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North-East Locality Community Planning Partnership

Monday 21 August 2023

10.00 – 11:30am

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Note of last meeting
3. Tracker
4. Estate Improvement Programme – George Norval
5. Empowerment and Engagement Team Update
6. LIP Final Report
7. LIP Development Update
8. Edinburgh Partnership Update
9. AOB
10. DONM

North-East Locality Community Planning Partnership (NE LCPP)

18 May 2023 9:30 – 11:00

Microsoft Teams Minute

Members Present:

Lauren Islam-Browne (Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership - EHSCP), Councillor Kate Campbell (City of Edinburgh Council), Graham Doig (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – SFRS), Chief Inspector Kieran Dougal (Police Scotland), Tristan Green (Voluntary Sector Forum – VSF), Mike Kerracher (Voluntary Sector Forum – VSF), Fiona Nicholson (Skills Development Scotland), Helena Richards (Voluntary Sector Forum – VSF), Philip Ritchie (City of Edinburgh Council), Douglas Tharby (NN representative and Chairperson), Susan Rae (City of Edinburgh Council)

Also Present:

Helen Bourquin (City of Edinburgh Council), Julie Dickson (City of Edinburgh Council – note), Andrew Field (City of Edinburgh Council), Michele Mulvaney (City of Edinburgh Council), Jackie Stewart (City of Edinburgh Council),

Apologies:

Councillor Danny Aston (City of Edinburgh Council), Kate Barrett (Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council - EVOC), Councillor Katrina Faccenda (City of Edinburgh Council)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies as above. Douglas welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Note of last meeting

The note of the previous meeting was proposed by Mike and seconded by Andrew.

3. Action Tracker

The action tracker will be updated as appropriate. Michele advised that George Norval will be invited to the next meeting of the LCPP.

4. Warm and Welcoming Spaces

Andrew explained that the Council worked with a range of partners to ensure that buildings throughout the city were open and accessible to citizens. All (28) libraries are participating as well as community centres and places of worship. 100+ buildings were included, and activities were promoted on the [Council website](#) through an interactive map. Andrew reported that a summit took place at the City Chambers in April organised by the Council and EVOC. An outcomes report is being prepared following this and Andrew will circulate it when available. However, Andrew explained that there is some caution around quantifying the outcomes. Benchmarking data is not available. He advised that most buildings did see an increase in visitor numbers and there will be learning taken from the initiative which will inform future direction.

Jackie added that much of the work from the initiative is on-going and addresses social isolation as well as the cost-of-living crisis. Helen agreed that the activity won't necessarily stop following the winter period and suggested that 'warm and welcoming' may not be the best branding for the initiative.

Kate asked about the Lifelong Learning (LLL) Review and whether this would have an impact on future provision. Helen commented that the plan is not to stop provision but to re-organise it, looking at best practice, and this is inevitable due to the service re-organisation. Andrew added



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that there had not been any additional funding for the initiative, it was done within existing resources. The issue of further budget reductions to the LLL service was raised with Andrew stating that it was not his understanding. He wasn't sure however what would happen within the libraries service as this was subject to review.

Decision

- Andrew to circulate Warm and Welcoming Report when available.

5. Priority Updates

Updates were provided from all priority lead officers. Please see reports for information.

Priority 3 – please see report

Kieran reported about the Bonfire Night post-investigation had resulted in 15 warrants being issued and seizure of £100k worth of drugs.

Operation Elate – targeted around Cables Wynd House to address drug misuse, anti-social behaviour by encouraging a sense of community. There have been drugs and cash seizures of £1.6million in this area, 27 warrants and package interceptions. This had resulted in a significant reduction in call volume.

A new initiative 'beat the cycle' has had 8 inputs over 5 weeks and has included activities on confidence, pathways, cookery classes and adult mental health. There have been podcasts with police officers, a barber offering free haircuts for interviewees. Garry Fraser a film-producer from Leith engaged with locals. A silent disco is also to take place. Kieran acknowledged the huge effort from everyone involved, highlighting that the activities, particularly the talk with Garry Fraser had engaged people that Police Scotland might usually have difficulty engaging.

