

## **North West Locality Community Planning Partnership**

Friday 9 April 2021, 2pm  
MS Teams

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021
3. Edinburgh Partnership Update (Presentation)
4. Locality Improvement Plan Update
  - a. General LIP update
  - b. Employment & Skills (Including proposed amendments) Circulated
  - c. Social Isolation
  - d. North Edinburgh
5. Neighbourhood Networks Update
  - a. Western
  - b. Forth
  - c. Inverleith
  - d. Almond
6. Any other business
7. Date & Time of Next Meeting



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

## NORTH WEST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Friday 05 February 2021: 14.00 – 15:30

Microsoft Teams

### MINUTE

#### Members present

Dawn Anderson	Pilton Community Health Partnership, Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Joan Beattie	Inverleith Neighbourhood Network Representative
Councillor Claire Bridgman	City of Edinburgh Council
Nick Croft	Edinburgh College
Percy Fekety	Almond Neighbourhood Network Representative
Councillor George Gordon	City of Edinburgh Council (Co- chair)
Stephen Kerr	Western Neighbourhood Network Representative (Co-chair)
Leslie Mason	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Mike Massaro-Mallinson	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Joyce McAree	Skills Development Scotland
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Carers, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Tommy McLean	Corstorphine Community Centre, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Peter Strong	City of Edinburgh Council
Chief Inspector Sarah Taylor	Police Scotland

Morag Wilson

Stepping Stones North Edinburgh,  
Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector  
Forum rep

Heather Yang

Volunteer Edinburgh

In attendance

Scott Donkin

City of Edinburgh Council

Julie Dickson

City of Edinburgh Council (Note)

Michele Mulvaney

City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Scott Douglas

City of Edinburgh Council

Ramsay Dow

Skills Development

Scotland

Martin Higgins

NHS Lothian

Graham Hutchison

City of Edinburgh Council

Max Mitchell

City of Edinburgh Council

**1. Apologies**

As above

**2. Minute of the Last Meeting**

The note of the previous meeting was approved. The updated version of the LIP is to be uploaded to the EP website.

Decision

1. Updated LIP be uploaded to the EP website

**3. Locality Improvement Plan – Update from Leads**

Social Isolation – Lead Officer: Mike Massarro-Mallinson

Outcome: Vulnerable members of our communities will feel less isolated and more engaged with community life and key organisations, helping improve mental and physical wellbeing

Mike advised that he has had dedicated support in taking this priority forward from Paul Powrie, public health practitioner. Discussions have started with the Third Sector and with Tommy and Dawn regarding what needs to be done. Paul is carrying out a scoping exercise with regards to existing knowledge around social isolation and what support there is for people who are experiencing isolation. Mike asked that if people could join a sub-group to take work forward they let him know. Currently the group consists of Tommy, Dawn and Liz.

Next steps will include looking at how to engage citizens directly and then reframing the measures in the LIP.

#### Employment and Skills – Lead Officer: Nick Croft

Work with key partners to ensure that pupils and students (especially those most likely to experience negative destinations) and the wider community are equipped with suitable life skills, to make informed choices about their futures and be better prepared for existing and emerging labour markets.

Action 1 - Support schools to develop life skills/similar programmes suitable for each cluster. Nick advised that this activity would be targeted at ACE students or those who had experienced child protection issues. Due to the current restrictions he is yet to engage with schools and he commented that it would be useful to have Council input in making contact.

Action 2 - Develop flexible training/taster sessions with employers for young people and wider community. Developing Young Workforce (DYW) are doing work around this already and have set up an Industry and Education programme. There is one for NW Edinburgh. Edinburgh College could collaborate on this work and add more employers.

Action 3 - Develop suite of options for school leavers – including Edinburgh College, volunteering etc. Nick explained that there is a lot of activity in NW Edinburgh. He is mapping all employability services and will liaise with Skills Development Scotland (SDS) to ensure co-ordination between services.

Action 4 - Develop partnership approach to supporting pupils placed on reduced timetables. There has not been any progress in this area as yet due to current restrictions.

Action 5 - Develop North Edinburgh comms app as community database for available jobs/training/volunteering. Nick advised that Capital City Partnership (CPP) have developed something, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council (EVOC) have The Red Book. However, he had been considering the 'No Wrong Door' approach. The Edinburgh Poverty Commission had picked up on the issue of citizens being moved from one place to the next without answers. Nick suggested bringing together comms support from the Council, Edinburgh College etc to strive to have no-one being turned away.

Action 6 – Maximise local employment opportunities e.g. Waterfront, including social enterprise space/community benefits. Nick advised that Edinburgh College are already involved in this area and there will be opportunities, but he will get more detail for NW specifically.

