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Meeting Tuesday, 3 March 2026
Time 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Venue Main Hall, SPACE @ Broomhouse Hub, 79-89 Broomhouse Crescent, Edinburgh, EH11 3RH

Edinburgh Partnership Board

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1. Welcome and Meeting Protocols

1.1 Welcome and Meeting Protocols (2.00-2.15pm)

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- 5.1 Edinburgh Partnership Financial Governance (2.35-2.50pm) To Follow

6. Workstream 1 - Governance and Administration

- 6.1 Community Safety & Justice Partnership Review (2.50-3.05pm)

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- 7.1 Workshop on LOIP Refresh: Progress to date, review planned actions etc. (3.05-4.15pm) 33 - 56

8. Workstream 3: The Road to LOIP 2028

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9. Dates of Future Meetings

9.1 Future Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Location
10 June 2026	2.00 -4.00pm	McDonald Road Fire Station

Notes:

Workstream 1:	Ensuring that the governance, structure, reporting and administrative systems/tools are in place to support Workstreams 2 and 3.
Workstream 2:	Progressing the current LOIP & Locality planning
Workstream3:	Developing a new LOIP

THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Wednesday 3 December 2025 – 2.00pm

Robertson Trust Suite, Spartans Community Foundation, 94 Pilton Drive, Edinburgh
EH5 2HF

MINUTE

Board members present

Councillor Jane Meagher (Chair)	City of Edinburgh Council
Bruce Crawford	Edinburgh Voluntary Organisation's Council (EVOC)
Emma Matthews	Skills Development Scotland
Douglas Tharby	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Harriet Mortimer	Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Claire Miller	City of Edinburgh Council
Jamie Bell	Scottish Enterprise
Susan Webb (Vice-Chair)	NHS Lothian
Councillor Vicky Nicolson	City of Edinburgh Council
Kathryn Fairfield	Police Scotland

In attendance

Gillie Severin	City of Edinburgh Council
Daniel Baigrie	City of Edinburgh Council
Flora Ogilvie	NHS Lothian
Lindsay Robertson	City of Edinburgh Council
April Harrison-Clark	City of Edinburgh Council

Laurene Edgar	LAYC
Linda Lees	City of Edinburgh Council
Chris Adams	City of Edinburgh Council
Paul Lawrence	City of Edinburgh Council
Carey Fuller	City of Edinburgh Council
Derek McGowan	City of Edinburgh Council

1. Welcome and Meeting Protocols

Councillor Meagher welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Minute of the Edinburgh Partnership of 9 September 2025

The minute of the Edinburgh Partnership Board of 9 September 2025 was presented for approval as a correct record.

Decision

To agree the minute as a correct record.

4. Outstanding Actions

The Outstanding Actions were presented to the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

Decision

1) To agree to close the following actions:

- Action 2 – Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan
- Action 4a – Edinburgh Partnership Transformation and Improvement programme – Progress Update 12 December 2024
- Action 4b – Outstanding Actions – Community Councils
- Action 7 – Third Sector Review, Engagement Feedback and recommendations
- Action 8 – Edinburgh Partnership Workplan Proposal
- Action 9 – Prevention Terminology – An EP approach
- Action 10 - Living Well Locally/Neighbourhood Prevention Partnerships development: Next Steps



- 2) To note the remaining outstanding actions.
- 3) To agree to bring a further report to this board, regarding drug related deaths, in relation to the items at section 6 of the rolling actions log.
- 4) To note that officers would engage with Community Councils to clarify the opportunity for their involvement in the development of the 5 new Neighbourhood Prevention Partnerships.

5. ECLD Partnership Implementation Plan Annual Update

The report updated the Edinburgh Partnership Board on the progress and improvements since the Education Scotland CLD Progress Visit in February 2024. The progress made was reflected in the report of the Further Inspection of CLD in March 2025 which is now published on the Education Scotland Website. This report provided assurance that the CLD Partnership and the Local Authority are meeting their legislative duties for CLD and have the capacity to continue to improve. It also highlighted the relationship between the three-year CLD Partnership Plan and the Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning Service and Team Plans.

Decision

- 1) To approve the report and to note that the local authority and its CLD partners are now fully meeting the legislative requirements for CLD.
- 2) To agree to receiving a further report in September 2026, with an update on progress of year 2 of the CLD Plan 2024-27

6. Winter Preparedness

Partners had an opportunity to discuss how they could best work together to mitigate the health and weather risks over the winter period. The actions below were noted.

Decision

- 1) Council officers to ensure that the council resilience team has the correct connections and info sharing arrangements with other agencies regarding winter preparedness.
- 2) To ensure that the clear information about access to flu vaccines is circulated to all partners and communicated to the public by the NHS and the Council.

7. Quarterly Reports and Planned Dashboard

Quarterly updates regarding the following priorities were circulated: Community Safety and Justice, Local Employability Partnership, Strategic Place Partnership and Community Learning and Development.

Decision

- 1) To note that Quarterly Reports and a Dashboard would be presented to the board moving forward.

- 2) To note discussion regarding the reporting of outcomes, rather than outputs only, across partnerships; perhaps through measurable KPIs.
- 3) To note the upcoming workshop regarding measuring success and reporting.

8. End Poverty in Edinburgh & Edinburgh Plan (LOIP) Annual Progress Report

The report provided the fifth annual overview on progress made by Edinburgh Partnership members in response to the calls to action made by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission. It also provides a refreshed framework of priorities for action by the Council and partners during 2026, aligning with the Edinburgh Poverty Commission's 2025 calls to action. For the first time, this report also provides an annual progress report against delivery of the Edinburgh Community Plan (LOIP) for 2022-28.

Decision

- 1) To note the actions carried out by partners to prevent and help people move out of poverty in Edinburgh and to delivery on the priorities of Edinburgh's Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- 2) To note the findings of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission (EPC) 2025 update report, and thanks the members of the Commission and End Poverty Edinburgh for their work in leading this update.
- 3) To agree that EPC calls to action will be embedded in the LOIP refresh
- 4) To agree to ask all Strategic Partnership to consider and report to the board during 2026 on the work they are carrying out to embed EPC actions into partnership delivery plans.
- 5) To agree, in support of this work, to invite all Strategic Partnership chairs and lead officers to meet with EPC and the End Poverty Edinburgh Citizen's Group.
- 6) To agree that actions arising from this work will be built into next year's annual report.
- 7) To note that officers would circulate information about benefits calculators and support services.

