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## North-West Locality Community Planning Partnership

Friday 30 May 2023

10:00 – 11:30

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23 February 2024, 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, Chairperson) Percy Fekety (Almond Neighbourhood Network), Tommy McLean (Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep), Myles Seaton (Capital City Partnership), Neil Wilson (Police Scotland)

In Attendance: Helen Bourquin (City of Edinburgh Council), Julie Dickson (City of Edinburgh Council), Michele Mulvaney (City of Edinburgh Council)

Apologies: Nick Croft (Edinburgh College), Ramsay Dow (Skills Development Scotland), Anna Duff (Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership), Alan Healy (Police Scotland), Joyce McAree Millar (Skills Development Scotland), Liz McIntosh (Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep), Councillor Vicky Nicolson (City of Edinburgh Council), Heather Yang (Volunteer Edinburgh)



### 1. Apologies

As above.

### 2. Note of the last meeting and Action Tracker

The action tracker was considered and will be updated accordingly.

### 3. Edinburgh Partnership presentation

#### a) Presentation

Daniel presented summary results of the first Edinburgh Partnership survey tailored to the North-West. He will share the full questionnaire with members.

George thanked Daniel for the presentation mentioning particular areas of interest including policing, low perception of ability to influence decision making and low awareness of money advice services.

Tommy asked why pensioners were not included in the results including people who earn less than £15k. Daniel advised that he'd liaise with a colleague and come back on this.

Neil added that the presentation was a useful insight into the area with potentially some good news stories as well as challenges. He explained that the information will help to tailor responses to the community on areas highlighted. He commented that he'd like to drill down further into the results once these are available. In terms of CCTV Neil reported a very good position on this at present. He added that though policing provision could at times be challenging they remain very committed to the community policing model and hope to have higher visibility in certain areas in future, Neil will share more on this with the group as it develops.

Michele explained that as this was a partnership survey the raw data has been made available to partners who can use it in the context of their own organisation as well as partnership working. She added that there will be media around the survey results as they go to Culture and Communities Committee next week.

### Decision

- Daniel to provide survey questions and full results,
- All to provide feedback on survey questions, gaps etc.



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### b) Transformation and Improvement Programme

Michele advised that the first two sessions of the working group for the Edinburgh Partnership Transformation and Improvement Programme had taken place. During the first session key themes were identified for further consideration. The second session took place at the end of January. It was to focus on local eco-systems, service design and delivery, the model around R2 and how to design an eco-system across the city to achieve a 'no wrong door' approach. However, this was changed due to illness and instead looked at strategic issues. A progress update will go to the EPB on 5 March. The third session will take place on 18 March and use R2 as an example. Input from LCPPs will be sought over coming months. A paper pulling together the first two sessions will go to the March EPB.

George reported that a meeting had taken place between the 4 LCPP Chairs and Andrew last week. Following that a letter was submitted to the EPB Chairperson Councillor Cammy Day to request an LCPP Chair place on the board in a rotating basis, so each LCPP Chair would attend once per year.

Tommy suggested that there needs to be more linkage between those people who are suggesting strategies and those at the local level and that the impact of these strategies needs to be assessed. Michele responded that it is recognised that connectivity between the various elements is a weakness. In terms of the impact an integrated performance framework is being explored to detail the cumulative impact of community planning. A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is also back on the agenda to get a better understanding of what is happening and what needs to be done.

Tommy mentioned a Social Isolation Taskforce convened by the Scottish Government and asked how LCPPs could feed into this. Michele advised that the EP is looking at how to engage the grass roots voices. She explained that Location Directors sit on the EPB, this is the link into the Scottish Government. LCPPs can also ask for items to be added on to the EPB agenda. There is also a request and expectation that LIPs come to the EPB, an offer has also been made to strategic partnerships to link in so that there is alignment but not duplication. Michele advised that she would be happy to chat more about this offline.



#### 4. LIP Review /Development Update

Helen gave some background to the LIP review report. All priority leads were contacted for feedback on their areas of responsibility. Helen and Jackie then pulled this together and used the quarterly reports to populate the report. In some areas no feedback was available, some feedback was narrative rather than data and some was business as usual. There was an absence of baseline data and lack of consistency of leads or staff turnover. Helen advised that for those reasons it was recognised that there are vulnerabilities/flaws within the report.

