



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

North-West Locality Community Planning Partnership

Friday 23 February 2023

10:00 – 11:30

1. Apologies
2. Note of the last meeting and Action Tracker
3. Edinburgh Partnership Update
 - a. Edinburgh Partnership survey - presentation
 - b. Transformation and Improvement programme
4. LIP Review/ Development update
5. Neighbourhood Network Evaluation
6. Neighbourhood Network Feedback
 - a. [Almond](#) – link to note of meeting
 - b. [Forth](#) – link to note of meeting
 - c. [Inverleith](#) – link to note of meeting
 - d. [Western](#) – link to note of meeting
7. AOB
8. Date of Next Meeting – TBC

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	MM	update Feb 24		MM will speak to Steven Kelly as this is issue across all localities	
2	10/12/2021	My Community North presentation	Lynn and Scott to link re on-going partnership and funding.	Elaine	Apr-23		Elaine is looking at this - Helen will update at next meeting	
3	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - North Edinburgh	Anna to look into training of VSF staff in carrying out assessments	Anna	Apr-23		Anna will report back at next mtg	JD email
4	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - North Edinburgh	Anna to provide statistics on assessment backlogs as a means of managing expectations	Anna	Apr-23		Anna will report back at next mtg	JD email
5	28/02/2022	20 minute N'hood presentation	20-minute neighbourhood team to be invited back to do presentation	GG/HB	2024			
6	18/11/2022	Priority 2	NW LCPP to host a meeting between all deputy head teachers, early years managers, CLD managers, and college managers to improve sharing of the learning estate					
7	30/11/2023	EVOC presentation	George added that he would like Capital City Partnership to be invited to a future LCPP.	GG	2024			
8	30/11/2023		LCPP members to report back to their organisations on activity.		on-going			
9	30/11/2023	LIP review/development	Andrew bring LIP review report to Feb meeting	AF	Feb-24			

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30 November 2023, 10am

Microsoft Teams

Minute

Members Present: Dawn Anderson (Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Representative), Andrew Field (City of Edinburgh Council), George Gordon (Forth Neighbourhood Network – NN- CHAIR) Percy Fekety (Almond Neighbourhood Network – NN), Liz McIntosh (Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep), Tommy McLean (Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep), Councillor Vicky Nicolson (City of Edinburgh Council), Councillor Norman Work (City of Edinburgh Council)

In Attendance: Julie Dickson (City of Edinburgh Council), Michele Mulvaney (City of Edinburgh Council), Jackie Stewart (City of Edinburgh Council)

Apologies: Helen Bourquin (City of Edinburgh Council), Liz McIntosh, Ramsay Dow (Skills Development Scotland), Myles Seaton (Capital City Partnership), Heather Yang (Volunteer Edinburgh)

1. Welcome and Introductions

George welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Note of the last meeting and Action Tracker

The note of the previous meeting was approved. The action tracker was considered and will be updated accordingly.

3. Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) presentation attached.

Bridie spoke to her presentation. Please see presentation. She covered the make-up of the Third Sector Interface in Edinburgh as well as capacity building and community wealth building (CWB).



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In terms of how EVOC can support with gaps in provision within the locality Bridie reported that a post which was previously part-time will now be full-time and will be focused on supporting collaborative working. This will entail working with partners to see how they can play a part in facilitating connections at a local level as well as developing place-based working, which links into CWB.

Dawn acknowledged that the Third sector is leading on CWB, she asked if there are any other champions or organisations appointing leads in this area. Bridie advised that Capital City Partnership have great practice around CWB and have developed a community benefits portal matching suppliers and other stakeholders to local communities, not-for-profit causes, education and employability initiatives. The Council have also been helpful. A conference on CWB was held by EVOC in October attended by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and it was well received.

Norman congratulated Bridie on the work of EVOC with the Council on the housing of displaced Ukrainian people in South Queensferry. However, he commented that it would be useful to be able to promote this kind of positive work in advance, but the community council was not informed prior to it being approved. Bridie agreed that this was a good piece of partnership work and reported that there will be resource for language, mental health, trafficking risk and employability. The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain worked with partners to provide an understanding and lived experience. She added that the project was challenging in terms of how it was handled with by Scottish Government and EVOC and the Council not feeling listened to, but relationships are improved now. Though the housing crisis needs to be taken seriously at Scottish Government and UK level. Bridie acknowledged Norman's point about engaging with community councils and said she would speak with EVOC's Ukrainian Coordinator. George added that it is also up to members of the LCPP to get messages out to community councils.

