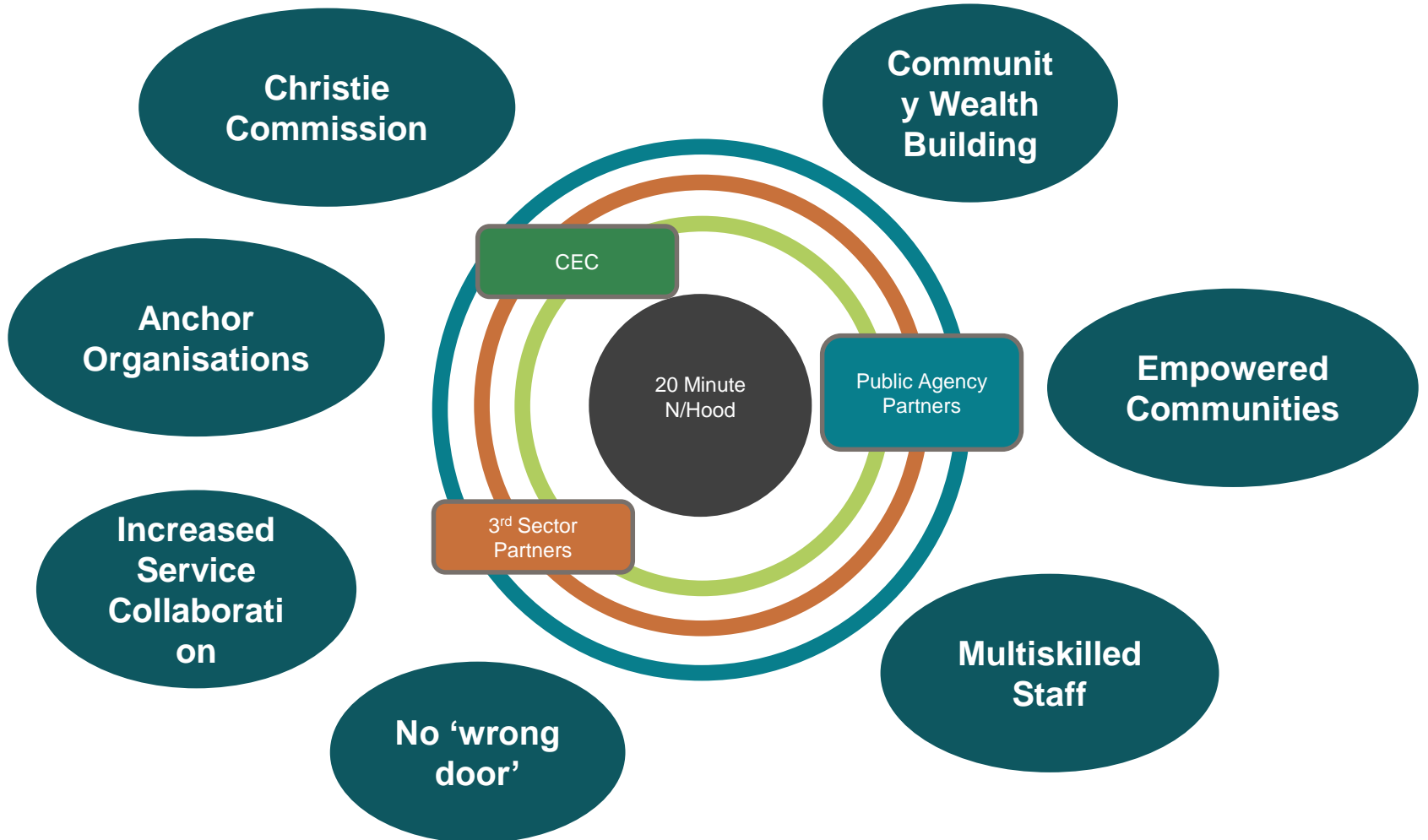
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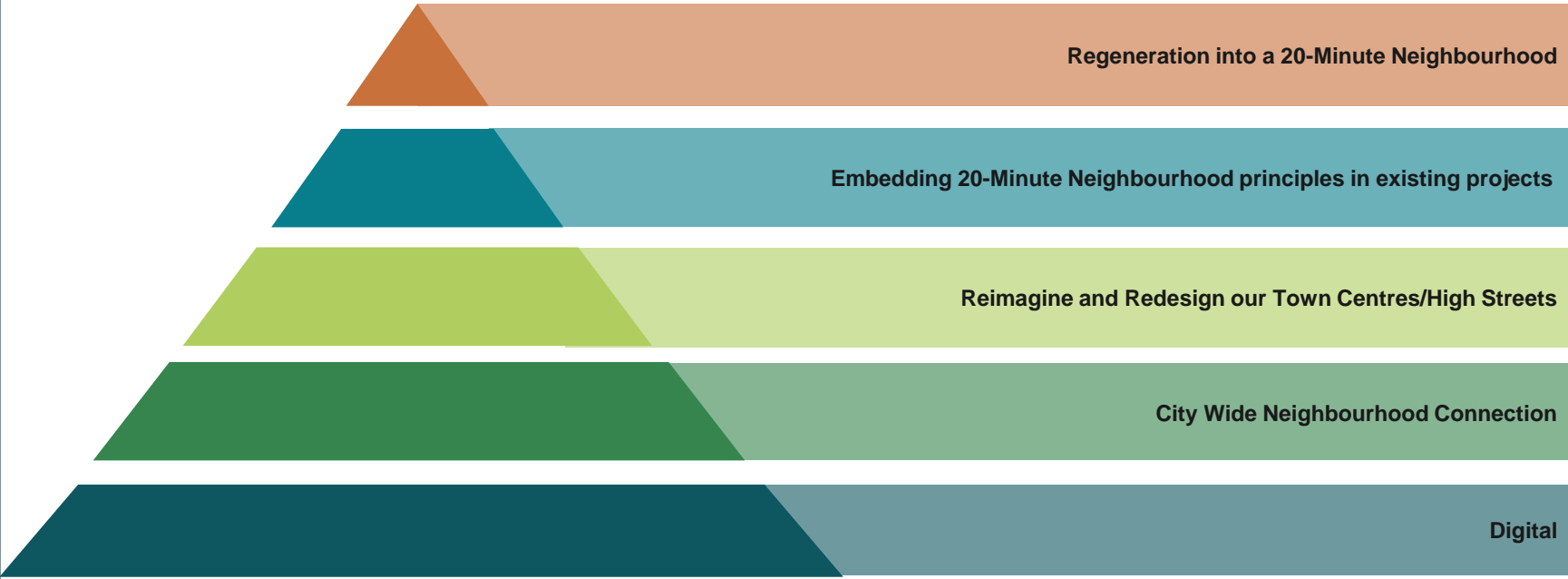


