

South-East Locality Community Planning Partnership

Tuesday 20 September 2022, 12:30am - 14.00pm, MS Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Minute from last meeting
3. Actions & Matters arising
4. Update from Andrew Field, Head of Community Empowerment & Engagement, Edinburgh Council
5. Update from Yvonne Kerr, Edinburgh Partnership and Place team. LOIP 3 – “A good place to Live”
6. Edinburgh College Strategic Framework 2022 – Nick Croft
7. Priority updates 1, 2 & 3
 - a. *Priority 1 - Engage and support young people and their families to develop the skills they need to thrive and reach their potential, targeting support at those in greatest need.*
 - b. *Priority 2 - Engage with and provide support to those who are rough sleeping, begging and street drinking in the city centre and southside, working closely with local partners, organisations and communities.*
 - c. *Priority 3 - Support people living in Dumbiedykes, including those experiencing hardship, and help co-ordinate a sustainable response that builds community resilience and promotes life chances*
8. Update from Chair
9. AOB
10. DONM



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SOUTH EAST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Friday 22 April 2022 at 10.30 am

Microsoft Teams

MINUTE

Members present

Ian Brooke	Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC)
Peter Carruthers (Chair)	SEAG
Nikki Conway	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP)
Andrew Field	City of Edinburgh Council
Lorcan Owens	University of Edinburgh
Rosalind Papworth	Skills Development Scotland
Paul Powrie	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP)
Murray Tait	Police Scotland
Gordon Wylie	Neighbourhood Network Representative

In attendance

Julie Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council
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Apologies

Yvonne Kerr	NHS Lothian
Jackie Stewart	City of Edinburgh Council
Stuart Tooley	University of Edinburgh
Steven Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)

1. Welcome and apologies

Round table introductions were made, and apologies tendered as above.

2. Introduction from Andrew Field, Head of Empowerment (CEC)

Andrew introduced himself and explained that he would provide a full presentation to the LCPP members when the new Empowerment Team is fully operational. 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. The team will sit within the Place directorate as part of the Culture and Wellbeing service and dependent on committee arrangements may report to Culture and Communities Committee. He explained that no team or budget is in place yet, however, details will emerge over the next few months following the Lifelong Learning organisational review. In terms of remit Andrew advised he had split this between internal and external and gave a breakdown –

In terms of the team's role internally he reported that 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, the team will work with partners and community organisations to optimise service design.

Nikki requested to meet with Andrew to look at how the services could work together in future. Andrew intends to meet with group members individually over the next few weeks.

Paul asked whether staffing would be by locality or centralised. Andrew explained that each LCPP would continue to have a dedicated officer as previously.

Decision

- Nikki and Andrew to arrange to meet looking at how the services can work together moving forward
- Andrew will meet with other group members

3. Note of last meeting – 18 January 2022

The note of the previous meeting was approved

4. Action Tracker

The action tracker was reviewed and updates provided.

1. Lorcan reported that work was being done to build more partnerships
2. Stuart will bring a paper to the next LCPP meeting on this
3. Ian advised that Patricia Burns is the THRIVE lead for SE - close
4. Ian reported that support was provided to organizations in SE applying for mental health funding. Because of the community commissioning there was scope to lean on citywide organisations to work with SE to help to deliver mental health projects and activities. Ian added that this is an ongoing task because SE is the least dense area in terms of voluntary sector activity
- 5 & 6. Murray will check in with Mark and advise on status.

In relation to item 4 Paul advised that he had contacted some of the SE agencies who had received funding. In terms of activity Paul reported that it was similar activity to what was already happening rather than being different or innovative. He said that more green prescribing and older adult support was required, putting forward 'Gregarious Chinwag' as a good example for combatting loneliness and isolation. Paul added that capacity building is required within the SE area.

In relation to item 6 of the tracker on Hunter Square Paul advised that he chairs the 'people' sub group and Sarah Burns chairs the 'place' element. They are working with Streetwork and The Access Point (TAP) and will do some pop-ups with The Crannie. An alternative 'safe space' is being sought as citizens who frequent Hunter Square view this as a safe space. Work is being done to improve the area and make it more green.

5. South East Locality Improvement Plan – updates

Priority 1 - Engage and support young people and their families to develop the skills they need to thrive and reach their potential, targeting support at those in greatest need – Please see report, for noting.