'Beat the Burn Out' will run over the summer months.

Kieran is lead for the Ukrainian resettlement and has been liaising with the Consulate General and members of the Ukrainian community over the planned closure of the MS Victoria ship next month and has been home to the community for some time.

The emergency services day was a success and attracted 4.5k people.



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Kieran explained that work/investigations continue in relation to the toppling of the US Naval warship the Petrel in Leith Docks.

Operation Soteria will receive an uplift in resources to tackle motorcycle theft and motorcycle related crime. The operation last year resulted in 36 arrests, 185 charges for a variety of offences, and the recovery of 131 motorcycles, with a total value of more than £600,000. There has been a 30% reduction due to the operation but a spike is anticipated over the summer months.

Douglas extended his thanks to the authors of the reports.

6. Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) Development

Templates are with each of the priority leads. The dual purpose of the template is to provide an evidence base for the final LIP performance report and allow leads to review their priority areas indicating whether they are still relevant or if they should be closed or mainstreamed.

Michele advised that a project plan has been developed by the Communities Team. It is proposed to have economies of scale across the 4 areas on Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA), Communications and Performance. The project plan will be circulated as a draft to form a plan moving forward and it can be adapted to make it relevant at a local level.

Kate asked how the LIP will be evaluated and how we will know the impact. She stressed that it is important to make sure that it is meaningful, it is implemented effectively and scrutinised.

There was some discussion about forming a sub-group to take the development work forward. Kate suggested that service user and community voices should be included in the process. Michele advised that in designing the engagement process the sub-group should look at how to involve the community. Kate clarified that it is important that people with lived experience are included in the decision making process so should, therefore, be on the sub-group.

Mike and Tristan reported that they attended the voluntary sector forum (VSF) yesterday. Many of the participants either weren't aware of the plan or advised that it needs to be more relevant to day-to-day business.

They advised that –



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- There is an openness from the VSF to tap into existing events to engage community.
- There are steering groups that already exist that could be tapped into.
- In relation to people who don't access groups there was a suggestion to work with the Jack Kane Centre who do street work and could access those people who don't usually engage.

Tristan advised that the VSF are currently reviewing the LIP (2017-22) and further comments will be forthcoming.

There was a question around resources e.g. online surveys/ focus groups etc.

Michele re-iterated that it is for the LCPP to design the engagement process.

Kate commented that it is reassuring to know that trusted partners are having conversations with people where there are pre-existing relationships.

Tristan asked whether the 5year plan could be reviewed annually.

Michele advised that any plans should be subject to annual review and reporting and there is room for improvement on the performance side. She added that the plan should be seen as a living document and should be flexible to local circumstances.

Decision

- Julie to circulate templates to LCPP members.
- Julie to circulate project plan.

7. Edinburgh Partnership Update

Michele reported that the Edinburgh Partnership (EP) has agreed a new operating model. This will involve holding each quarterly meeting in a different locality. The first meeting in March was focussed on the cost-of-living crisis. The next meeting, in NW, will look at housing and sustainability.

Performance had been raised by Sean Scott, Divisional Commander – Police Scotland, at the EP Board. There is a need for improvement particularly in relation to reporting and demonstrating impact. There are



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offers from Police Scotland and NHS Lothian to support development work in this area and it will impact work at locality as well as citywide level.

Work is being taken forward on the EP Survey. It has been agreed that fieldwork will take place annually in September/October rather than quarterly. Data will be disaggregated to locality level and this will help with measures.

Michele reported that although the Empowerment Strategy work had been in abeyance plans are in place to take this forward. There is no timeline at present and a stocktake of work will have to be carried out.

8. Empowerment Team

The Empowerment and Engagement Team sits in Place Directorate and reports to the Culture and Well-being Committee. Andrew gave an overview of plans and next steps for the team –

Community Grants Fund – This will be reviewed and assessed so that the fund is delivered and distributed effectively.

Neighbourhood Networks – Andrew acknowledged that all of the NNs are different, some don't function and he wants to get a sense of each and support them to function. To this end he will write out to the Chairs of each of the NNs. He reported that he is also invited to the next Leith Chooses Board meeting.

