

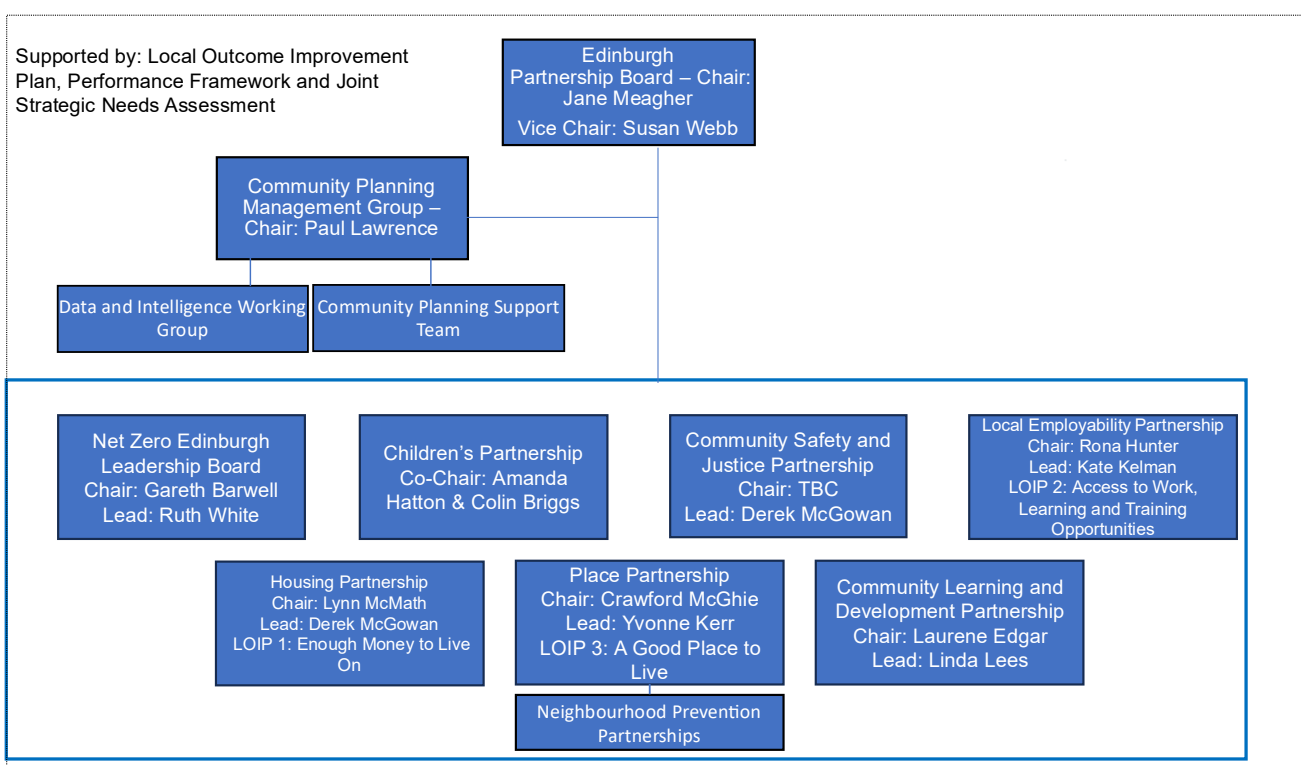
Community Planning in Scotland The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory duty on a range of public bodies, including local authorities, to play a full and active role in community planning, requiring them to unify public assets, activities and resources, together with those of the voluntary and private sectors and communities, to deliver shared priorities for their areas.

Community planning is a process by which public bodies work collaboratively with communities to plan, resource and provide services to improve the quality of people’s lives. It is about reducing the outcome gap for those experiencing the greatest inequality, taking a preventative approach.

Community Planning in Edinburgh

Vision: **“Edinburgh is a thriving, connected, inspired and fair city, where all forms of poverty and inequality are reduced.”**

A recent review of Community Planning in Edinburgh resulted in an updated governance structure.