Vicky reported that Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre benefitted from UK Shared Prosperity Funding. She acknowledged that there are a lot of services, but it is about how to signpost to them and what can be done to improve the front door? Vicky also asked about how EVOC work with R2 in partnership. Bridie commented that EVOCs function is to support, not to deliver services, they have an enabler role. She added that there



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is almost a need for a framework at a local level. There is a need to make connections locally and map what's visible locally. Vicky asked what the Council could do to be better at informing people about what is available and whether EVOC have been asked to support this. Bridie responded in the affirmative adding that the work is just starting. Smaller organisations are doing mapping work. She added that the Early Intervention Plan and Digital Intervention need to be connected. Vicky agreed that an asset-based approach is necessary rather than top down.

Tommy commented that it is positive that there will be a full-time role around collaborative working and he would like to link in with the post-holder. He highlighted that NW is variable in terms of structures. Bridie added that the post-holder will look at how people work together locally and how to join up ambition.

George commented that the Performance and Delivery Committee of EIJB have asked for a briefing note and paper highlighting the LCPP's and the structure including Neighbourhood Networks and how they engage with EIJB and the wider partnership. Mike Massaro-Mallinson has been tasked in bringing it back to the next meeting on January 24th.

EVOC has recently had a re-structure, they have a new business plan and have also recruited 2 new part-time posts, an HR manager and a finance manager. There is a strategy consultation forth-coming and Bridie urged people to input.

Decision

- George added that he would like Capital City Partnership to be invited to a future LCPP.
- Bridie to link in EVOC's Ukrainian Coordinator with community councils.
- LCPP members to report back to their organisations on activity.
- Bridie to share presentation.
- George will share Bridie's details for any further information.

4. LIP Review update

Andrew reported that the Empowerment and Engagement Team have been gathering information on outcomes from LIP priority leads and bringing these together to develop the final report. Andrew has a draft



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copy and once he has signed this off, he will convene a meeting of the LCPP Chairs to review it. However, at present SW does not have an elected Chairperson, the next SW LCPP is not until 21 February when the new Chair will be elected. Andrew indicated that he would bring together the 3 Chairs from the other areas in January ahead of the full meeting. He explained that the agenda would be a dual agenda looking at the review report and next steps in terms of LIP development.

Tommy commented that he has been trying to get involvement from people who wouldn't usually engage. He would like to be able to feedback positive progress particularly as there is some reticence from CCs to the LIPs. Andrew explained that he does not want to get into the detail until there is a better sense of what the current LIPs tell us, from the review, this, combined with the feedback from all of the meetings/sessions currently taking place will inform the way forward. He reported that he would bring the review report to the next LCPP. George agreed that LCPP members need to reach out to networks and capture their interest but added that it is necessary to have the evaluation of the previous LIP. He commented that NW is seen as an exemplary in terms of how they work, but the whole sector needs to function well. Jackie stressed that there are significant differences in strictures between the areas and that the LIP development is a work in progress.

Bridie offered to link Andrew in with the new post-holder at EVOC. In terms of links into college and university Michele advised that she would speak to Nick Croft.

Decisions

- Andrew bring LIP review report to Feb meeting
- Bridie link in Andrew with new EVOC development worker
- Michele speak to Nick about link into college/universities

5. LIP Development update

Included above.

6. Edinburgh Partnership Update

Michele reported that the findings from the EP survey will go to the EPB on 12 Dec. The presentation can then come to the LCPP and it may help to inform the LIP priorities. The results don't show anything new but do evidence what was already known. SIMD areas fare worse overall.



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The first session in relation to the EPB Transformation and Improvement Team took place on Monday (27th Nov). It was a frank discussion recognising what we have and where we need to get to. Within the context of the discussions one of the issues was governance and a need to look at developing local eco systems. The next stage will be to diary a meeting in January to look at themes.

Bridie added that community planning is powerful but most powerful when working locally.

A key element is developing an integrated performance framework, this goes hand in hand with the transformation and improvement programme also locally with measuring the LIP.

7. Neighbourhood Network (NN) updates – please see links to notes of meetings

- a. [Almond](#) – link to note of meeting – Percy gave a full account of the previous Almond meeting including updates from the Rapid Relief Team, Estates Improvement, Police Scotland and community grants funding (CGF).
- b. [Forth](#) – link to note of meeting – George gave an update on the previous meeting including the Estates Improvement Programme and CGF. The next meeting will take place on 6 December 2023.
- c. [Inverleith](#) – link to note of meeting – there was no representative to provide a verbal update.
- d. [Western](#) – link to note of meeting – All NNs have been encouraging new organisations to apply for the CGF. Tommy reported that the local directory for Western is now [online](#) and he will share the link to be circulated. Andy's Man Club is also now taking place on Monday evenings at 7pm.

8. AOB

None

9. DONM

TBC