Community Centre Strategy – this will be developed by the team overseen by the All Party Oversight Group (APOG). The first meeting is on Monday 22 May. This work is to be completed within 12 months. They will work in partnership with EVOC to work with community centre management committees.

Community Councils (CCs) – the team will be responsible for developmental work with CCs. Andrew advised that he has met with the chairperson of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) and he will attend their next meeting.

In terms of the team, there are still some vacancies, these are being advertised.

Lauren pointed out that where NNs don't function there is maybe not a gap to fill, she asked why resource would be put in if it isn't required. Andrew advised that NNs won't be forced to form as this wouldn't be



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sustainable. He acknowledged that there is no one size fits all. He will meet with NN Chairs and reassess. Lauren asked about whether work will be done to improve representation on CCs as part of the development work. Andrew agreed that this is a huge issue, but he wasn't sure if this would be an area for the team or for CCs to tease out. He explained that CCs have asked the team to be a conduit to the Council. They will also support CCs to re-establish where they have fallen or where there isn't an existing CC.

Kate asked if the requirement for the Community Centre Strategy to be completed in 12 months is attached to a budget saving. Andrew said it is not. Kate explained that there had been some disquiet amongst Councillors in relation to the LLL review and she still doesn't understand the shape of the review or relationship with management committees. She would caution on having an APOG with 5 elected members behind closed doors and that these decisions should be made in front of committee. Andrew stressed that work on the strategy has not yet started. It will be developed with management committees, elected members, centre users and service areas. A paper was taken to the March Culture and Community Committee, and they requested a political oversight group. There will be regular reports to committee. Andrew added that he would be happy to bring updates to the LCPP. Tristan asked if non-Council owned community buildings would be included. Andrew advised that they would be contacted, there is no obligation for them to work collaboratively but it is hoped that they will.

9. AOB

10. DONM

The next LCPP will be 21 August at 10am but a LIP Development meeting may be arranged prior to this.

Theme 1 – Provide targeted support and early interventions for young people and their families who are most in need in order to improve their access to opportunities which lead to positive destinations and help to maximise income	Outcome	High Level Actions	Measure(s)	What has been done over the life of the plan 2017 - 2023? (Achievements including evidence)	Should the priority continue in the new plan or be mainstreamed - what supports this recommendation?	Does it require partner engagement ?	Does it address poverty and inequality?
	Young people and their families who are most in need feel supported to access opportunities leading to positive destinations	Deliver capacity building sessions for frontline staff to allow them to be able to signpost vulnerable people to relevant support and early intervention services	Improve the confidence of frontline staff in signposting families to relevant services / Increase in young people accessing post school employment & training opportunities	Through Joined Up for Jobs and more recently with Joined Up for Young People and Joined Up for Families there has been capacity building and training (including trauma informed training) offered to frontline staff to support them in their roles.	This work is ongoing through the Youth Employment Partnership but the range of delivery is dependent on funding availability.	Yes	Yes
		Identify barriers that prevent young people from participating fully in their communities through a themed Youth Talk approach and work with partners and service providers to remove or reduce those barriers in order to provide additional support and early intervention		Edinburgh Guarantee and the work of the Joined Up for Young People Network follows a coproduction approach with both service users and service providers, linking with youth work services to ensure services are delivered in line with the needs of young people.	This is built into the design of employability service delivery in Edinburgh as good practice.	Yes	Yes