Action 7 - Develop local "Jobs Fairs" – This is something that was planned to take place pre-Covid-19. Nick advised that this will happen, in due course.

In terms of the measures, Nick said that the long-term unemployment rate is available from SDS, the education/ qualification rate is also readily available. He would like to know what local people's view is of NW education services. Nick advised that he will continue mapping and set up a virtual network for employers around this priority, with a particular focus on transitions.

Joyce explained that there are a lot of discussions that she is aware of related to this priority from an SDS perspective, she would be happy to chat this through with Nick and make introductions to careers advisors. She added that in relation to action 3, often there is not a follow-on plan. It can be a case of starting a programme and seeing how it goes before deciding on the next course of action. Joyce advised that in relation to action 6, FUSE will start a recruitment drive shortly for roles such as security, programme management and construction.

Joan asked about options for over 25s who are long-term unemployed. Joyce highlighted the Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) service. They can work with individuals or businesses and link in with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) work coach programme.

### North Edinburgh

Develop a robust mechanism for engaging with the community to articulate and develop plans to combat poverty and inequality in North Edinburgh.

Dawn advised that she is working alongside Morag Wilson. A group was set up last March which is now known as the North Edinburgh Covid Recovery Group. There are four sub-groups – tackling poverty; mental health & wellbeing; place & physical resources; communications & engagement. All of the work that the group carry out is informed by the Poverty Commission findings. Benefits include sharing resources, working together and connecting with statutory services, all avoiding duplication of effort.

George commented that Empty Kitchens will also be coming to North Edinburgh. Dawn advised that they are linked into the work already.

### Decision

1. A communication will be sent to members to register interest in joining priority sub-groups
2. Nick to liaise with Council colleagues re linking into schools
3. Nick liaise with SDS colleagues re priority 3

#### **4. Any other business (moved from item 5 to 4)**

Tommy referred to an email circulated by Joan relating to Council recommendations. He questioned whether the community council had been consulted before recommendations were made and stressed that it is important the community are consulted as a full partner. Joan added that the recommendations were made not long after the previous NW LCPP where there had been a presentation of Poverty Commission findings and it therefore seemed incongruous that officers would make a commercial rather than charity recommendation. George replied that there had been a robust consultation and that the community council were consulted. Fred had visited the premises in question and read the papers, which are available on the Finance and Resources Council pages. He added that elected members and officers are trying to align as much as possible to the recommendations of the Poverty Commission.

Nick mentioned that Edinburgh College had been working with CEC Adult Education to get access to the Granton Campus to plug a gap with community centres and libraries being closed. He will include this in sub group actions, and speak to Scott/Peter about re-phrasing the sub-group actions.

## **5. Neighbourhood Networks (NN) (moved from item 4 to 5)**

Peter explained that as a direct result of the requests at the previous LCPPs for NN meetings to resume there would be two meetings on 10 Feb, one for Western and one for Forth. Inverleith hope to meet in March and Peter hoped to liaise with Percy re next steps for Almond.

A citywide meeting of chairs/ representatives will take place on 23 February.

George advised the group that Peter would be leaving the Council on 31 March and thanked him for his long service within North Edinburgh.

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

TBC

### Decision

1. The next meeting of the LCPP to be arranged by doodle poll

# Best Value Audit

Partnership  
Working and  
Empowerment  
Improvement  
Actions







- Covid
- Potential of Partnership and the Power of Communities
- Poverty
- Economic recession
- Public Health
- Climate Emergency

There isn't an easily accessible single strategic plan for the Council or the city

and

There has been mixed progress against Community Plan Outcomes

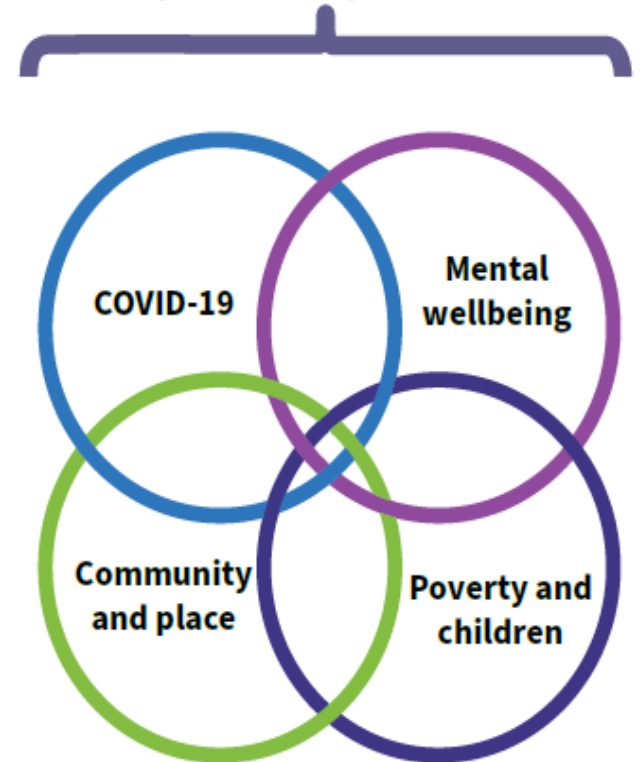
*The Council has published the Council Business Plan with three overarching policy priorities – Ending Poverty, Net Zero and Wellbeing and Equality and aligned to the LOIP*