The Edinburgh Partnership Board (EPB):

The Board is the accountable body for community planning in Edinburgh with responsibility for overseeing, developing, monitoring and reporting performance on all matters relating to the Edinburgh Partnership. It is comprised of senior representatives from organisations outlined in the Community Empowerment Act. In brief, the Board provides strategic leadership by:

- developing a joint vision and outcomes to improve quality of life and tackle inequality, as set out in the Edinburgh Plan (Local Outcome Improvement Plan, LOIP) and Locality Plans.
- identifying, agreeing and contributing the resources needed to achieve these shared outcomes
- Establishing an appropriate governance structure to deliver these shared outcomes and,
- holding each other to account for the delivery of these outcomes through constructive challenge and effective performance reporting.

Community Planning Management Group (CPMG):

The CPMG is comprised of leads from each of the Edinburgh Partnership's Strategic Partnerships and provides support to the Board. Acting as a collaborative planning group to drive progress against the priorities set out in the LOIP, it ensures a joined-up agenda and delivery model across all the Strategic

Partnerships, monitoring activity and performance against agreed outcomes. The CMPG is also responsible for developing a new LOIPs and corresponding performance frameworks, as required.

Net Zero Leadership Board (NZLB):

The NZLB provides city-wide leadership in creating a green, clean and sustainable future for the city, as laid out in the 2030 Climate Strategy. By ensuring economies of scale and opportunities of scale and place-making are being achieved through collaboration and alignment between Board partners, the NZLB will also break down barriers to joint investment in project delivery.

Edinburgh Children’s Partnership (ECP):

Vision: *‘Edinburgh’s children and young people enjoy their childhood and achieve their potential.’*

Established under the guidelines of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, the ECP’s primary objective is jointly implementing the Children’s Services Plan, a partnership plan involving multi-agency actions for the benefit of children, young people, and their families in Edinburgh. Part 3 of the Act seeks to improve outcomes for all children and young people in Scotland by ensuring that local planning and delivery of services is integrated, focused on securing quality and value through preventative approaches, and dedicated to safeguarding, supporting and promoting child wellbeing.

Community Safety & Justice Partnership (CSJP):

This partnership brings a strategic approach to community justice, community safety and antisocial behaviour issues across the city. Having been reconvened after having not met for over a year, a self-assessment exercise is currently under way to evaluate the strength of the partnership and set a new action plan. A key aspect of this will be the development of a new Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for Edinburgh by the end of 2025.

Local Employability Partnership (LEP):

The Edinburgh Local Employability Partnership exists to foster collaboration between stakeholders involved in the employability and skills landscape; partners include statutory organisations, skills providers, health and the third sector. Our key role is to develop and implement strategic plans to address local employment challenges. The group is responsible for the allocation of Scottish Government No one Left Behind Funds, co-ordinating employer engagement and analysis of labour market data.

<https://edinburghlep.org/>

Strategic Housing Partnership (SHP):

The SHP brings together key city stakeholders involved in housing and homelessness services to develop strategic responses to the city’s housing emergency, and income maximisation. This strategic focus includes employability, benefits and social security, homelessness prevention and support, and housebuilding. The Strategic Housing Partnership (SHP) will develop, promote, and support a public health approach to address housing issues and income maximisation across Edinburgh. The SHP will act as a unified voice representing senior leadership on housing issues in the city.

Strategic Place Partnership (SPP):

The SPP includes members from across the EP and aims to create and foster vibrant, thriving, healthy, sustainable and safe places and communities. By ensuring a joined-up approach to the place-based and place-making agendas and systems in Edinburgh and undertaking evidence-based ‘tests of change’ across the city, the SPP supports the delivery of improved outcomes for citizens and communities.

Community Learning and Development Partnership (CLDP): The CLDP coordinates the development and delivery of the CLD Plan, which focuses on adult learning, community development, and youth work. The Partnership brings together key stakeholders to ensure collaborative, needs-led approaches that support lifelong learning, reduce inequalities, and strengthen communities.