		Develop a programme of virtual or actual Jobs and Opportunity Events to increase awareness of local organisations, training and employment opportunities		Developing the Young Workforce have delivered a series of events and workshops specifically for young people. Joined up for Business has also offered sector specific recruitment events and jobs fairs to promote opportunities available.	DYW is currently continuing but is short term funded which may impact future delivery. Joined up for Business is part of mainstream partnership delivery.	Yes	Yes
		Employability and sector-based training will be offered locally		A pipeline of opportunities for both young people and their families has been offered locally and is continuously monitored to ensure it is meeting local needs.	The pipeline of opportunities is subject to funding but is always reviewed to ensure best value and fit for local needs.	Yes	Yes
	Increased positive destinations for every school leaver	Provide locally accessible and targeted employability support in areas of most need	Increase the number of young people securing positive destinations	Destination figures have increased and at last count were at an all time high and have remained consistently positive in recent years.	The measurement of positive destinations and participation is now a nationally mainstreamed measure of young people's progress upon leaving school and is monitored regularly on a local basis.	Yes	Yes
		Every school leaver will have the pathway to progress to a positive destination		A clear pipeline of pathway opportunities for young people through delivery partners is available in Edinburgh through the Youth Employment Action Plan.	Responsibility for updating the Youth Employment Action Plan is held by the Youth Employment Partnership and this ensures a comprehensive pipeline of appropriate progression routes are available for young people.	Yes	Yes

Theme 2 – Enable access to health and wellbeing opportunities, activities & social networks for people who are vulnerable and in poverty in order to restore, maintain or improve their quality of life and social connectedness	Outcome	High Level Actions	Measure(s)	What has been done over the life of the plan 2017 - 2023? (Achievements including evidence)	Should the priority continue in the new plan or be mainstreamed - what supports this recommendation?	Does it require partner engagement?	Does it address poverty and inequality?
	Reduced loneliness and social isolation/ Improved access to health and wellbeing support	Map community resources for health and wellbeing and implement a strategy for keeping that information, including information on community assets, up-to-date and accessible, in order to inform people who live and work in the area about them		Connect Here Directory including the Crisis Guide (coordinated by the Long-Term Conditions Team within EHSCP), in conjunction with iThrive and EVOC's Red Book; Also the NE Health and Wellbeing Network disseminates relevant information regularly to around 250 public/third/private sector professionals working in NE Edinburgh.	This has essentially already been mainstreamed so is no longer needed in the plan.	No, we already have a lot of intelligence about what people prefer in terms of accessibility; Funding is being sought to make Connect Here website-enabled.	It does, as long as the resource is targeted at professionals supporting people who live in socio-economically disadvantaged areas and/or people who are considered vulnerable.
		Work with local people, and statutory and non-statutory partners to identify the needs of vulnerable groups and those barriers which may prevent them from accessing support, and put in place potential solutions that build on what's already available	Feedback from the community through people's stories, community participatory activity	<p>A joint comms campaign was done in response to the Cost of Living Crisis in order to raise awareness of available financial support. Money Counts training was developed and started to be delivered in late 2022 to raise awareness amongst frontline staff of the support and services available to people to help them access welfare advice and maximise their income.</p> <p>Thrive has set up Thrive Welcome Teams in community-based hubs across the city in order to facilitate more local access to mental health and wellbeing support.</p> <p>In response to concerns raised by frontline professionals and people living in Craigmillar about a lack of locally accessible substance misuse support, Turning Point Scotland and the Community Mental Health and Substance Misuse Team now have staff based in the East Neighbourhood Centre. This will help improve access to support and services for people struggling with substance misuse and people in recovery.</p> <p>In addition, the Recovery Bothy was set up in Craigmillar by local people with support from Connecting Craigmillar, EADP, the CEC and others. This community-led initiative focused on supporting people in recovery has been making great use of the space at 92 Niddrie Mains Road, with varied activities and support groups on during the week (provided by Let the People Sing, Scottish Recovery Coaching, Turning Point Scotland, Alcoholics Anonymous, Edinburgh Community Yoga, VOCAL and Connecting Craigmillar).</p> <p>The Reset programme (partnership between EHSCP Pact, Cyrenians and QMU) has been funded in response to the identified needs of older people at risk of hospital admission. It focuses on Resilience, Relationships and Resources and currently works with 47 people over 60 years old who have complex needs and were recently discharged from hospital or are at risk of going into hospital. Workers are able to support people for as long as they need/want.</p> <p>The Integrating the Cancer Journey Link Workers programme holistically supports people affected by cancer and now has a full team of professionals supporting local people.</p>	This should already be business as usual for all Edinburgh Partnership partners. Effective mechanisms for continuously receiving community feedback about support and services need to be put in place if they are not already. Most, if not all, of the information we need regarding local needs and aspirations is out there being discussed in existing inter-agency networks and forums (e.g. the recently established Leith Network, NE Voluntary Sector Forum, NE Older People's Service Providers Network, Edinburgh Pact work, Edinburgh Poverty Alliance, etc.). We just have to capture it effectively and ensure that this intelligence influences the delivery of support and services.	It does if the current community engagement mechanisms are not effective and if there is a lack of trust between the public sector and local people.	It should if the mechanisms in place ensure we hear the voices of people who are experiencing socio-economic disadvantage and/or are considered vulnerable.
		Partner with local people to better understand their experiences of using existing support services through a variety of techniques such as data, stories, action learning and co-design.		One of the main aims of both the Edinburgh Pact and Thrive was to better understand the experiences of people using support and services in the city and then co-produce ways to improve them.	This should already be business as usual for all Edinburgh Partnership partners. Effective mechanisms for continuously receiving community feedback about support and services need to be put in place if they are not already. Most, if not all, of the information we need regarding local needs and aspirations is out there being discussed in existing inter-agency networks and forums (e.g. the recently established Leith Network, NE Voluntary Sector Forum, NE Older People's Service Providers Network, Edinburgh Pact work, Edinburgh Poverty Alliance, etc.). We just have to capture it effectively and ensure that this intelligence influences the delivery of support and services.	It does if the current community engagement mechanisms are not effective and if there is a lack of trust between the public sector and local people.	It should if the mechanisms in place ensure we hear the voices of people who are experiencing socio-economic disadvantage and/or are considered vulnerable.