In terms of the new LIPs Helen advised that they'd focus on the areas of greatest need. The priority lead wouldn't necessarily have to be an individual, it could be a group. And measures and data must be clear. She added that to mitigate the lack of resource close links would be made with the citywide Locality Outcome Improvement Plan Delivery Group (LOIP DG) as some of the citywide priorities would be relevant at a local level e.g. Cash-First. Helen advised that work on the new LIP is currently on a pause to ensure that the previous LIP is analysed and also that the correct approach to the new LIP is being taken.

Andrew added that he is looking to have the LIP review report added to the Culture and Communities Committee agenda. This would likely be mid/late summer and he would want this to happen before getting into the next iteration of the LIPs. George added that it is important to have political buy-in and to have partners share the load and take the lead in some areas. He added that locality decision making is built into the Verity Agreement.

#### 6. Neighbourhood Network Evaluation

Andrew advised that it would be brief update. Culture and Communities Committee had asked for a review of NNs and an evaluation of Community Grants Fund (CGF). This work is now in the project planning phase. Andrew advised that his team will come back to a future LCPP once the review is complete. Going forward the team is hoping to work with NNs.

Tommy stated that he'd like to make quite clear the need for NNs. He commented that in areas other than NW there are different groups and networks fulfilling the role of NNs.

Michele explained that though the motion has come through Council NNs are ultimately part of the EP and therefore an EP decision. The first



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principle of why NNs are in place is to give the community a voice. She made clear the differential between the community and the voluntary sector who have other avenues to input and the community.

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

- a. [Almond](#) – link to note of meeting. Percy had provided a PDF of the organigram for Place which came from the Almond NN. He reported that a face-to-face meeting took place in South Queensferry and it went well.
- b. [Forth](#) – link to note of meeting – George advised that a position was agreed on CGF and the funds have now been exhausted. The NN Chair is keen to look into the impact of CGF awards. Cleansing was also on the agenda as there has been significant dumping within the area.
- c. [Inverleith](#) – link to note of meeting – the meeting should have taken place on Wednesday but was postponed. The previous meeting was had low attendance. The rearranged meeting will take place first week of March.
- d. [Western](#) – link to note of meeting – Tommy advised that there were a couple of presentations and a good discussion on the LIP. The CGF had recently changed to a grants panel but they couldn't be convened so decisions took place at the main meeting, though Tommy was confident the panel would be a good model in the future and that the remaining funding would be allocated.

Tommy advised that the Joint Social Isolation Network (for Western and Almond) works effectively and often hosts higher numbers than the NN. He felt this was because it is an action group. He identified the main issue for the network as communication. However, the newsletter works well. The issue with the newsletter is that it is funded through CGF and as the network don't have a bank account it means different groups have to apply on behalf of the network. Tommy suggested that this be looked at as part of the CGF review.

The website is also working well -

[westedinburghinformation.wordpress.com](http://westedinburghinformation.wordpress.com) but there are funding issues.

Tommy advised that the web administrator would be happy to help other local groups to set up their own sites.



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The network are supporting the 'Vintage Vibes' befriending service to recruit more volunteers so that they can support the demand for the service.

An event organised by the NN/VSF called 'Spring into Volunteering' will take place on 7 March.

Another win for the network is the improved contact with the local chemist who has agreed to display the newsletter, though Tommy commented Health and Social Care need to be more involved.

### 8. AOB

Tommy asked that members support Corstorphine Community Council.

Neil commented that the NN structure is valued, and he has found them insightful and informative when he has attended. He suggested that it's necessary to look at how we feedback on collective and collaborative work and how to communicate what we are doing to tackle issues that then leads into communities feeling that they have a voice.

George advised that communications is a common issue. Michele explained that the EP has a communications strategy but phase 2 needs to be delivered. Michele suggested that this be discussed on the next agenda.

### Decisions

- EP Communications strategy on next agenda

### 9. DONM

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Number	Date	Topic	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Status	Comments
1	10/12/2021	My Community North presentation	Lynn and Scott to link re on-going partnership and funding.	Helen/Elaine	May-24		No further funding available. Edin college have advised they can't commit a student. Anita will speak to R2 and report back.
2	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
3	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
4	28/02/2022	20 minute N'hood presentation	20-minute neighbourhood team to be invited back to do presentation	GG	2024		George will extend an invite
5	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				Need to be very clear on ask. Discussion to be had off table.
6	23/02/2024	EP Survey	Daniel to provide survey questions and full results,	DG/JD			
7	23/02/2024	AOB	EP Communications strategy on next agenda		Aug-24		