9. Community Justice Annual Return

Edinburgh's Community Safety and Justice Partnership (CSJP) is responsible for completing Community Justice Scotland's Local Area Annual Return Template (the Annual Return) on behalf of the Edinburgh Partnership. The completed Annual Return (link at Appendix 1) contains examples of local community justice activity in 2024/25.

Decision

- 1) To approve Edinburgh's Annual Return for 2024/25.
- 2) To note that officers would consider bringing demographic information in relation to people diverted from prosecution.

10. Discussion: LOIP 2028-38 Planning Update & Next Steps

The Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) is a ten-year strategy covering 2018 – 2028. To ensure the new LOIP and performance framework are ready for April 2028, work will need to begin now. This paper sets out the proposed timeline and resources required to deliver LOIP 2028 – 2038.

Decision

- 1) To approve the proposed timeline.
- 2) To agree to the resource requirements and a financial contribution where possible to enable work to take place.
- 3) To agree to continue to review overall resourcing for this work and receive regular updates on progress
- 4) To consider the best time in the planning process to undertake the Integrated Impact Assessment.

11. Any other Business

Decision

To note that a motion had been agreed at Full Council regarding Public Diners and there had been an indication that a report would be presented to this partnership in December 2025, however this had not been on the agenda. Officers agreed to look into this.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

To note the forthcoming meeting dates below:

- 15 January 2026 1.30- 3.00pm Additional meeting – City Chambers, High Street.
- 3 March 2026 2.00 - 4.00pm SPACE@Broomhouse
- 10 June 2026 2.00 - 4.00pm McDonald Road Fire Station

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No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Comments
1	12.12.23	Update – LOIP Priority 1 – ‘Enough Money to Live On’	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The board will take a strategic look at Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) support for parents, to enable them to work and learn. 2) A session will be held in February, to look at provision and pressures on ELC in relation to the Council’s Poverty Prevention Board. 3) To consider Energy Poverty at a future meeting of the board and note the work of Home Energy Scotland. 4) To note that some of the ‘red’ marked actions in the report have not started yet. Some of these are owing to resources and some require broader cultural shifts across partners. 	Chief Executive Lead Officer: Gillie Severin gillie.severin@edinburgh.gov.uk	Ongoing	<p>Actions 1 and 2 closed on 12.12.24 – reopened in 2025.</p> <p><u>Update Feb 2026</u></p> <p>The 2nd meeting took place Jan 13, 2026. Session covered recent parent survey, the current supports in place and who they do/don’t reach and then focused on understanding underlying causes of problems with childcare, reflecting on real case studies.</p> <p>A 3rd meeting is scheduled for Feb 12, 2026 and will be spent developing draft recommendations. A 4th meeting is anticipated to hear from the EDAN Hub to better understand the problems for neurodivergent children in childcare and possible, practical actions. A second input will be shared from the Parent-Led Childcare Collaborative around the school age childcare piece and the real challenges being faced in the sector. We are also working with a group of parents to hear their stories and suggestions.</p> <p>A 5th meeting will be used to finalise the recommendations for inclusion in the LOIP refresh.</p> <p><u>Update Nov 2025</u></p> <p>SLWG first meeting took place on November 6, 2025. Well attended with time spent considering the core issues in the city. Action log being developed. A further meeting to be scheduled in January 2026 to consider opportunities for partnership work.</p>

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Page 10						<p><u>Update August 2025</u></p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for Nov 6, 2025 with Partners and community organisations to progress the work outlined above. A further update will be provided in December 2025.</p> <p><u>Update March 2024</u></p> <p>A group of key stakeholders met in February to discuss childcare provision in the city. As a first step it was agreed to carry out a mapping exercise to better understand the landscape of provision. This will inform discussion about gaps and opportunities and how to better achieve a collaborative approach. The group will reconvene in April and a progress report will be submitted to the Board in June.</p> <p><u>Actions 3 and 4 Update June 2025:</u></p> <p>This work will be considered as part of the Poverty Commission interim report and will be brought to the EPB board in the autumn for discussion and agreement on collective priorities.</p>
	2	03.09.24	Becoming A Trauma Informed Partnership	1) To agree members would complete initial awareness training by December 2024.	Head of Strategy: Gillie Severin Gillie.severin@edinburgh.gov.uk	TBC

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			2) To request links in the report be checked and updated if required to enable members to complete training.	Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services Lead Officer: Rose Howley rose.howley@edinburgh.gov.uk		now determining how to best utilize funds to embed trauma informed practice across the council. We will also consider training and how/when this could be offered to the Partnership.
3	12.06.25	Community Safety and Justice Partnership Review	To request two self-assessment exercises, focused on Community Justice and Community Safety are completed by CSaJ partners with a report back to the Edinburgh Partnership in September 2025.	Interim Executive Director of Place – Lead Officer, Derek McGowan derek.mcgowan@edinburgh.gov.uk	December 2025	Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting per the update below. Feb 2026 Update Self assessment exercises were completed but had limited response rate. CJSP partners met in January to consider work needed to refresh the partnership. Partners agreed actions including establishing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for community safety and justice issues, and agreeing a proposed partnership operating model. This work will continue, with the JSNA expected to support the development of the new Antisocial Behaviour strategy this year. EPB will be updated at key stages. Nov 2025 Update Report will now come to March 2026 meeting

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						Sept 2025 Update Report on December 2025 Agenda
4a	11.07.25	Next Steps and Role of Edinburgh Partnership Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To quickly review/ map which agencies and facilities, have or could have access to Naloxone and to arrange appropriate training. This could include staff working for a range of third sector agencies, the HSCP, the council and the police, among others. 2) To note training can be provided by Third Sector partners and staff in the Recovery Hubs and to determine where increased training for staff would be advisable across the city. 3) To note that training can be offered to 	<p>Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership: Lead Officer, Christine Laverty/ Anna Duff Christine.Laverty@edinburgh.gov.uk Anna.Duff@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Simon Scotland: Fiona Williamson fiona.williamson@simonscotland.org</p>	December 2025	<p>Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting – paper will be tabled at that meeting.</p> <p>See updates at appendix 1 of this Outstanding Actions Log.</p>