Theme 3 – Support and strengthen communities where poverty is highest to improve and maintain inclusive, safe and welcoming places to live.	Outcome	High Level Actions	Measure(s)	What has been done over the life of the plan 2017 - 2023? (Achievements including evidence)	Should the priority continue in the new plan or be mainstreamed - what supports this recommendation?	Does it require partner engagement ?	Does it address poverty and inequality?
	People living in targeted areas of higher need feel that they have a say on local issues and that developments better reflect their needs/ More sustainable local communities	Develop and deliver environmental and quality of life improvements and opportunities for residents living in North Cairntow working jointly with members of the Gypsy/ Traveller community	Increase in positive feedback from the local residents of North Cairntow, Northfield and Magdalene/ Increase the number of formal/ informal growing sites				
		Develop and deliver a range of environmental improvements in Northfield through engaging with local stakeholders and residents to improve the area as an inclusive, safe and welcoming place to live					
		Deliver identified improvements in Magdalene as described in the Magdalene Matters Action Plan					
		Support partnership approaches to community growing initiatives across the locality					

	People feel safer living in their local community	Deliver domestic abuse & coercive control awareness training to targeted groups of staff	Improve on the number of reported ASB incidents/ Improve on the rate of hate crime reporting	During the period we have worked with partners in delivering Domestic Abuse training to staff. A PSoS training package for partners is being developed and will be online in the coming months. Our proactivity in this area has seen a reduction of 33% (almost 300) in Domestic Abuse victims, against the 5 year average.	Yes - ongoing work in all areas	Yes	Yes
		Work with community groups, registered social landlord's, Community Councils and third sector organisations to divert people away from anti-social behaviour and use all available legislation to tackle the most persistent offenders		The 'Beat' campaigns which continue to run in the area, have been a huge influence in reducing the reported ASB by 30% (2000 less incidents) against the 5 year average. The introduction of 'Summer at Portobello' campaign saw a reduction in calls to the area, over the summer period (2022), of 80%.	Yes - ongoing work in all areas	Yes	Yes
		Work together to tackle hate crime and intolerance through building stronger relationships across communities to encourage reporting of hate crime and support/ promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion		A variety of campaigns continue to run across the area, including Beat hate. Major partner in the Ukranian settlement - with Equality and Diversity inputs delivered to those resettled by conflict. All activity lead to a 37% (90 less crimes) reduction in reported Hate Crimes, against the 5 year average.	Yes - ongoing work in all areas	Yes	Yes