Priority 2 - Engage with and provide support to those who are rough sleeping, begging and street drinking in the city centre and southside, working closely with local partners, organisations and communities – Murray advised that there was good, joined up working taking place. He reported that agencies were working together around finding a safe space for people who use Hunter Square to attend and where they could access support. He acknowledged that there was a balance to be struck between businesses/residents and those who use Hunter Square. David Duthie's team have been out in the area speaking to people and gathering information on any support required. He reported that

as well as not having had any reports within the last 40 days they had also received letter of thanks from locals, businesses and residents. Murray added that David would be visiting a safe space scheme in Newcastle to observe how this had worked.

Paul stated that serenity cafes have been piloted previously in Edinburgh and it is important not to reinvent the wheel. There is the mental health and addiction elements to consider. The idea is to open up new pathways for people. He reported that there are plans to remove the telephone boxes from Hunter Square as these are used for nefarious purposes.

Priority 3 - Support people living in Dumbiedykes, including those experiencing hardship, and help co-ordinate a sustainable response that builds community resilience and promotes life chances – please see report. Paul stated that it was important to think about food poverty, explaining that The Pantry has maximum capacity of 30 and they are fully subscribed. In terms of transport, he reported that the hill in Dumbiedykes is a challenge particularly for elderly and people with mobility issues. He advised that a lot of work has been done with residents and relationships have been built, the challenge is maintaining these. He advised that reengagement would take place with a view to community-based innovation. A collaborative approach is being fostered across the Third Sector. Paul reported that he had been in contact with Edible Estates and Dumbiedykes was not mentioned for a potential community garden – Access to Industry have garden space at present. Paul referred to some trust issues which can lead to access issues.

Peter added that he sits on the Dumbiedykes transport group, and the issue of the bus route is something that they hope to take forward. There may be an opportunity for greenspace within the work that Linda Irvine -Fitzpatrick is taking forward. Peter concluded that it's about getting relationships right on the ground, communicating and persevering to find the right approach.

6. Wellbeing Pact – Linda Irvine-Fitzpatrick – see presentation

Linda provided a comprehensive presentation and background to the Edinburgh Wellbeing Pact. She covered the 7 recommendations supported by the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) in April 2021, formulating the Pact, community mobilization, Accelerate Programme, development areas, community commissioning – capacity to collaborate, early learning by doing.

Peter thanked Linda for the in-depth presentation and urged colleagues to consider whether they could collaborate on any of the areas of work and if so, to get in touch with Linda.

Ian shared the link to the IJB report which was passed on Tuesday -

7. AOB

Peter advised that there had been a big response to the Ukraine crisis. He has been involved directly through the transport aspect. Refugees have been transported to a Hub at Gogarburn for the registration process then on to their new accommodation. Peter acknowledged the good work by volunteers and partners but added that people from Ukraine continued to arrive out-with sponsored set-ups, through private arrangements though data on these numbers was not available.

8. DONM

The next meeting will take place in approximately 3months time, following the Council elections.

Number	Date	Topic	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Status	Comments
1	21/04/2021	University of Edinburgh	Stuart and Jackie to link in with learning centre staff to discuss opportunities and space arising from the new Learning Centre at Craigmillar	Jackie/Stuart			Check progress on this
2	21/04/2021	University of Edinburgh	Look at connecting community work led by Uni with LIP priorities	Stuart			Stuart will prepare paper for July/Aug 22 LCPP
3	30/09/2021	SE LIP (priority 2)	Mark to share the results of the mapping exercise with the LCPP	Mark	July/Aug 22		Murray will check progress
4	30/09/2021	SE LIP (priority 2)	Mark and Ian link in around Mental Health funding in relation to H Sq	Mark / Ian	July/Aug 22		Murray will check progress
5	22/04/2022	Introduction from Andrew Field, Head of Empowerment (CEC)	Nikki and Andrew to arrange to meet looking at how the services can work together moving forward	Nikki/Andrew			
6	22/04/2022	Introduction from Andrew Field, Head of Empowerment (CEC)	Andrew will meet with other group members too	Nikki/Andrew			



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LIP quarterly progress report

Date of LCPP group for consideration: 20th September 2022

Lead officer: **Jackie Stewart -LLLSM** and partner providers -Dunedin Canmore/Fire service /libraries team/Reel Youth Media and Totally Sound

Priority theme:

Priority 1 - Engage and support young people and their families to develop the skills they need to thrive and reach their potential, targeting support at those in greatest need

