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North-West Locality Community Planning Partnership

Thursday 5 September 2024

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Agenda

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3. 20 Minute Neighbourhoods (tentative)
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 - d. Western – link to note of meeting
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30 May 2024, 10am

Microsoft Teams

Minute

Members Present: Councillor Stuart Dobbin (City of Edinburgh Council), Andrew Field (City of Edinburgh Council), George Gordon (Forth Neighbourhood Network, Chairperson) Percy Fekety (Almond Neighbourhood Network), Alan Healy (Police Scotland), Tommy McLean (Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep), Myles Seaton (Capital City Partnership), Neil Wilson (Police Scotland), Heather Yang (Volunteer Edinburgh)

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

Apologies: Dawn Anderson (Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Representative), Ramsay Dow (Skills Development Scotland), Michael Jeffrey (Edinburgh College), Councillor Vicky Nicolson (City of Edinburgh Council), Richard Stark (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)



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1. Note of the last meeting and Action Tracker

The note of the previous meeting (23/02/24) was approved. The action tracker was considered and will be updated accordingly.

2. Capital City Partnership presentation – Rona Hunter (see presentation)

Rona introduced herself and CCP as an arms -length external organisation of the Council, tasked with coordinating the employability landscape. Covering poverty, employability and skills. Rona shared a presentation covering –

- Edinburgh's employment landscape
- Local employability partnership
- Client groups
- The 5-stage process
- Navigating the system – Edinburgh Guarantee/No wrong door
- North-West Locality

Rona advised that it is a complex landscape which CCP manage and simplify so that citizens can access the services they need.

Neil commented that it was helpful to have these signposting tools and asked if there was mapping around the 9000 universal credit recipients who are not in work and may require enhanced support, as this could be useful in targeting work. Rona advised that they try to commission through the SIMD lens of where poverty prevalent, as well as youth-based services around crime hotspots so that teachers, police officers etc know where to divert youths. She advised that it is clustered around SIMD areas and large housing estates. She reported that the Council have a new Edinburgh Guarantee Team and will have locality link officers which will help with signposting. CCP are also involved in advice services which provides a link with GP link workers, this is part of the No Wrong Door approach.

George mentioned a migration to universal credit due to other cuts and asked if CCP are prepared for that. Rona advised that a Joined Up for Advice service is being corralled and will be responsive. CCP are established and have the infrastructure but have to await whatever is coming politically.

George mentioned that there are many planning applications coming through the NW which should hopefully result in new job opportunities,



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he asked if the Hub is the place for citizens to engage and find out about opportunities. Myles advised that CCP are linked in with the building companies and looking at how they can support them, there have been placement opportunities and site experience. CCP are mapping out the opportunities that are coming in into the area, working with the college and training providers in the area to try to upskill people so they are ready for the opportunities coming into the area. He added that citizens can link in directly through the Hub. Opportunities are distributed out through the network. Rona added that there are now community job fairs based around sectors e.g. construction, employers attend, people can go there to meet with them and apply for jobs. There is a vocational training framework where CCP can run funded courses to prepare people with the qualifications they require for job opportunities. CCP also have a community benefits portal where employers can match with community needs. There was some discussion about the portal, and it was agreed that CCP would be invited to present to the joint NW NNs. Tommy asked CCP to ensure that links are made with West Edinburgh and Almond around employability opportunities.

Decisions

- Rona to forward slides and equivalents for NE, SE and SW.
- CCP to be invited to present on the community benefits portal to a joint NN meeting.
- Tommy to send portal requests to Rona.
- Rona link Tommy to the core coordinator for benefits advice.

3. LIP Development Update

Helen advised that a report is being prepared this will update on where the team are with the work and the approach, what's been done so far, a timeline for future LIPs, an overview of the format proposed - a hybrid approach, focussing on the areas of greatest need and inequality within the four localities, working with partners and existing networks including R2. The report will also look at high level actions and ask how partners can contribute. The report will go to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan Delivery Group (LOIP DG) with a view to aligning with the strategic direction.



