



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN DELIVERY GROUP

Thursday 27 Jan 2022, 2 – 4pm

MS Teams

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Members present

Bridie Ashrowan

Colonel Lorne Campbell

Julie Coyle

Nick Croft

Rebecca Devine

Tony Duncan

Euan Hamilton

Martin Higgins

Rona Hunter

Brian Robertson

Kirsteen Scott

Graeme Welch

Elin Williamson

Edinburgh Voluntary

Organisations' Council (EVOC)

MoD, Army, Edinburgh Garrison

Skills Development Scotland

Edinburgh College

NHS Lothian

Edinburgh Health and Social Care
Partnership (EHSCP)

Equalities and Rights Network

NHS Lothian

Capital City Partnership

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Scottish Enterprise

Department of Work and Pensions

City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance

Julie Dickson (note)

Daniel Greig

Michele Mulvaney

City of Edinburgh Council

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Apologies

Samantha Ainslie

Kate Barlow

David Cooper

Laurene Edgar

Judith Stonebridge

Neill Whiteside

Police Scotland

Edinburgh Health and Social Care
Partnership (EHSCP)

City of Edinburgh Council

Lothian Association of Youth
Councils (LAYC)

NHS Lothian

Police Scotland

1. Welcome & Apologies

Nick welcomed the new members of the group to the meeting. He advised that Judith Stonebridge, Co-Chair would be leaving and thanked her for the contribution and energy that she had brought to the role. He indicated that replacing her as co-chair would be considered at a future point and was happy to continue as chair meantime.

2. Note of last meeting

The note of the last meeting was agreed.

3. Action Tracker

The action tracker was reviewed and will be updated. Any updates from individuals to be sent to Julie.

4. LOIP

a. Priority updates

Priority 1 - *Enough money to live on.* (Please see slides)

Rebecca presented slides pertaining to the affordable credit paper (circulated). An action plan was developed through the Income Maximisation and Poverty Group with 3 main themes – communications plan, working in partnership and preventing problem debt. The questions are –

- Who can lead on delivery of the action plan?
And
- What resource might be required?

Rona commented that with inflation and the imminent removal of the energy cap affordable credit is an escalating issue. CCP received a crisis fund from Barclays and this was quickly allocated.

Rebecca suggested some ideas around the 3 themes including –

Communications – the need to look at linkages between national and local communications

Working in Partnership – link in with Sandy McDonald from Scottish Financial Enterprise

Preventing Problem Debt – Looking at work such as that in Glasgow around awareness of gambling harm.

Rona highlighted the synergy with the advice service review. Martin explained that the timescale for the review would be longer so this might not be helpful in the short-term. Kate was unable to attend the meeting but had advised that the review was delayed as the researcher appointment had fallen through and would have to go back out to tender, albeit with an increased budget for the work. The procurement would run throughout February with a new appointment expected in March and a 5-month delivery timescale.

Decision

1. Michele and Rebecca to link in with city wide comms contacts on the communications theme
2. Nick and Rebecca to link in with Kate around synergy with the advice service review

Priority 2 - Access to work, learning and training opportunities.

Rona provided an update. No One Left Behind recommissioning has taken place with new services in place for April 2022. This will include larger contracted work and more niche grants programme. A new Vocational Training Framework to tackle skill shortages. A new Strategic Skills Pipeline reflecting refreshed activity will be shown to partners in April 2022. A new Citizen Panel funded under The Robertson Trust to support under-represented client groups is starting in April 2022 and a presentation on this will follow. There remains a gap with co-ordination of prison leavers. Michele advised that she is to pick this up with Rona and Council colleagues.

Julie shared a link to an SDS participation snapshot for 16-19 year olds. She said that participation levels are quite high but there is a large gap between deprived and affluent areas of the city. She will be working with a Council Quality Improvement Officer to look at how to address this over the next few months.

There was some discussion about economic recovery and the unstable landscape in education to deferrals as well as skills gaps nationwide and a high level of economic inactivity. Social care was mentioned as a sector having difficulty filling vacancies. Tony commented that a number of professions have an aging demographic. Demand is increasing but there is a downward pressure on workforce and budget. It was acknowledged that the H&SC Partnership has a legal duty to provide a workforce plan but that there seems to be a lack of leadership to bring this together.

Decision

3. Michele to arrange discussion around co-ordination of prison leavers with Rona and Council colleagues.

Priority 3 – *A good place to live*. Martin advised that there has been a focus on 20-minute neighbourhoods and community wealth building (CWB). There has been significant work going on in Wester Hailes and there are good Third Sector links there. However, there needs to be a focus on the social and economic as well as physical factors.

Bridie said that it was intended to share the learning from the Wester Hailes event so that it can be used as a template for Liberton. Neil McElroy came to speak to the learning group about community wealth building. She added that NHS Lothian are committed to becoming an anchor institution.

Michele added that there is a priority 3 sub-group next week and it is hoped to take the learning from Wester Hailes and look at the deliverables and use this model for Liberton session. She commented that there is buy-in and willingness and it is important to maintain the momentum. Community wealth building is happening within the city but not in a joined up way and there is potential to hold a workshop to map out activity.

Decision

4. Workshop to map CWB activity

5. EP Update

The action note from the EPB meeting was circulated with the LOIP papers to allow members to see the breadth and outcome of discussions.

There was a discussion with End Poverty Edinburgh (EPE) and a number of asks were remitted to the LOIP DG group, required on a mechanism for discussion between the EPE and LOIP DG.

The EPB has agreed to have oversight of the Climate Strategy 2030. There will be an Implementation Board and the EP Governance will need to be revised accordingly. Thought will need to be given as to how the LOIP DG will contribute to the delivery of the implementation plan. Nick added that there will be a whole governance infrastructure around the Climate Implementation Board and there will be actions relevant to the LOIP DG but this will require a discussion.

Work continues around the collaborative framework between CEC and EACC around how to collaborate more meaningfully and if members wish to contribute they can contact Michele or Julie.

Nick acknowledged that Colonel Hugo Clark had agreement from the EPB previously for the Edinburgh Covenant and it was confirmed that he had now moved into a new role at the MoD.

Bridie advised that work is being carried out with the Poverty Alliance to ensure that new members have a way to feed into the Poverty Commission.

Decision

5. Michele and Nick to take the two substantive items, EPE relationship and actions and contribution to the Climate Strategy off table.

6. Best Value Assurance Audit Improvement Plan

The September EPB papers were circulated with the LOIP DG pack. Actions from the BVA Improvement Plan have now been mainstreamed and will be reported and monitored through the EP Implementation Plan.

7. Resources

Michele advised that a financial report had been submitted to the EPB in December and that the budget was fully allocated to development work. Each sub-group would now need to consider their specific resource ask and a model developed for putting across the business cases. She added that the ask might not be immediate but it is important to forecast this.

Decision

6. Michele, Nick and priority leads to explore this further. Martin also to be included.

8. AOB

Bridie advised that a PHD has been completed on EVOC, what it is and what a Third Sector Interface (TSI) is. She requested that this be brought to the next LOIP DG. Nick agreed that this could be a new model for the meetings with a 'getting to know your organisation' section.

Decision

7. EVOC presentation to be brought to the next meeting.

9. DONM

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