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

- *Delivery of streetwork/detached work in Liberton /Gilmerton April – June 22 [lifelong learning] LLL were delivering 1 session pw with Dunedin Canmore Meeting an average of 40 +*
- fire skills course in Valley Park Community Centre [CC] – April/May 22 LLL and fire service group x25 mixed social /H+S/and skills based programme in term time and summer trips/activities -leading to accredited course post summer
- Dunedin Canmore-employability programme -Valley Park CC[16+/school leavers] x 2 employability HUBs per week
X2 **Just Do it** programmes with school leaver groups -Gracemount/Liberton
X1 drop in Café for 15yrs + with LLL -Friday eves x 30
- LLL Family ESOL[English for speakers of other languages] homework group in Goodtrees community centre – support for BAME[[black and ethnic minority] families @ children's learning/attainment – x 7 families per week + one on line group
- SE libraries – summer reading challenge – all libraries targeting school age plus drop in family summer activities
- Taster health and well being classes delivered in Valley Park CC – with AEP and LLL yoga/pilates/gentle exercise/jog club -trial period 6-10 participants – very low cost or free
- ESOL provision – targeted work with refugees and asylum seekers- particular demands from Ukrainian crisis – plus Syrian and Afghani groups x 72 classes city wide
- Summer transition referred programme -delivered to p7 school leavers in Boroughmuir cluster x 15 -followed up by a summer family programme for this group utilising Bridge 8 canal activities [LLL]– [see quote](#)
- OAH- Gracemount LC – targeting P& school leavers in cluster areas for Gracemount /Liberton HS-identified a cohort of 30 young people who had been adversely affected by covid/missed out on p7 leavers events [LLL]
- SUMMER SPARKLES – PROGRAMME FOR P7 /S1 IN Liberton /Gracemount HS cluster - followed on from term time programme- trips and activities- social and educational for x 30 -including a Benmore residential experience for those that missed school one [LLL]
- DISCOVER- referred /targeted family programme-summer 22 x 3 wks James Gillespies PS x 3 weeks Frogston PS -x 60 per day x 3 days pw



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Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter-Sept-Dec 22

Delivery of DISCOVER family sessions October 22 x 3 days – at Frogston PS for 60 parents and children -referred via schools and HV

Resumption of OAH health and well being club at Warrender Swim centre – oct 22 for S1 + age group-40 places

Diversionary youth activities in run up to bonfire night 22-all partners in SE to contribute to ensure a safe weekend for all -budget of £1000 for SE locality activities

Fire Sills accredited course x 10 young people identified from SE high school and Niddrie mill-commencing Sept 22 [led by Fire Service in partnership with LLL]

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Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Covid restrictions now lifted

Financial crisis/cost of living increases will have implications for service providers /buildings running costs and users of services and we will need to adapt and work together to meet challenges this winter and beyond

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

Review of LLL services and impact on staffing resources – ongoing summer/autumn 2022

Rollout of new adult disability benefits-SSS -replacing PIP [DWP] -29th Sept->

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



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Partnership LLL/LGBTQ+/Canongate YP - TOTALLY SOUND/YMI EVENT- held at Southbridge Resource Centre June 22 – celebration event attended by over 1000 young people and their families as part of Edinburgh Pride day – music , activities , dance and food /fun

Totally Sound/Reel Youth Media April – June Term – 43 Individual Sign Ups (22M – 21F) 236 engagements over the term.[running Saturdays in Southbridge Resource Centre]

Highlights of the term:

- Production of Caledonia: A remote music video project filmed and recorded by participants at Reel Youth Media and featuring young performers from across Edinburgh including Canongate Youth, [Totally Sound Music Project](#) and [Pentland Community Centre's](#) Creative Hub. Launched at end of term Live Event.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCXxdd0xI0I>
- Meadows Festival Futures Stage: Saturday 4 June: see link below for images of the day:
<https://www.facebook.com/reelyouthmedia/photos/pcb.3245527389017672/3245524992351245>

Pride Youth Space – Southbridge – Here's a hyper link to an evaluation: click on the image below:

The official figure was 1030 people over the course of the day. The vast majority of those attending were young people.



Transition programme in Boroughmuir -quote from parent of a referred young person- many of the referrals struggle with school and any change and have been very badly affected by Covid lockdowns as well as the normal school transition stresses

'Thanks Lucy. We honestly can't thank you enough for this summer! We are so proud of her for getting stuck in. We know how much persuasion it takes though, so thank you so much for your kindness and patience. You guys do such an important and amazing job!'