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Page 13			<p>professionals as well as the public.</p> <p>4) To note discussion may be required with front-line staff across agencies / Trade Unions regarding staff training to respond to rapid collapse or non-fatal overdose; to alleviate concerns about risk of harming a citizen were naloxone administered.</p>			
	4b	11.07.25	<p>Next Steps and Role of Edinburgh Partnership Board</p> <p>1) To explore how Police Scotland and Public Health can work with the Corporate Parenting Board, to consider if it is appropriate to have Naloxone in children and young people's care settings.</p> <p>2) To add fatal / near-fatal overdose to the next meeting of the</p>	<p>Executive Director of Education, Children and Justice Services: Lead Officer, Amanda Hatton Amanda.Hatton@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	December 2025	<p>Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting – paper will be tabled at that meeting.</p> <p>Naloxolne use and locations has been reviewed and where appropriate enhanced.</p>

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			Edinburgh Children's partnership, for further consideration.			
4c	11.07.25	Next Steps and Role of Edinburgh Partnership Board	To provide an update on instances of near fatal overdose and drug related deaths within the prison population.	Executive Director of Education, Children and Justice Services: Lead Officer, Amanda Hatton / Carey Fuller Amanda.Hatton@edinburgh.gov.uk Carey.Fuller@edinburgh.gov.uk	December 2025	Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting – paper will be tabled at that meeting. <u>Update September 2025</u> NHS Lothian colleagues will provide an update on this and it will be made available at a future meeting.
4d	11.07.25	Next Steps and Role of Edinburgh Partnership Board	To explore possibilities for resourcing additional outreach and street work to engage with people at risk of harm from drug use.	Executive Director of Place – Lead Officer, Derek McGowan. Derek.McGowan@edinburgh.gov.uk	December 2025	Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting – paper will be tabled at that meeting. <i>CEC have issued a £16k grant to Simon Community to expand their street-based outreach team. A fixed term (until April 2026 – hoping EDP will fund after) harm reduction co-ordinator has been placed to expand the team and ensure there is a more joined up response to instances of harm. This is mainly in relation to drug related harm.</i>

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						<i>CEC has also identified recurring funding for a community link worker that will be based within the Access Place that will accelerate homeless assessments for those rough sleeping. Officers will also better map out route into supported accommodation to protect those most vulnerable.</i>
Page 15 4e	11.07.25	Next Steps and Role of Edinburgh Partnership Board	To seek clarity on relationship between the Edinburgh Partnership Board and the Edinburgh Drug and Alcohol Partnership.	Chief Executive – Lead Officer: April Harrison-Clark April.Harrison-Clark@edinburgh.gov.uk	December 2025	<p>Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting – paper will be tabled at that meeting.</p> <p><u>August Update</u> 11 Aug – AHC met with Christine Laverty (ED HSCP & Chief Officer of IJB) & David Williams (EADP Joint Commissioning Officer)</p> <p>Proposed Next Steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The EADP Joint Commissioning Officer (David Williams) or alternate will attend the EP Community Safety & Justice Partnership meetings.

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Page 16						<p>2. EADP Chair (ED for the HSCP & Chief Officer of IJB – Christine Laverty) will be invited to the Edinburgh Partnership Board meetings in an advisory capacity - Complete</p> <p>3. The EADP will host a workshop in October 2025 to review the current structure and governance arrangements for the EADP and consider how relationships/connections with other Partners, including the EP, can be enhanced. AHC or other officer to attend for EP</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>The EADP is funded via a contract with the Scottish Government. These funds are held and distributed by the EIJB.</p> <p>The EADP develops an Edinburgh Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy for the city. There is a perception that this is primarily for the HSCP, but in fact it is a partnership document for the city, to be delivered</p>

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Page 17						<p>collaboratively.</p> <p>The Partnership Delivery Framework sets out the expectations for ADPs. It makes clear the expectation that ADPs will be linked with Community in fact it is a partnership document for the city, to be delivered collaboratively.</p> <p>The Partnership Delivery Framework sets out the expectations for ADPs. It makes clear the expectation that ADPs will be linked with Community Planning:</p> <p><i>Through the development and delivery of the local strategy the ADP should identify where there are shared outcomes and priorities with other local strategic partnerships. In these cases they should develop shared arrangements to support delivery. As a result minimum agreement to the strategic plan and arrangements for delivering should come from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community Justice Partnership -Children's Partnership

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Page 18						<p><i>-Integration Authority;</i></p> <p><i>Community planning requires local public sector bodies to work together with community bodies, to improve outcomes on themes they determine are local priorities for collective action. Where reducing the use of and harms from alcohol and drugs feature in these priorities, local Community Planning partners should consider how co-operation with Alcohol and Drug Partnerships can support delivery.</i></p> <p>In practice the connection between the EPB and the ADP has varied over time. At present it is currently limited and can be improved.</p>
	4f	11.07.25	Next Steps and Role of Edinburgh Partnership Board	To work with the University of Edinburgh to understand if further support is needed to engage with the student population regarding drug use.	University of Edinburgh: Lynn McMath lynn.mcmath@ed.ac.uk	To be confirmed

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5	03.12.25	Rolling Actions Log	To agree to bring a further report to this board, regarding drug related deaths, (Actions 4a – f) in this rolling actions log.	Flora Ogilvie: flora.ogilvie@nhs.scot	March 2026	Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting – paper will be tabled at that meeting. This is on the March 2026 Agenda.
6	03.12.25	Rolling Actions Log	To note that officers would engage with Community Councils to clarify the opportunity for their involvement in the development of the 5 new Neighbourhood Prevention Partnerships.	Place Partnership Chair: Crawford McGhie – Crawford.mcghie@edinburgh.gov.uk and Place Partnership Lead officer: Yvonne Kerr - Yvonne.Kerr@nhs.scot	March 2026	<u>Update Feb 2026</u> Interim leads have been established for the 5 NPP areas and they are starting work to identify the organisations, groups and community structures in each area, with a view to making contact and scheduling initial workshops. Community Councils will be included in these processes. Per the presentation to the EACC, it will be important for community councils (like other community bodies) to consider the extent to which <i>they</i> wish to be involved in the following (as areas outlined in the CE Act/Guidance) at the city level and at the locality level: 1. Support the CPP to have a clear understanding of distinctive needs and aspirations of communities of place and/or communities of interest within its area. 2. Co-produce CPP priorities, how services are shaped and resources deployed to achieve positive change. 3. Represent the interests of persons experiencing inequalities/social