6. Edinburgh Partnership Update

A substantive item will be on the Transformation & Improvement programme (T&I). There have been a number of workshops with partners, looking at issues, areas for improvement and there will be an update in June with a proposition which, if approved, would be used as the basis for engagement over the next couple of months. There is potential substantial change, but this would be expanded to LCPPs and partners for wider discussion. It is about streamlining, improving connections and strengthening relationships and refocussing on being data driven with a focus on anti-poverty and net zero. The final proposal would go to the September EPB. Advice will be sought from LCPP Chairs as to the best way to engage with LCPPs.

There will also be a workshop on housing, recognising the housing emergency and the absence of a housing partnership which there is a proposal to establish as part of the new approach to community planning.

Decisions

- All NNs to be brought together for engagement on T&I programme.

4. Neighbourhood Network Review Update

Andrew reported that his team had been tasked with carrying out an evaluation of NNs, to be reported to the August Culture and Communities Committee. This report will be an evaluation of the current position and a recommendation for further engagement. Engagement will be undertaken with people who are involved as well as those who are not. A questionnaire is out at the moment which LCPP members have been asked to contribute to. The final report will be circulated to LCPPs and Andrew will be happy to speak to the item on the next meeting agenda. This will all link into the work of the T&I programme.

Tommy commented that he hoped the report would highlight that NNs are not the only ones working toward the objectives and purposes of the NNs, other local networks are doing the same but under different names and structures. Michele explained that in terms of the proposition when talking about a place-based approach it recognises that there is an



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organic community structure, and it is about how to link into this. Tommy stressed that it is important to make sure that elected members understand this. George added that he has written to group leaders to highlight that they should be more engaged than they currently are both in the networks and community councils.

Decisions

- NN evaluation report to go on August agenda.

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

- a. [Read the Almond NN note](#) – link to note of meeting. Percy gave a comprehensive account of the Almond NN meeting from 8 May 2024.
- b. [Read the Forth NN note](#) – link to note of meeting. George submitted the note of the 17 April 2024 meeting.
- c. Inverleith – no up to date note was available.
- d. [Read the Western NN note](#) – link to note of meeting. Tommy submitted the note of the 24 January 2024 meeting.

It was agreed that where there are only draft minutes available for NNs these would still be submitted for the LCPP.

Police Scotland

Neil commented that he valued being included in the LCPP and finds the NNs an informative forum. Neil introduced Community Inspector Alan Healy who is taking over from Caroline Flynn. He referenced a programme of work that Police Scotland plan to deliver in the West Pilton area to address challenges around serious and organised crime and child exploitation. This is being led by Michael Dixon and Michael will look to engage with members in future.

Tommy asked about the lack of Police attendance at community council meetings. George acknowledged that the Council funding for community officers was withdrawn. Neil commented that colleagues do endeavour to attend, or provide written reports, where they can.

Decisions

- George to speak to local elected members about reinvigorating the Inverleith NN.
- George speak to Steve Kerr about Western NN representation.
- Tommy to send website link and leaflet to Neil.
- Police Scotland to be invited to potential NN forum
- Police Scotland to go on August NW LCPP re West Pilton programme of work.

8. AOB

Tommy mentioned the community centre strategy being developed by the Community Empowerment and Engagement Team and asked the team to keep LCPPs updated on this work.

Decision

- Community centre strategy to go on August NW LCPP

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	George to email
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	George to email
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	AOB	EP Communications strategy on next agenda		Aug-24			
7	30/05/2024		CCP to be invited to present on the community benefits portal to a joint NN meeting.	GG				
8	30/05/2024		Tommy to send portal requests to Rona.	TM	asap			

9	30/05/2024		Rona link Tommy to the core coordinator for benefits advice.	RH	asap			
10	30/05/2024	EP Update	All NNs to be brought together for engagement on T&I programme.	Communities Team	Jun - Aug 24			
11	30/05/2024	AOB	Community centre strategy to go on August NW LCPP	APM	Aug-24			