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)

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Feedback to lead officer (if any)

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LIP quarterly progress report

Date of LCPP group for consideration:

Lead officer: CI Murray Tait

Priority theme: Engage with and provide support to those who are sleeping rough, begging and street drinking in the city centre and Southside, working closely with local partners, organisations and communities

Actions completed in the last quarter (since the last progress report)**Hunter Square**

Targeted work continues at Hunter Square with the multi-agency working group looking to deal with violence and ASB caused through alcohol misuse and drug usage. From January 2022 to the end of August 2022, there has been a 50% drop in crime on Hunter Square. Enforcement and engagement has taken place with police and partners engaging with the public and businesses. As part of the working group, discussion has taken place with Streetworks to utilise their library on Nicolson Square to offer a safe space to vulnerable persons. Following a meeting involving Police Scotland, Streetworks and Edinburgh Health Social Care Partnership, it is the intention to create a weekly wellbeing centre at Nicolson Square which will pilot for 6 months commencing 26th October named 'Wellbeing Wednesday'. Collaborators in addition to Streetworks include mental health support, charities, education, benefits advice and other community groups who will come together to meet vulnerable persons and offer them the support they require. This was always part of the medium term work to address Hunter Square and as previously documented, persons attending there considered it a safe space however a more suitable location was what was desired. As part of the pilot, the effectiveness will be examined and whether this becomes a permanent support mechanism. Increased police patrols will continue in this area and vulnerable persons engaged with will be informed of this service.

Operation Summer City

Following all COVID restrictions being rescinded, the iconic Edinburgh Festival was able to return to its full operation. To complement this, Operation Summer City provides extra policing resources to reassure the public and deal with any criminality. Officers from the East Command Area were drafted in and undertook foot patrols in the footprint of the Edinburgh Festival and Fringe. As part of their duties, they engaged with persons rough sleeping and begging offering advice and signposting them to support services. Whilst anecdotally the number of persons begging increase during the festival period, the number of persons did not seem to be as high as previous Edinburgh Festivals. Police Scotland will assist Streetworks at their next begging count to identify any rise or fall in the number of persons begging.



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Community Alcohol Partnership

At the end of the last term S3 and S4 pupils at each of the high schools in the CAP area – Liberton, Gracemount, James Gillespies and St Thomas of Aquins received inputs from the SLOs providing advice and information on the risks of underage drinking. Interactive education resources were provided by the Alcohol Education Trust and the inputs were interactive, encouraging pupil participation. With a recent grant from the CAP, “beer googles” were purchased and used to show pupils the effects alcohol has on motor skills. Parents have also been provided with a letter and information pack from the SLOs which provided advice and signposting for any concerns around alcohol.

6VT in the city centre will be hosting the first “Movies and Mocktails” night on Friday 9th Sept. CPT officers and youth workers will encourage the young people to make their own Mocktails as a healthy alternative to alcohol. The supplies for this have been donated from local supermarkets. There will be interactive games and educational tools to promote personal safety, the importance of good decision making and highlighting the health issues with underage drinking. Plans have been agreed to move this event around other youth clubs in the area. The young people at 6VT along with pupils from Liberton and Gracemount School have designed posters to promote the CAP. The winning posters are being turned into 3ft high bollard covers and runners up are being made into larger poster that will be displayed across the SE.

During the Fringe officers promoted the CAP and the “It’ll cost you” proxy sales campaign. Stalls were held at the command vehicles which provided advice, leaflets and information and officers carried out stop checks at various off licences. Officers are also working in partnership with Edinburgh University and the Student Union to ensure young people under the age of 25 are educated on safe consumption limits, personal responsibility and the effects of alcohol has on them and others. Joint stalls and student engagement has been arranged for Fresher’s week and events are planned at Pollock Halls, Bristo Square and the Potterrow Union

Funding to tackle ASB and underage drinking

Equipment for the Youth project at Valley Park Community Centre, to re-establish the youth group on a Friday night that ceased due to Covid 19. As well as equipment to promote wellbeing they are also requesting cooking equipment to promote healthy eating. The Liberton/Gilmerton has a significant level of deprivation and is routinely one of the hotspot areas for youth ASB especially on a Friday night. The Community Alcohol Partnership are contributing £250, Dunedin Canmore £500 and Police have agreed to fund £500.