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Page 20						<p>economic disadvantage.</p> <p>4. Support the participation of people who face additional barriers to involvement, including via capacity building.</p> <p>5. Participate in the development of locality based and thematic approaches to address inequalities.</p> <p>6. Support/inform understanding how effectively the CPP is performing; identify and address improvement needs.</p>
	03.12.25	End Poverty in Edinburgh & Edinburgh Plan (LOIP) Annual Progress Report	To note that officers would circulate information about benefits calculators and support services.	<p>Chief Executive Office - Lead Officer, Chris Adams</p> <p>chris.adams@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	March 2026	<p>Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting</p> <p>Benefits calculators sent to the Police as requested, included in email with papers for March 3, 2026 board meeting and below for reference. Cost of living – The City of Edinburgh Council</p>
	03.12.25	Any Other Business	To note that a motion had been agreed at Full Council regarding Public Diners and there had been an indication that a report would be presented to this partnership in December 2025, however	<p>Chief Executive Office – Lead Officer Gillie Severin</p> <p>gillie.severin@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	March 2026	<p>Recommended for Closure at March 3, 2026 meeting</p> <p>CEC and East Lothian Council officers are working with partners to develop an application to the Lottery for work to scope what currently exists within both council areas, and</p>

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			this had not been on the agenda. Officers agreed to look into this.			what is needed in relation to public diners. This will also support a comparison of need and opportunities in rural and urban communities.

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Outstanding Actions: Appendix 1

Action		
<p>To quickly review/ map which agencies and facilities, have or could have access to Naloxone and to arrange appropriate training. This could include staff working for a range of third sector agencies, the HSCP, the council and the police, among others.</p> <p>1) To note training can be provided by Third Sector partners and staff in the Recovery Hubs and to determine where increased training for staff would be advisable across the city.</p> <p>2) To note that training can be offered to professionals as well as the public.</p> <p>3) To note discussion may be required with front-line staff across agencies / Trade Unions regarding staff training to respond to rapid collapse or non-fatal overdose; to alleviate concerns about risk of harming a citizen were naloxone administered.</p>		
Draft response:		
<p>There are 4 locations in the Old Town which consistently hold naloxone and where people can expect to go in the event of a very nearby overdose and to be urgently provided with naloxone and help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Access Place * The Simon Community Scotland hub * The Spittal street centre * All community pharmacies. Those in the city centre are: 		
Pharmacy Name	Address	Opening Hours
Boots Pharmacy	6 St. Patrick Street, EH8 9HB	Mon–Fri: 09:00–18:00 Sat: 09:00–17:30 Sun: Closed
Bristo Square Pharmacy	6 Bristo Square, EH8 9AL	Mon–Fri: 09:00–18:00 Sat: 09:00–17:00 Sun: Closed

Newington Pharmacy	46–48 Clerk Street, EH8 9JB	Mon–Fri: 08:30–18:00 Sat: 09:00–17:00 Sun: Closed
Parsons Green Pharmacy	29–31 Parsons Green Terrace, EH8 7AF	Mon–Fri: 09:00–18:00 Sat: 09:00–13:00 Sun: Closed
Nuchem Pharmacy	173 Piersfield Terrace, EH8 7BR	Mon–Fri: 09:00–18:00 Sat: 09:00–17:00 Sun: Closed
Right Medicine Pharmacy	67 High Street, EH1 1SR	Mon–Fri: 09:00–13:00 & 14:00–18:00 Sat: 09:00–13:00 & 13:30–17:00 Sun: Closed

Of these, only the pharmacies are formally required to provide this (under a national, SG funded scheme).

However, we do not actively promote people coming to these settings in the event of an overdose. Such a scheme is promoted in some areas with stickers in windows etc notifying users of locations with a naloxone supply and the locations advertised. In some places, "naloxboxes" are also available (publicly accessible containers with naloxone in them, in a similar way to public defibrillator boxes). Local services have previously explored these options but there were a number of concerns about non-specialist/ clinical organisations ensuring that naloxone was provided quickly enough to outweigh the risks of delay in calling an ambulance and of leaving the person who has overdosed.

Instead, services promote a) individuals who use drugs carrying naloxone, using in groups and being able to respond if their companions overdose and b) calling an ambulance as soon as possible, rather than leaving the location of the overdose to seek naloxone.

In practice, the large hostels in the area also carry naloxone (and use it mostly for their own clients though they have also responded to people who have come to the door). The Streetwork outreach teams and all police officers also carry naloxone. A number of individuals also carry naloxone - service users and their

families, but also individual professionals and members of the public- local services (CGL, TPS, SAS, NHSL Harm reduction Team and H&SCP) offer training and medication to interested groups and individuals; and Scottish Families Affected by drugs provide naloxone through online ordering.

There would be a number of challenges to having more organisations provide naloxone to the public in an emergency reliably enough to make them part of the formal response to overdoses - it is a clinical intervention which can be taught to members of the public, but is not included in job descriptions or typical expectations of staff. If people were to rely on the intervention (i.e. drug users were advised to come to them in the event of an overdose) organisations would be exposed to liability and individual members of staff to trauma and accountability. The naloxone would only be available during the opening hours of the services, further risking confusion. The naloxone needs to be in date, immediately to hand and staff need to be able to understand the situation and be trained well enough to respond - this would be challenging in a network of services for whom this would be a rare event and far from their normal focus.

However, it would be viable to take active steps to increase the number of individuals in the old town who personally chose to be trained and to carry naloxone, especially in the areas of greatest need. These might include offering to staff in those settings training sessions (on a voluntary basis) or running stalls or other outreach events to engage with people who are often in the area. As part of offering staff personal naloxone and training, it is proposed to offer to train staff at 249 high street and in the main locality offices (staff from the H&SCP and associated voluntary sector services will organise with the managers of these settings).

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THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

Edinburgh Partnership Drug Harms Actions Update

Date: March 3, 2026

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This paper provides a further update on the outstanding actions from the Edinburgh Partnership Board (EPB) Drug Harms Emergency Meeting in July 2025, in addition to the Drug Harms Emergency Meeting Background and Update paper that was provided to the EPB in September.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1.1 Close the remaining actions relating to substance use harm in the EPB action log and take assurance that further work to reduce substance use harms will continue to be taken forward by the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (EADP).
- 2.1.2 Agree that the EADP Lead Officer should be the first point of contact (rather than the EPB) for any future queries relating to the management of substance use harm in the city.
- 2.1.3 Agree that the EADP Lead Officer should be included in the membership of the EPB Community Safety and Justice Partnership, to allow non-acute issues relating to substance use (such as substance use related anti-social behaviour) to be discussed, and responded to, with escalation to the EPB where required.
- 2.1.4 Note that the EADP formally reports to the Edinburgh Chief Officer's Group (COG) for Public Protection as well as the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board (EIJB), with the latter being the route of governance for strategic substance use decision making, such as in relation to Safer Drug Consumption Facilities in the city.
- 2.1.5 Agree that instances of increased drug harm in the city continue to be managed with relevant partners as per the agreed NHS Lothian Drug Harm Local Early Warning System Standard Operating Procedure.
- 2.1.6 Agree that the EADP Annual Report and Lothian Drug Related Deaths Annual Reports are circulated to the Edinburgh Partnership for information on an annual basis.