**EPB Working Group recommends**

**1. Reviewing the LOIP priority – A good place to live - by June,** to reflect a broader definition of health and wellbeing that supports the development and growth of healthy, sustainable communities across the city.

**2. Develop a partnership plan to deliver the 20 minute neighbourhood model** with a focus on shared public, commercial and third sector services models and public service hubs

**Public Health Scotland's four areas of focus contribute to Scotland's public health priorities**



Not yet established  
effective community  
planning  
governance  
arrangements to  
deliver outcomes

Struggled to develop  
effective Locality  
Improvement Plans

Weaknesses in  
performance  
reporting

*The Edinburgh Partnership Board has signed off reviewed Local Improvement Plans and these have or are being agreed by Partner's respective Governance*

**EPB Working Group recommends**

- 1. Continue to implement the improvement activity already agreed** by the Partnership including developing a model of facilitation and support for community planning, performance and communications.
- 2. Strengthen the resourcing and capacity to support Neighbourhood Networks and the LCPPs** through the establishment of new Community Empowerment teams by the City of Edinburgh Council; more council staff deployed at community level
- 3. Develop a framework for collaboration with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils** and the community councils, to ensure they can fulfil their statutory function in representing local communities, and build a productive relationship with all community planning partners and the Council in particular.



# Need to increase community engagement and influence



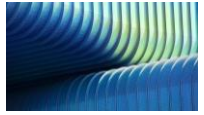
1. To strengthen and enhance the **Community Empowerment plan** in development and ensure it clearly outlines how community influence and involvement in community planning can be supported and increased.

3. Promote and rally the support of Anchor Institutions and more broadly develop plans to **collaborate on the delivery of the Community Wealth Building agenda.**

2. Coordinate on the development of, and model for, operationalising **community anchor organisations** through the co-production of a shared definition and associated tools and processes.

4. Develop future ways of working with the new **End Poverty Edinburgh citizens group** to ensure that the voices of people with experience of poverty continue to inform the way the Partnership plans and delivers services.

*Recognise and support the role of community anchor organisations acting as voluntary sector hubs; to be places of community empowerment, social renewal, community building, regeneration, opportunities to volunteer as well as vehicles to deliver local services and activities jointly and through, basing the approach on strong community empowerment principles.*



# In Summary we will

Ensure

- Ensure our shared plans are fit for purpose

Enhance

- Enhance **operational collaboration** and planning

Increase

- Increase resources into neighbourhood networks, LCPPs and Community Councils

Collaborate on

- Collaborate on the development and support for community hubs and anchor institutions

Continue

- Continue to follow through on our improvement activity

Increase

- Increase the visibility and presence of lived experience in decision making

# Next steps



**EPB Working Group meeting to formalize implementation plans and agree ways to strengthen the LOIP Delivery Group and Partnership Working Capacity**

**April**

**June**

**Agree plans to deliver the improvement actions which will be brought back to the Edinburgh Partnership Board**

## The revised outcomes

Under each theme, we have set out the outcomes, high level actions and possible ways to measure progress. Each of the outcomes is also aligned to the three priority areas of the Community Plan.

### Theme 1 – *locality-wide* - Social Isolation

Many residents across the NW locality suffer from complete or near-complete lack of contact with services and society. Similarly, there are people suffering from loneliness, reflecting a temporary and involuntary lack of contact with other people. Both can greatly impact on health and wellbeing and can affect people of all ages.

By understanding specific needs and putting in place improved networks and social interactions we hope to minimise the numbers of people requiring professional healthcare, freeing up valuable resources and improving the quality of life for those individuals.