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Duke of Edinburgh funding – diversionary activities to deter ASB and street drinking

Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme at Gracemount and Liberton High School – The number of youths requesting to join the scheme is at an all-time high, due to this increase they require more tents and equipment to accommodate the youths, or may have to let them down. At the moment there is limited capacity due to equipment for camping it is hoped that if Police Scotland can provide £1000 then this would then allow more youths to get involved. The Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme teaches core skills for life including team building, resilience, confidence, budgeting and wellbeing. The schools are located within an area of extreme deprivation and this money would help to support youths this year and going forward as the tents usually last for about 10 years. This scheme helps to divert youths from ASB and gives them an opportunity to help them into employment and further education, along with increasing the likely hood of positive life choices.

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

Hunter Square

Commencement of 'Wellbeing Wednesday' at Streetworks, Nicolson Square on 26/10/22 offering support to vulnerable persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Attendance level and type of support will be monitored and if this has an impact on incidents at Hunter Square.

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

N/A

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

The City of Edinburgh Council remain the last local authority providing accommodation to homeless non-UK nationals. It is anticipated this will come to an end very shortly which could potentially result in a number of non-UK nationals becoming homeless / rough sleeping. Future meetings are taking place with relevant stake holders to discuss the support in place for affected persons (Escalation Report attached).



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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

LPO –

LPOs have been working with substance misuse and mental health services in relation to an individual who has presented as homeless, however housing were not sighted on their vulnerabilities and risks. They took ownership and the individual was traced with the assistance of a Mental Health worker and outreach workers. A further appointment was made, whereby she has been rehoused out with Edinburgh and receiving further support. – She is very grateful for the intervention and support. This is an example of the good partnership working that takes place in the SE as she could have easily been lost in the system and not receiving the appropriate support.



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 exception report

Date considered at LCPP group:

Date of Edinburgh Partnership Board:

Priority theme: Engage with and provide support to those who are sleeping rough, begging and street drinking in the city centre and Southside, working closely with local partners, organisations and communities

Lead officer: CI Murray Tait, Police Scotland

Summary of actions completed to date

Police Scotland regularly work closely with our partners in the City of Edinburgh Council and third sector to support homeless and rough sleeping persons through various initiatives such as the ISN, Hunter Square Working Group and the biannual begging count with Streetworks. During the COVID 19 pandemic, Police Scotland assisted various agencies with housing homeless persons with various emergency accommodation facilities being established including Bethany Welcome Centre and Cairn Hotel. Despite not being eligible for public funds, this included non-UK nationals who were able to be housed during the public health crisis. The Hunter Square Working Group will continue to work with partners to support vulnerable persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Reason for escalation:

The City of Edinburgh Council is the remaining local authority in Scotland still providing accommodation to homeless non-UK nationals however it is anticipated at some point before the end of this year that this may come to an end which could potentially result in an increase of rough sleepers in the city without support during the winter months. Many may leave Edinburgh or look for private tenancies however will undoubtedly result in an increase in rough sleeping. Prior to this taking place, it would be beneficial to discuss what support will be put in place for affected persons.



Action required from LCPP:

Discussion around support mechanisms to be put in place to support affected persons.



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LIP quarterly progress report

Date of LCPP group for consideration: 3rd quarter 2022

Lead officer: EHSCP Public Health Practitioner Paul Powrie

Priority theme: “Support people living in Dumbiedykes (DD), including those experiencing hardship, and help co-ordinate a sustainable response that builds community resilience and promotes life chances”

Actions from the Dumbiedykes Working group. Facilitated by Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust and attended by groups and Organisations working with the Dumbiedykes community. 70+ orgs/groups are included in the mailing list. Also regular updates and meetings. Face to face planning meeting at the Crannie this quarter

4 Subgroups were developed in 2021 all of which met in this quarter within the DD working group to directly link with the Actions of the LIP Priority Theme: Advice about money, employment, and health: Wellbeing and access to food and physical activities:

Food Pantry at the Braidwood Centre with Cyrenians and successfully run to this quarter and subscribed fully. This was a very proactive approach with Braidwood centre who is also opening for groups with Libertus, Arts and Dynamic Earth

· ELGT provided Outdoor groups in the area this quarter. On your door step afternoons meetings on Tuesdays at 1pm outside near The Braidwood Centre with the Cannie an opportunity to come and hear about what is available in the area & a walking group. Also scoping event with face-to-face links in DD area report in 2022. Access to Industry successfully worked in Braidwood garden for social prescribing and growing food

Social Security Scotland encouraged to use Braidwoods for access point

· Work is ongoing to secure free wifi access for the local community. The Crannie, Greyfriars Charteris Centre and University of Edinburgh continue to take this forward. University have funding for a PhD intern for 5 hours per week to support the subgroup in setting up free wifi for the area. Iona Barrie in post since June looking at Gala day for engagement

· The Crannie (Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust) secured funding to provide internet access and devices to families. Partners identified suitable recipients.