- Most of daily needs can be met within 20 minutes by foot, cycle, or public transport
- Successful, well connected and accessible local places
- Builds new models of shared service delivery with partners including key role of the voluntary sector
- By using our best assets and delivering more services from them, we will create a more fit for purpose and sustainable estate
- Takes a strategic approach to the location of our services
- Supports a growing city in a sustainable manner





The Five Strands of Delivery



As lead partner in several major regeneration schemes across the city, a co-ordinated cross council programme approach will be taken to ensure the 20-Minute Neighbourhood principles are embedded in all decisions



The aims of the redevelopment to the former **Powderhall Waste Transfer Station** achieve new zero carbon standards, with the homes for older people and nursery built to Passivhaus standard and the stable block heated using air source heat pumps. There is also an aspiration to convert the adjacent former railway line into a new active travel route.

The Development Framework for the **Wester Hailes** area. This will set out a comprehensive, phased regeneration plan for the next 10 to 15 years. Several “early action” projects are already underway, including improvements to existing council homes, town centres, estates and the replacement of the high school. There is so much more we can do to improve services, including existing transport and active infrastructure, new housing led developments and adapting public sector delivery models. All of these will be firmly rooted in the 20-Minute Neighbourhood model.



Investigate opportunities to develop the 20-Minute Neighbourhood principle at a smaller scale within localised developments



Through the **Pennywell/Muirhouse regeneration** programme, delivery of a new community hub at the heart of the Pennywell will provide a centre for culture and learning for the communities and neighbourhoods of North Edinburgh, offering much needed early years childcare places, a new library and learning hub, as well as an integrated cultural, arts and community support delivered by North Edinburgh Arts

The proposal to deliver a new secondary school at **Liberton**. Rather than consider this in isolation, the agreement to acquire the Liberton hospital site for the Council's affordable housing programme provides ideal context for co-ordination of these projects through the 20-Minute Neighbourhood programme.