### Lead Partners include:

Health & Social Care Partnership, Neighbourhood Networks, Voluntary Sector Forums, Voluntary Organisations, Council Wider Achievement Service, Council Community Engagement & Empowerment Service

Outcome	High level actions	Measure	Community Plan Priority
Vulnerable members of our communities will feel less isolated and more engaged with community life and key organisations, helping improve mental and physical wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify vulnerable people building in work done during Covid pandemic supplemented by a local survey</li><li>Build on the recent Covid community resilience activity, rather than statutory/clinical interventions or services</li><li>Develop and promote a wide range of activities promoting mental and physical health and wellbeing targeted to those most at risk of social isolation</li></ul>	<p>Increase in social contact from baseline (established by survey/Covid activity)</p> <p>Reduction in relevant Health &amp; Social Care</p>	<p>A good place to live</p> <p>Enough money to live on</p>

Outcome	High level actions	Measure	Community Plan Priority
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support vulnerable people to access available benefits and entitlements</li> </ul>	Partnership caseloads  Reduction in hospital admissions  Activity data from community / vol orgs  Increase in benefit take up	



## Theme 2 – *locality-wide* - Employment & Skills

Transition from school to further education or employment can be challenging for many young people. However, for some, this transition may be traumatic based on life experience to date.

Young people might not engage with formal education or informal learning for a number of reasons e.g. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), negative external influences, mental or physical health issues. Therefore a range of barriers must be overcome before there is any likelihood of achieving a positive destination.

Creative approaches can help develop key life skills, supporting access to education, training and employment.

These approaches can be adapted to help improve people of all age groups access education, training and employment.

## Lead Partners include

Head teachers, MCR Pathways co-ordinator, Edinburgh College, Business Growth & Inclusion, Skills Development Scotland, No One Left Behind Hub, Community Renewal, DYW (Developing Young Workforce), Council Business Growth & Inclusion, Adult Education/Youth Work/Libraries services

Outcome	High level actions	Measure	Community Plan Priority
Work with key partners to ensure that pupils and students (especially those most likely to experience negative destinations) and the wider community are equipped with suitable life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support schools to develop life skills/similar programmes suitable for each cluster</li><li>• Develop flexible training/taster sessions with employers for young people and wider community</li></ul>	PEF spend  MCR programme outcomes  Local employers employing local people/school leavers	Access to work, learning and training opportunities

Outcome	High level actions	Measure	Community Plan Priority
<p>skills, to make informed choices about their futures and be better prepared for existing and emerging labour markets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop suite of options for school leavers – including Edinburgh College, volunteering etc</li> <li>• Develop partnership approach to supporting pupils placed on reduced timetables</li> <li>• Develop North Edinburgh comms app as community database for available jobs/training/volunteering</li> <li>• Maximise local employment opportunities e.g. Waterfront, including social enterprise space/community benefits</li> <li>• Develop local “Jobs Fairs”</li> <li>• Improve the integration of the education, employability, and skills estate in the area to increase Lifelong Learning and community access</li> <li>• Improve the service delivery co-ordination integration amongst employability and skills providers in North West, and agree transitions/pathways/leaner journeys between providers for service users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Range of relevant education indicators comparing NW to city averages</li> <li>• Employment rates/workless households</li> <li>• Skills Development Scotland participation measures for NW</li> <li>• Long term unemployment measure for NW – Council of DWP</li> <li>• Education qualification level for NW residents – census</li> <li>• Qualitative satisfaction data for employability and skills providers in NW - various</li> </ul>	



### Theme 3 – North Edinburgh

Within the North West locality, North Edinburgh is recognised as the area where numbers of people experiencing poverty and greater inequality of outcome exceeds that of other areas.

Communities and organisations can build on recent experiences of joint working to identify robust plans that can help tackle existing poverty levels. Similarly, communities must be afforded access to service provision and experiences that will help alleviate inequality.

The communities and organisation in North must be at the heart of the development of these plans and initiatives.

North Edinburgh includes: - West Pilton, Granton, Royston/Wardieburn, Wester Drylaw & Muirhouse and parts of Drylaw

### Lead Partners include

Council Community Engagement and Empowerment staff, Forth & Almond Neighbourhood Networks, Drylaw/Telford Community Council, Emerging North Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' collective/Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum, Edinburgh College, Edinburgh Poverty Commission

Outcome	High level actions	Measure	Community Plan Priority
Develop a robust mechanism for engaging with the community to articulate and develop plans to combat poverty and inequality in North Edinburgh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Establish representational sub group of Forth and Almond NNs and key service partners</li><li>Away-day to agree broad priorities/action plan in line with Edinburgh Partnership agreed criteria</li><li>Wherever possible, link agreed priorities and actions to recommendations from the Edinburgh Poverty Commission.</li></ul>	Local satisfaction and engagement surveys (to be developed)  SIMD ranking	All three

Outcome	High level actions	Measure	Community Plan Priority
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver North Edinburgh comms platform in conjunction with Edinburgh college and link with Edinburgh Partnership's emerging Community Engagement and Communications Strategies</li> </ul>	<p>Reduction of % in poverty</p> <p>Reduction in child poverty</p> <p>Attainment levels</p> <p>Employment rates/workless households</p> <p>Life expectancy</p>	