· Partners continue to explore need and issues relating to bus services 35 route reinstated raised by counsellors within Council meetings (August)



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

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

Pantry to go from fortnightly to weekly
Dan Fuller, Libertus to set up programme for 50 plus at Braidwood Centre
No 35 bus route reinstated (not achieved but raised)
Crannie report re views of DD residents
Explore Welfare advice sessions for DD
EOTCT supporting work of Community flat in DD

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Lack of transport links for the area
Keeping Braidwood Centre positively engaged
Absence and reduced staffing due to COVID
Food and fuel poverty will become major issues as with cost of living for vulnerable

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

Issues of: - low mood, anxiety and isolation across the spectrum
Food and fuel poverty will become major issues over winter as well as reinforcing inequalities
Need for some resources to fund areas such as welfare advice
Issues of transport in local area 35 re routing showed positive impact that had now back old route with perceived loss



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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

Having pantry introduced to the Braidwood Centre has shifted approach and attitude which is much more positive and proactive. This is a significant shift and has opened to potential for further work with areas such as welfare support and other third sector agencies

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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: September 2022

Lead officer: Philip Ritchie

Priority theme: **Employability Update**

LIP quarterly progress report

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

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) Careers advisors within high schools continue to support students and school leavers to ensure they have a destination upon leaving school. New work coaches are due to start supporting both Liberton High School and James Gillespie's High School. Relationships with the schools in the locality are very good. Partners are heavily involved in 16 plus arrangements across SE schools. Developing Young Workforce (DYW) continue to offer support to schools to engage industry with education.

Activity Agreements The Dunedin Canmore and Canongate Youth Activity Agreement Hubs continue to engage with a number of young people who have left school without a positive destination, or who have not sustained their college or training place. Activity Agreement referrals prior to the end of the summer term were strong across and Activity Agreement hubs were able to offer summer activities and programmes in person again.

The hubs continue to work in partnership with schools, SDS, council officers, Scottish Government funded employability services and third sector partners. Appropriate training and support is available to every young person who has left school without a destination. The team are able to refer to a wide range of employability provision across the city – especially the projects funded through **Young Person's Guarantee (YPG)** – whilst they continue to support the young people to develop the confidence and skills they need to progress into a positive destination.

Both providers offer school age services. In particular the Dunedin Canmore hub is successfully running programmes in-school in both Gracemount and Liberton from S3 upwards, which complement the Activity Agreement services. This provides a continuity of relationships and familiarity with AA Coaches that is proving very successful.

The Joined Up for Young People Network continues to bring together employability providers across the city to share good practice, promote delivery and discuss progression routes for young people. The latest network meeting was held online in August. This network is vital in sharing updates on career management language, key strategies and to help identify gaps in provision which can then be addressed through small grant funding. The network also ensures that the required delivery is available across the city – and accessible in each locality.

Edinburgh Project Search has restarted with three groups being delivered in the year ahead. This programme is aimed at young people with a disability or long-term health condition and offers qualifications alongside three x 10 week work placements. Placements will be hosted by **City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian and Virgin Hotels**.



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Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

Christmas school leavers – partners will work together to ensure that all school leavers without a positive destination are referred to Activity Agreements or signposted to other opportunities across the employability, further and higher education network. The network operates a ‘no wrong door’ approach, which ensure young people are supported to access whatever services will benefit them.

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Canongate Youth do not currently have a dedicated Activity Agreement Coach for their hub as their coach left her post in August. Other workers within Canongate Youth are currently delivering the hub and it is hoped a replacement coach for the hub can be recruited soon.

Work is still underway to support young people to access services which are beginning to re-open. Mental health of young people has been severely affected by the pandemic, and there is an understanding that young people will take longer and require more support before they are able to progress into a positive destination.

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

Scottish Government have not yet committed to funding Young Person’s Guarantee beyond the end of March 2023. This may impact on the scale of employability services available for young people if funding is not continued. This will however be closely monitored by the Local Employability Partnership and the Joined Up for Young People Network to ensure sufficient services are available to meet demand.

Risk/prevention (potential risks for each action and preventative measures)

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

N/A

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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)