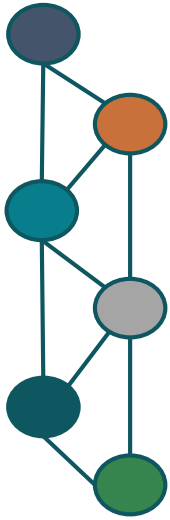
Work with residents and businesses to reimagine and redesign our town centres. Building on and enhancing the work done through Spaces for People, focussing on better public realm and an integrated approach to street design.



Develop a high-level spatial strategy, along **Niddrie Mains Road**, to create a vibrant, safe and enjoyable town centre for residents and visitors alike.

Working with community groups in **Portobello** to enable a better understanding of the needs of the local community and identify opportunities in line with the 20-Minute Neighbourhood strategy, whilst informing priorities and plans for future services and assets.





Joining the Dots is a sub group set up with partners and officers involved in the development of Edinburgh Partnership's collaborative work on community empowerment, community anchors, thriving Local and 20-Minute Neighbourhoods, alongside work related to poverty and prevention, community engagement, the Edinburgh PACT, and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 3

It is through this group, we will reach out to communities to work together to shape future proposals, with initial focus areas of Liberton and Wester Hailes.



Utilising social media platforms we will;

- Access and communicate with hard-to-reach groups,
- Develop networks within the community around specific issues,
- Implement consultation processes,
- Gain honest community feedback

Support the delivery of the **Digital and Smart City** strategy to provide a provision of services for a modern efficient local authority operating in a digital age, and allow greater flexibility for staff – working nearer home.

Summary

The 20-Minute Neighbourhood programme and approach is not the answer to solve all issues about living well locally. However, it will ensure that all projects and proposals are considered in a multi-service (internal and external) collaborative manner that pools resources and seeks to empower and utilise the talent within the city's local communities in order to achieve enhanced and better outcomes.

Next Steps

- Programme team in place by January 2022
- Commission detailed area profiles for each neighbourhood.
- Carry out mapping exercise on Council and Partner assets, to understand opportunities for hubs and co-location.
- Develop the approach to Net-Zero Communities identifying possible neighbourhoods in line with the Council's Climate Strategy
- Continue to liaise with Community Councils on progressing 20-minute Neighbourhoods across this city, including building on ongoing community led work



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Date of LCPP group for consideration: 29th April 2022

Lead officer: Anna Duff (EHSCP)

Priority theme: Theme 1 – Social Isolation

LIP quarterly progress report : January – March 2022

A. Actions completed in the last quarter (since the last progress report (Feb. 2022))

- 1) *Community commissioning trial to disburse the [Edinburgh Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund](#) in NW locality*

The £1.255M Scottish Government Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund allocation for the city was disbursed on schedule by March 31st 2022. EVOC facilitated a trial community commissioning process to allocate these funds. The subgroup prioritised engagement with and support of this process over the last quarter, as entirely in line with the social isolation priority and the evidence base for developing more resilient communities.

In NW Locality, over £180,000 was awarded for a range of local activities, all of which will contribute to the reducing social isolation outcome. In addition to locality specific activities, grants were also made to citywide services, including specialist BME organisations; some of which are based in the NW. A full list of grants awarded is available [here](#). In addition to these larger awards, several small grants of <£2500 were given out. In NW locality, these included support for the Forth Bridges Men's Shed, FetLor Youth Club, and the Gyle community space development.

EVOC have engaged a researcher to review and collate feedback on the process to improve and develop it for next year. There is still scope in NW to get more organisations involved and benefitting from this opportunity e.g. learning from the coordination of bids within the Respond & Recovery network in the small North.

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
Increase opportunities for befriending/ companionship, and peer support	People are able to access support that is right for them People have strong social networks



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2) *Improving connections between Health & Social Care teams and local 3rd sector (enabling the Three Conversations in NW locality)*

Staffing pressures have made roll out of 3C over the last quarter difficult, including COVID related absences that have been particularly challenging over recent weeks. For this reason the regular informal conversations between HSC teams and NW 3rd sector haven't been taking place this quarter, but all are committed to restarting these as soon as possible.

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Raise awareness of existing opportunities to connect	People are able to access support that is right for them
Increase social prescribing, including green prescribing	

3) *Volunteer facilitated short walk service from GP practices for socially isolated patients at risk of becoming frail and/or housebound*

NHS Caldicott Guardian has approved the data sharing agreement and GPs at Blackhall Medical Centre can now directly refer patients to Volunteer Edinburgh. This will be reviewed in 3 months to see if it's worth expanding to other practices.