3. Main Report

Situation



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- 3.1 Following the EPB Drug Harms Emergency Meeting in July 2025, a number of actions were agreed. These were subsequently cross-referenced with the actions agreed from the Lothian Substance Use Problem Assessment Groups which had been held in response to the same issue, with urgent actions being addressed and others being allocated to relevant agencies as part of business as usual. Subsequently in November 2025, elected members were invited to a housing association-led meeting in relation to drug-related antisocial behaviour in the city centre, considerations from which were then shared with the EPB Community Planning Manager. It was agreed at the December 2025 EPB meeting that an update would be brought to the March 2026 meeting, providing assurance that actions from the original EPB Drug Harms Emergency Meeting can be closed, as well as offering recommendations for the routes by which future concerns relating to drug harms should be addressed.

Background

- 3.2 While the acute situation of heightened substance use harms identified in summer 2025 has now returned to more normal levels, levels of harm still remain high across Scotland. The most recent data on drug related deaths are now published in the [Lothian Drug Related Deaths Annual Report 2024](#) and quarterly data on harm and service utilisation indicators available at Board Level from [Public Health Scotland's RADAR dashboard](#). Local surveillance processes are also in place including links with national agencies and an existing partner-agency Lothian Drug Harm Local Early Warning System (LEWS) Standard Operating Procedure.
- 3.3 A range of actions are already in place, as set out in the [EADP Strategy](#). There is also a recently developed multi-agency plan for Addressing Injecting-related Litter in Edinburgh City Centre. There is ongoing work to explore the potential option for a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SCDF) in the city, with a proposal for a public consultation to launch in April. The consultation is being led by the EADP, and findings will be reported back to the EIJB, which will then decide whether to submit a business case to the Scottish Government (SG) for funding to enable an SDCF to be progressed.
- 3.4 While it is important that the EPB are aware of levels of substance and associated harms in the city, as these may help inform future LOIP priorities, it is also important for the EPB to recognise the existing strategic roles of the EADP / EIJB in relation to addressing substance use, to avoid duplication of activity. The EADP also report directly into the Edinburgh Chief Officer's Group (COG) for public protection.

Assessment

- 3.5 More detailed updates on individual actions from the EPB Emergency Meeting in July 2025 have been provided within the meeting action logs at subsequent EPB meetings, however Table 1, below provides a summary.



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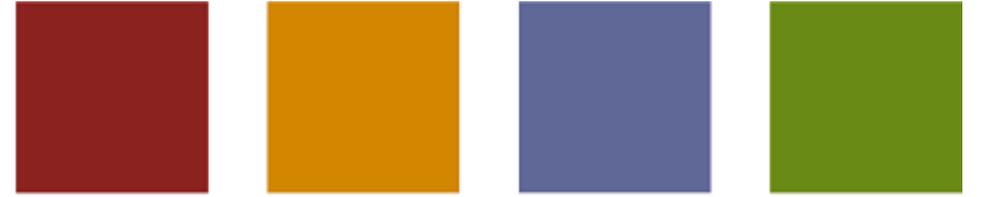
Table 1

Action	Update
Review staff access to naloxone & consider wider training	Review of access completed by EHSCP, held with SAS who agreed to offer additional training to key groups
Raise issue of substance use harms at Children's Partnership & explore any further actions	Presentation of data to Children's Partnership Board showing children and young people not affected by current heightened harms, opportunity to hold naloxone in key care settings explored by Corporate Parenting Board
Seek legal advice on administering naloxone	Advice sought – no legal concerns in relation to staff administering this where required
Consider additional communications with nighttime economy / university students	Meeting with key partners held to consider this however agreed that general nighttime economy / university population was not the correct audience for further comms relating to this specific incident – alerts had already been issued to key relevant partners
Update to be provided on DRDs within the prison population	This information is routinely included within the Lothian Drug Related Death Annual Report. The heightened harm seen in Edinburgh in July were not experienced in the prison population
Explore resourcing of additional outreach staff	Funding identified by CEC to enable additional outreach activity
To note the ongoing work in relation to drug checking and safer drug consumption facilities	Drug checking is approved to go ahead in Edinburgh (date for operation still pending), work on a Safer Drug Consumption Facility is ongoing with public consultation due to launch in April, which will then inform EIJB decision on whether to submit a business case for SG funding
Seek clarity on the relationship between EPB and EADP	This paper provides recommendations for the routes of communication between the EADP and EPB.

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“Edinburgh is a thriving, connected, inspired and fair city, where all forms of poverty and inequality are reduced.” (LOIP 2018-2028 Vision)

Agenda

- Workshop intro & background to the LOIP refresh: 10mins
- Activity 1: Review actions in groups: 25mins
- Feedback: 10mins
- Activity 2: Additional questions/considerations: 10 mins
- Feedback: 10 mins
- Next steps: 5 mins



Priority 1: Enough money to live on

Priority 2: Access to work, learning & training

Priority 3: A good place to live

In Sept 2025 the EP Board agreed to refresh (update) the current LOIP.

Why refresh?

It's a living document

Activity focus needs updating to reflect current needs, calls to action & resourcing.