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
Increase social prescribing, including green prescribing	



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4) *Increase anxiety management & wellbeing provision in West Edinburgh*

Working with HSCP and community networks there has been a good uptake of the additional wellbeing toolkit provision in West Edinburgh. All the workshops are now full, and Health in Mind is looking at expanding this provision in NW locality, based on this positive experience.

Andy's Man Club trial of a new weekly group in West Edinburgh will now start in summer. A lack of suitable community venues has been a barrier.

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

B. Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

- Continue to support the development of community spaces and activities
- Restart introductions between HSC teams and local 3rd sector

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

Significant pressure and waiting lists across health and social care services has knock on effect on third sector organisations, many of them also stretched.

Ongoing workforce disruption across most agencies (absence due to COVID self-isolation, impact of Brexit on employment market).

Lack of free or low-cost community venues available, especially in the evenings.

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

The current UK economic and policy environment and general inflation has led to an increase in the number of households across the locality needing both crisis and ongoing support. This may impact on availability and capacity for development work.

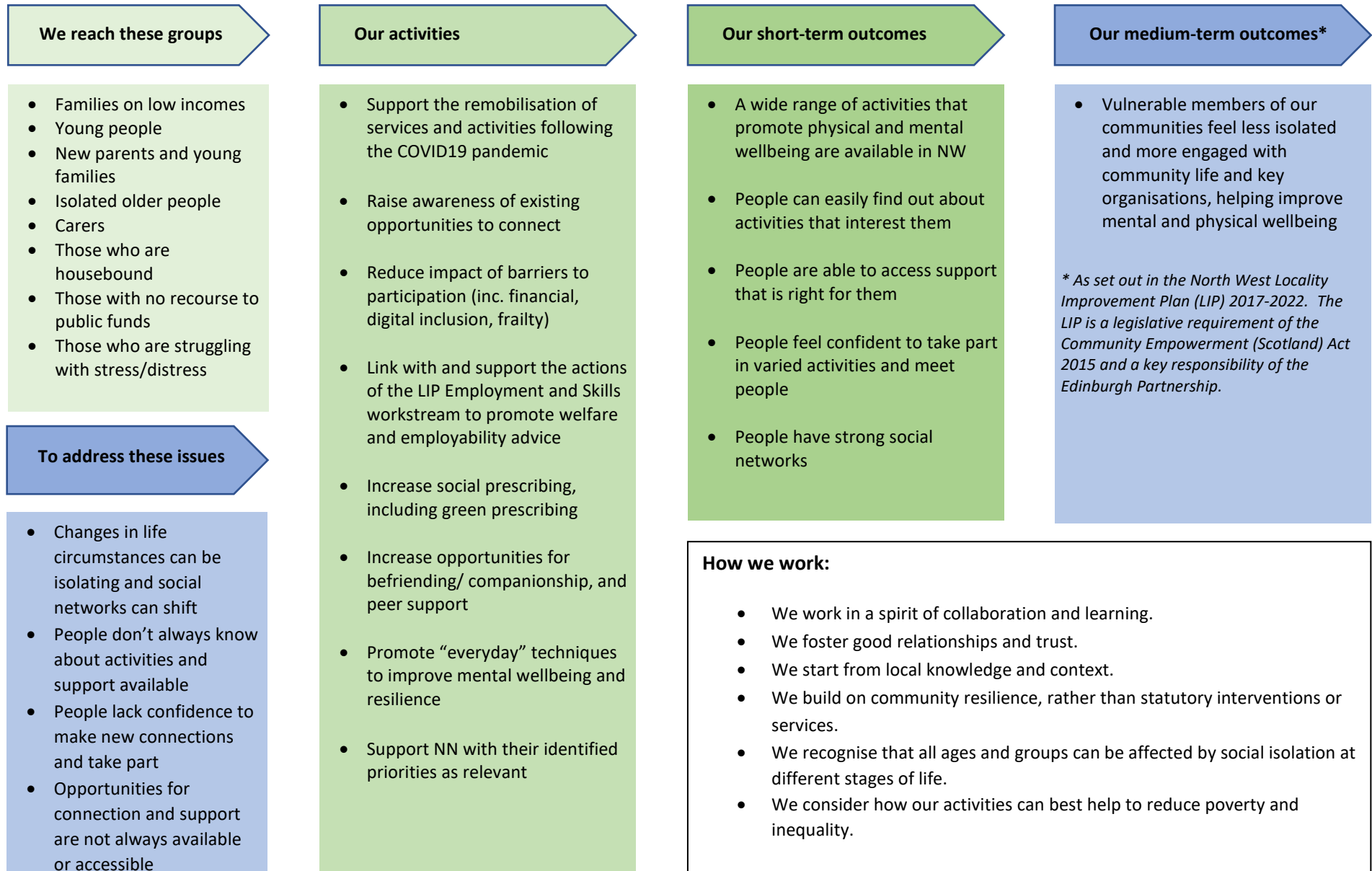
E. Community engagement undertaken

Ongoing, regular participation of subgroup members through the NN, VSFs and Community Councils.

F. 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.

NWLCPP: Reducing Social Isolation in NW Edinburgh, shared outcomes framework (version 29.09.21)



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

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
- Support NN with their identified priorities as relevant

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

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.*

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

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.

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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LIP quarterly progress report: Actions completed in the last quarter

Date of LCPP group for consideration: Friday 29th April 2022

Lead officer: Dawn Anderson / Morag Wilson (NVSF) (Supported by CEC Lifelong Learning)

Priority theme: North Edinburgh

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'

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund – benefits to the city and the North West Locality

It is estimated £213,858 was awarded to grassroots organisations and community groups in the North West Locality, from this fund. The majority of applications came from the LIP Priority 3 area, and the Locality will further benefit from awards given to citywide organisations working in the area. Organisations funded included MYDG, Pilton Community Health Project, Fresh Start, Granton Gardeners, Pilton Equalities Project, and Granton Youth. A full list of beneficiaries citywide can be found here

<https://www.evoc.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/media/2022/03/Edinburgh-Communities-Mental-Health-and-Wellbeing-Fund-Awards-March-2022.pdf>

Background

On 15 October 2021, Scottish Government announced a £15m Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund to support local mental health and wellbeing activities to be delivered in local communities by small, grassroots organisations. The distribution to Edinburgh was £1.255m. This was increased in March 2022 by £72,992.70 to a total of £1.328m to be distributed by the Edinburgh Third Sector Interface (TSI). Delivery was led by Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) and supported by Volunteer Edinburgh (VE) and Edinburgh Social Enterprise (ESE) within the TSI and the Thrive Edinburgh Strategic Planning Team within Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP). The fund was targeted toward support for a number of multiply marginalised priority groups and equalities groups particularly those with lived experience, those who experience health inequalities and minority ethnic communities and EVOC consulted extensively with organisations and other local stakeholders to localise the guidance from Scottish Government which informed the production of a local Partnership Plan. It was agreed to test a Community Commissioning approach which would prioritise community voices. This has allowed participants to engage throughout the decision-making process, respond to other participants' proposals and engage in a creative, collaborative process to build local solutions.

Final recommendations awarded 121 projects across the city (grants ranged between £612.00 and £29,756.00). More details can be found on www.evoc.org.uk

Craigroyston High School Update

A small group of organisations (Pilton Community Health Project, Edinburgh Community Food, Freshstart, and CEC) met with the Head Teacher and Pupil Support Worker from Craigroyston High School on 1 Feb and 24 Feb as follow ups to the local food-led response in February 2022 (initial concern raised at the LOG



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Another meeting is scheduled for Wed 27 April to consider the local proposals offered to the High School for a sustained and dignified approach to food and wider family support via local third sector organisations in North Edinburgh. At the meeting on 24 Feb, the Head Teacher said further support had also been received by CEC.

Local organisations are collating an information leaflet of the range of family support in North Edinburgh and this will be finalised and shared with the school shortly. Discussions included the development of more formalised tailored in-school support offers for parents, carers and young people by local partners, and dignified access to food and working alongside the *Maximise* school partnership (CHAI, Children First, CEC and EHSCP) that delivers advice and support to parents in Edinburgh schools.

North Edinburgh Web Platform

The official launch of website portal www.communitynorth.scot was held on Wed 28th April at Edinburgh College Granton campus.

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Third Sector organisations continue to see the impact that the cost of living is having on people living in the North West. Households are struggling to meet food and fuel costs and this is resulting in third sector organisations using their finances to support those in crisis where all other avenues have been exhausted. Families regularly need to be supported with emergency supermarket vouchers alongside practitioners supporting the use of food banks and local food initiatives. To offset pressures that families are facing organisations are also increasing the general provision of snacks and lunches within groups they are providing. These increased overheads for third sector organisations will not be sustainable for many in the longer term.

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

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)