Refocus on prevention

Clarify roles and responsibilities

Streamline activity to March 2028

What the refresh will include

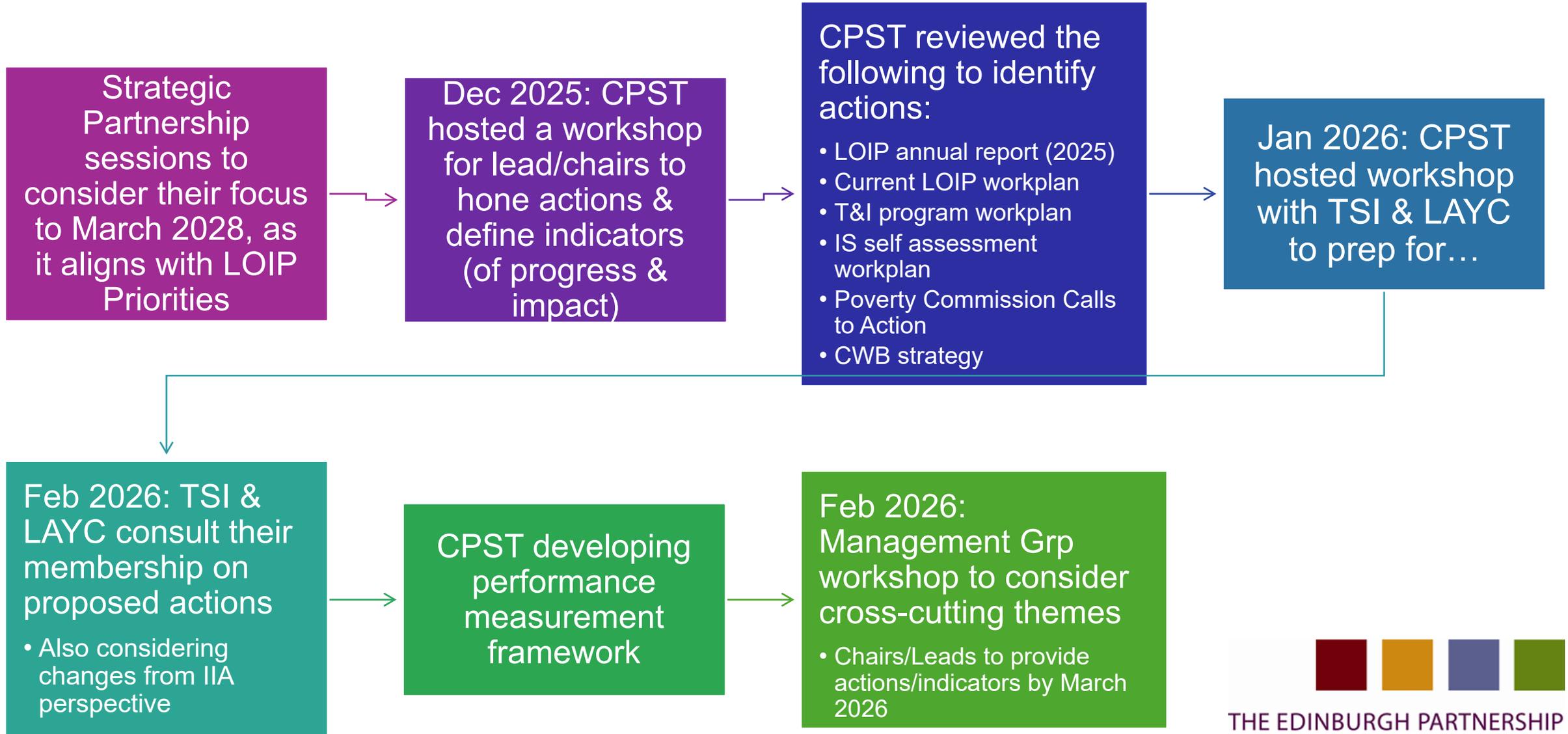
Actions that require 2 or more Partners to deliver

SMART & Outcomes focussed

Baseline & indicator(s) of progress & change (impact)

Link to LOIP Priorities

Process to date



Challenges

- Children's Partnership: Children's Service Plan development timeline.
- Focussing on impact rather than activity (output).
- LOIP refresh progress alignment with Strategic Partnership meetings.

Focus for discussion

What's on the table

- Review the actions furthering LOIP priorities from June 2026 to March 2028.
- Is there anything you were expecting to see that's missing?
- Are there actions with a particular impact for your organisation? Or that your org would want to be involved in?
- Is there anything else you'd like to add/ask?

What's not on the table

- The 3 core priorities
- There is no additional funding for LOIP 2018-2028 at this time.
- Business as usual
- Work of individual Partners



Supported by: Local Outcome Improvement Plan, Performance Framework and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

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Vice Chair: Susan Webb

Community Planning Management Group – Chair: Paul Lawrence

Community Planning Support Team

Strategic Partnerships

Net Zero Edinburgh Leadership Board
Chair: Gareth Barwell
Lead: Vacancy

Children’s Partnership
Chair: Colin Briggs
Lead: Rose Howley

Community Safety and Justice Partnership
Chair: Tim Pogson
Lead: Derek McGowan

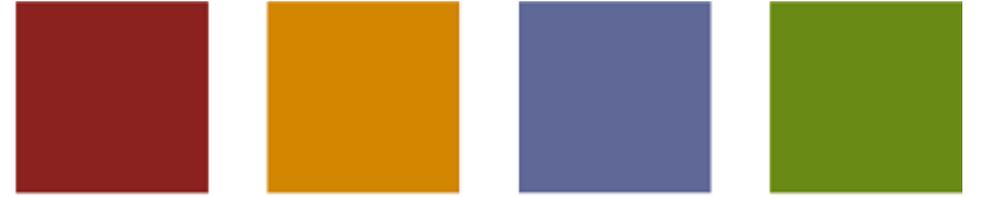
Local Employability Partnership
Chair: Rona Hunter
Lead: Kate Kelman
LOIP 2: Access to Work, Learning and Training Opportunities

Housing Partnership
Chair: Lynn McMath
Lead: Derek McGowan
LOIP 1: Enough Money to Live On

Place Partnership
Chair: Crawford McGhie
Lead: Yvonne Kerr
LOIP 3: A Good Place to Live

Community Learning and Development Partnership
Chair: Laurene Edgar
Lead: Linda Lees

Neighbourhood Prevention Partnerships



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LOIP Refresh Actions (SPs)

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Activity 1 – Review the actions

Priority 1: Enough money to live on (1 of 2)

THEME 1: Take actions to make housing in Edinburgh more affordable Partnership

Action 1	Work in partnership to increase availability of affordable student housing, reducing the risk of student homelessness.	Housing Partnership
Action 2	Increase housing supply in the city.	Housing Partnership

THEME 2: Scope out a financial literacy programme for young people (ECLD) Partnership

Action 1	To be determined	FCI DP
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THEME 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of children in the city, particularly those living in poverty Partnership

Action 1	The Children's Partnership are developing actions around reducing child poverty, encouraging breastfeeding, improving P1 healthy weights and improving outcomes for looked after children. These may not be clarified until after publishing but will be added later via the approved process.	Children's Partnership
Action 2	Childcare SLWG developing proposed actions for LOIP refresh.	TBC

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Priority 1: Enough money to live on (2 of 2)

THEME 4: Ensure that people are receiving/accessing the support/revenue that they are entitled to		Partnership
Action 1	Provide equitable access to welfare advice across the city, ensuring access to advice is available at key touch points.	Housing Partnership
Action 2	Childcare SLWG developing proposed actions for LOIP refresh likely to inc. actions to ensure parents access available funding, reduce costs etc.	TBC
Action 3	Increase uptake of Tax-Free Childcare program.	Housing Partnership
Action 4	Take a data led approach to developing targeted, effective actions to tackle poverty in BAME communities, as well as those from migrant or refugee families, focusing on benefits uptake (CPAF funded project)	Housing Partnership
Action 5	Investigate opportunities for more effective data sharing across partners to improve prevention & reduce impact on homelessness services	Housing Partnership
Action 6	Work in partnership to establish systems and training to raise the profile of Child Maintenance as a key form of income maximisation by improving awareness and confidence among those supporting single parents, and to reduce the number of unpaid child maintenance payments in Edinburgh (CPAF funded project)	Housing Partnership

Priority 2: Access to work, learning & training opportunities (1 of 3)

THEME 1: Improve access to learning in the community

Partnership

Action 1 Access to learning options in the community will be extended including in terms of **digital inclusion**, **adult literacy**, pathways with **links to employability**, and **ESOL** offerings.

ECLDP

Action 2 Further DI SLWG Recommendations (links here to Priority 1 too):
 a) Establish a Digital Inclusion **Network to** share information, learning and resources, hosting training and encouraging collaborative working.
 b) **Improve Service Visibility** via a marketing & comms. strategy supporting professionals & clients to navigate the DI landscape/ find the support they need
 c) Develop recommendations for **Officer Resource** need to support the above.

ECLDP
 Support/Link:
 Housing Partnership
 (advice)

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THEME 2: Develop specific partnerships that join up services to improve access to work

Partnership

Action 1 Run a pilot in Wester Hailes to co-locate **health** and DWP services and support health workers to make good referrals to **employability** services.

Lead: LEP
 Support/link: Place

Action 2 Develop a partnership approach to supporting **people with convictions** to move into employment.

Lead: LEP
 Support/link: CSJP

Action 3 Create joined up pathways for those from **ethnic minority communities** to support people to connect with services, reduce poverty and access work

LEP: Link to Priority 1, theme 4, Acton 4

Priority 2: Access to work, learning & training opportunities (2 of 3)

THEME 3: Enhance existing youth services to improve delivery for young people		Partnership
Action 1	Create a new Youth Hub to increase visibility of youth services.	Lead: LEP Support/Link: ECLDP
Action 2	Support youth and children's workers to increase Youth Awards	ECLDP
Action 3	Increase training for youth and children's work staff	ECLDP Support/Link: LEP
THEME 4: Improve quality of work for Edinburgh residents		Partnership
Action 1	Develop pathways to support people to move from low-income work to fair, sustainable work.	Lead: LEP
Action 2	Support employers to adopt fair work practices	Lead: LEP

Priority 2: Access to work, learning & training opportunities (3 of 3)

THEME 5: Improve secondary school pupils' attendance and school leavers positive destinations		Partnership
Action 1 Page 44	*Specific actions still to be defined by the Children's Partnership	Lead: CP Support: LEP? ECLDP?

Priority 3: A good place to live (1 of 3)

THEME 1: Take radical steps forward in driving joined up working to tackle challenging issues such as poverty, homelessness and anti-social behaviour

Partnership

Action 1	NPPs to be established in Wester Hailes, Restalrig, Liberton, Craigmillar and Pilton with Action Plans developed for each	Lead: Place Partnership
Action 2	Continue to develop and deliver the Bonfire Night Response (ECLD / CSJP)	Lead: CSJP Support: ELDP, Place?
Action 3	Work in partnership to strengthen community centres	ECLDP
Action 4	Use learning from the Ask & Act pilot to inform a wider approach to the Ask & Act duty, promote wider understanding of the impact of housing on health, and continue to facilitate existing hospital in-reach support for those most in need	Housing Partnership
Action 5	Identify predictive models, & refine reactive models to reduce homelessness/threat of homelessness	Housing Partnership
Action 6	Promote a systems thinking culture across all providers/stakeholders & develop pathways to avoid homelessness at key transition points (leaving hospital, prison, rough sleeping etc)	Housing Partnership

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Priority 3: A good place to live (2 of 3)

THEME 2: Work collaboratively to ensure that crimes are dealt with in a way that both better protects community safety and supports individuals towards rehabilitation

Partnership

Action 1	Enhance early intervention (when someone commits a crime) to support measures other than remand and prosecution	Lead: CJSP Support:
Action 2	Ensure those given community sentences and being released on custody are supervised and supported.	CSJP
Action 3	Enhance lived experience practices around justice services including with victims and families.	CSJP
Action 4	Develop a partnership approach to Restorative Justice in Edinburgh.	CSJP

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Priority 3: A good place to live (3 of 3)

THEME 3: Work in partnership to continually assess and respond to the risks posed by climate change and work towards becoming a net zero city

Partnership

Action 1	Design interventions in Drylaw to combat flooding	Lead: NZELB
Action 2	Develop a map for volunteering opportunities relevant to climate and nature	Lead: NZELB
Action 3	Classify the region's housing to enable a strategic approach to the energy retrofit of social housing	Lead: NZELB Support: HP



SP's to consider, determine
Lead & develop actions for
inclusion in the LOIP refresh

Deadline: March 2026



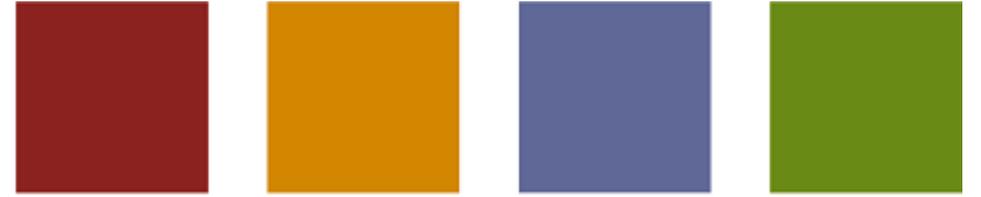
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Review the actions furthering LOIP priorities from June 2026 to March 2028 & crosscutting themes.

Question 1: Is there anything you were expecting to see that's missing?

Question 2: Are there actions with a particular impact for your organisation? Or that your organisation would want to be involved in?





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Feedback

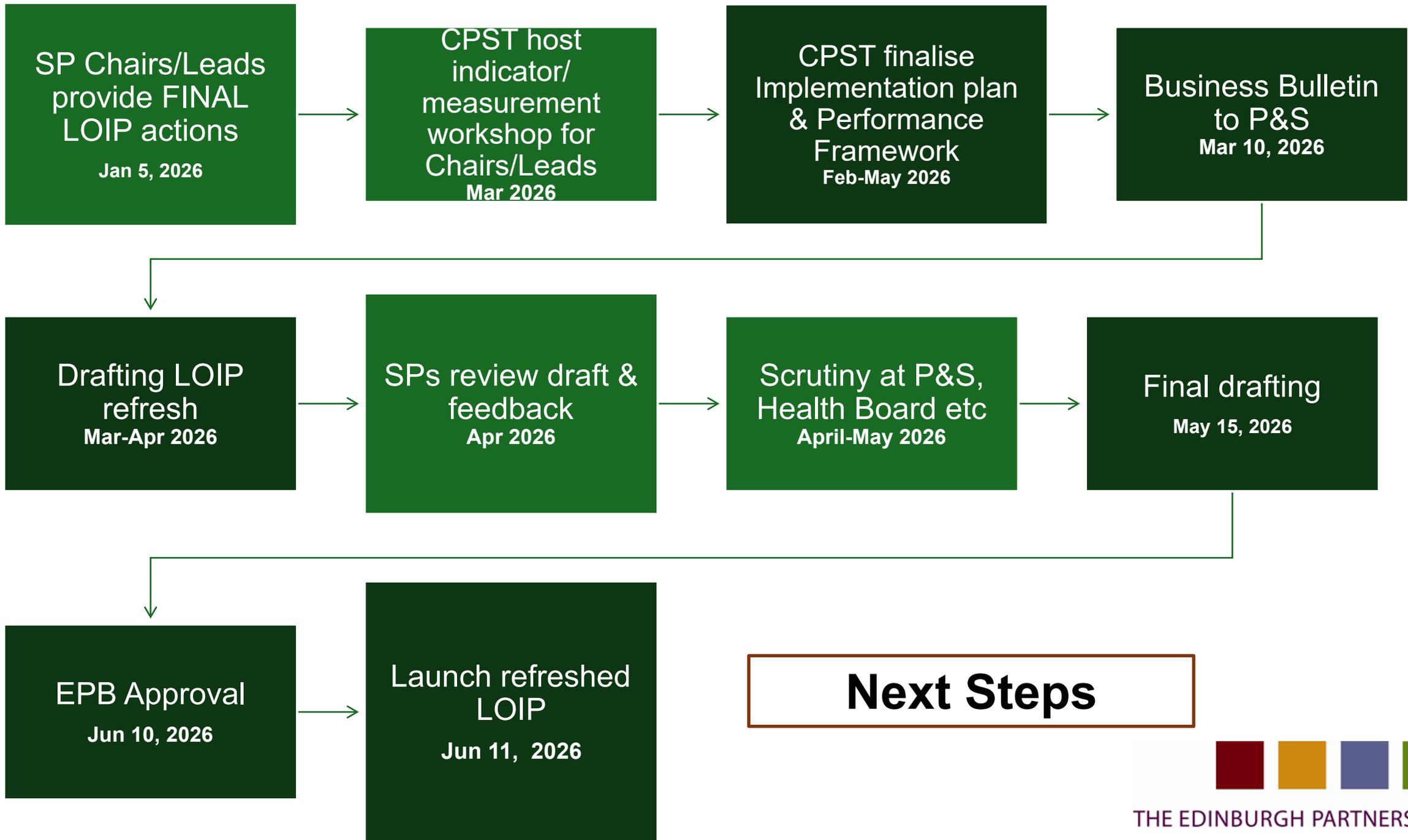
Activity 2

- Is there anything else you'd like to add/ask?



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Feedback



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Edinburgh Partnership Financial Governance

March 3, 2026

Flora Ogilvie, Consultant in Public Health, NHS Lothian

Purpose of Update

1. Brief background to financial governance within the Edinburgh CPP
2. Agree Edinburgh Partnership Board (EPB) response to findings from Third Sector Review
3. Address Improvement Service self-assessment finding of lack of clarity over EPB use of joint resources

Background

- Duty on Community Planning Partners to contribute resources to deliver ambitions, including:
 - Sharing, alignment or redeployment of resources to deliver shared services priorities.
- Financial support for the facilitation and development of initiatives and partnership working arrangements.

Current examples of resource alignment

- Pooled resources to facilitate partnership working
- Children's Partnership Joint Commissioning Group
- Local Employability Partnership management of UK / SG funds
- Partnership use of SG project money (e.g. Ask and Act)
- Informal collaboration to align resources (e.g. Welfare Advice)

Workshop assessment

- Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) [Fair Funding Principles](#) and wider principles set out in the Third Sector Interface Network's [Third Sector Fair Funding Charter](#) should be adopted in relation to Partnership Funds
- Existing joint working (e.g. through Children's Partnership Joint Commissioning Group) is already responding to Third Sector Review
- For the purpose of reporting to EPB 'Partnership Funds' should include:
 - Partnership facilitation funds
 - Funds managed through Children's Partnership Joint Commissioning Group
 - 'No-one left behind' funds managed through Local Employability Partnership
 - SG project funds delivered in partnership (Ask & Act; Child Poverty Accelerator)
 - Funds allocated to progress LOIP outcomes (NPPs; Welfare Advice)



Recommendations:

1. Note the background info on current funds used for partnership work and agree to receive quarterly updates in relation to defined set of 'Partnership Funds'.
2. Agree that Fair Funding Principles should be applied, where possible, to new work funded with 'Partnership Funds'.
3. Agree for a more joined-up approach to be taken to the use of individual partner funds to deliver against partnership outcomes (e.g. welfare advice provision) in the remaining period of the current LOIP.
4. Agree for Community Planning Management Group (CPMG)/ Community Planning Support Team (CPST) to explore further options for joint commissioning / joint financial governance as part of LOIP 2028-2038.