

South East Locality Community Planning Partnership

Wednesday 21 April 2021, 10.30am – 12pm, MS Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of minute and matters arising from meeting of 27 January 2021 (minute attached) – 10 minutes
3. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – Local Community Action team - presentation and discussion - Station Commander Davy Hepburn and Firefighter Jim Young – 15 minutes
4. University of Edinburgh – Our Community Plan 2020-25 – presentation and discussion – Stuart Tooley – 20 minutes
5. Emerging themes from South East Voluntary Sector Forum – Peter Carruthers – 15 minutes
6. South East Locality Improvement Plan – Updates – 25 minutes

Priority 1 - Engage and support young people and their families to develop the skills they need to thrive and reach their potential, targeting support at those in greatest need.

Priority 2 - Engage with and provide support to those who are rough sleeping, begging and street drinking in the city centre and southside, working closely with local partners, organisations and communities.

Priority 3 - Support people living in Dumbiedykes, including those experiencing hardship, and help co-ordinate a sustainable response that builds community resilience and promotes life chances

7. AOB – 5 minutes

SOUTH EAST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 10 am

Microsoft Teams

MINUTE

Members present

Peter Carruthers (Chair)	Voluntary Sector
Samantha Ainslie	Police Scotland
Moyra Burns	NHS Lothian
Sarah Burns	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Alison Dickie	City of Edinburgh Council
Rosalind Papworth	Skills Development Scotland
Stuart Tooley	University of Edinburgh
Gordon Wylie	City Centre Neighbourhood Network

In attendance

Charisse Barclay	City of Edinburgh Council
Julie Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council
Jackie Stewart	City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Ian Brooke	Voluntary Sector
Tim Pogson	Southside Newington Neighbourhood Network

1) Welcome and apologies

2) Minute of the last meeting and Matters Arising

The note of the previous meeting was approved. SB advised the group that there were differentials across the city with regards to feedback on Neighbourhood Networks (NNs). There was an agreement to organise a session for NN chairs/ or reps to gather feedback and look at next steps and explore options for resuming NN activity. A provisional date of 23 February had been agreed.

3) South East Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) – Updates and discussion on revised priorities

SB reminded the group that the updated SE LIP had been approved at the December Edinburgh Partnership (EP) Board meeting. The aim of the discussion today is to allow colleagues involved in each priority area time to update on progress and to consider roles going forward. She acknowledged that priority 3 (Dumbiedykes) is well established with a working group in place but priorities 1 and 2 are less so and requiring resourcing. Members were asked to consider what contribution they can make to the development and delivery of the action plans for each of the priorities.

Priority 3

Support people living in Dumbiedykes, including those experiencing hardship, and help co-ordinate a sustainable response that builds community resilience and promotes life chances

CB advised that priority 3 has around 25 organisations represented on the Dumbiedykes Working Group that was formed from the former Health and Wellbeing Group established by Sylvia Baikie.

CB told the group that during the pandemic there had been a focus on getting information out to people and from this a flyer 'On Yer Doorstep' had been produced. This includes a weekly activity planner so that all of the organisations involved can show what they have on offer as well as including contact details. It is accessible online as well as going through doors and being sent out with food parcels.

CB added that The Crannie have received funding to carry out work around digital poverty while Edinburgh Lothian Greenspace Trust have funding that fits with action point 2 “Support wellbeing and access to food and physical activities”. By the next meeting of the group in February there will be a robust document demonstrating where areas of work being carried out by members of the group support the actions in the plan. There is great momentum and representation and it is only action point 4 “Enhance the area physically and socially by improving bus links, local shops and the park” that isn’t moving forward. There has been a lot of talking about bus links for the area but no resourcing.

PC asked whether the flyering had impacted on participation or if it is the same people as usual. CB advised that as the leaflet had only recently been distributed no measuring had been carried out but that this would be looked in to. PC emphasised that it is important to have an evidence base for reporting on the priorities.

SB asked if there were any gaps in resourcing or any support required. CB suggested that it would be helpful to map out the empty shops in Dumbiedykes explaining that if we can’t create transport links out of the area to services then perhaps we can bring services in.

AD asked that a similar flyer be created but focussed around activities for young people in SE. CB agreed that she would speak to a colleague who works with YP about this.

Decision

- CB speak to colleagues about producing a flyer or similar for YP in SE.

Priority 1

Engage and support young people and their families to develop the skills they need to thrive and reach their potential, targeting support at those in greatest need.

JS explained that 1 year ago NN events were being arranged to help develop the action planning around this priority. However, none of these went ahead due to Covid-19. She added that the priority will require a working group to take this priority forward. JS told the group that there

had previously been holiday programmes and family fun days which had been good examples of partnership work, but these had been impacted by Covid-19. In terms of befriending services demand for these has increased exponentially with support for parents struggling during lockdown and contact from people who have not accessed services previously. There is a lot of good work around support for young people and CB is working with Health colleagues around raising awareness of information about help and support with domestic abuse.

JS explained that there is a lot of good work and new areas emerging as a result of Covid-19. However, a working group is required to look at how actions can be developed and how to measure the impact.

JS added that a Youth Talk website had been developed in collaboration with Young Scot, it will be dynamic and include wellbeing polls. There will also be a SE Twitter channel aimed at young people.

SB advised that it is encouraging to hear about such a wealth of activity. She asked who would be needed to support a working group and could Skills Development Scotland link in with regards to youth unemployment? RP responded that SDS could link in on a local level. Previously advisors had worked in schools, work and career coaches had supported post school and offices had been opened 2 days per week before lockdown. Outreach is very difficult presently. She agreed that SDS would want to support this priority.

JS said that she was aware of a few young people in the area who, during lockdown, appeared to be becoming more disengaged at school. AD asked if JS could email her about this.

JS added that a representative from mental health and someone from family work would benefit the working group, which would be a short life working group (SLWG).

Decision

1. SDS to join short life working group
2. All other members to consider who from their organisation / service could join the SLWG and contact JS
3. JS look into reps from mental health and family work on SLWG
4. JS to email AD re what she is picking up locally in relation to disengaged young people.

Priority 2

Engage with and provide support to those who are rough sleeping, begging and street drinking in the city centre and southside, working closely with local partners, organisations and communities.

SA advised that Police Scotland are working with partners to increase community safety and cohesion and are seeking to address issues with a view to developing longer term solutions. She stressed that this is an incremental journey. The Covid-19 context has delayed some of the momentum. However, funds have been allocated to the Salvation Army in relation to point 3 in the action plan, developing their infrastructure to maximise community and personal safety.

In terms of measures, Police Scotland are seeking to design a survey which will measure progress year on year.

ST commented that the University has an important part to play and he is happy to liaise regarding representation on this priority. SB suggested that Health would have an important role to play too in relation to this work.

In relation to all the priorities, PC asked people to support help where they felt they could by getting in touch with priority leads.

Decision

1. ST to link in with SA re university representation for priority 2.
2. All other members to consider who from their organisation / service could support this work and contact SA.

4) Future reporting to LCPP (templates attached)

Templates had been circulated with the meeting papers for information. These will form the basis of reporting back to future meetings. Action plan templates will help to capture actions, measure and identify

resources. Each priority lead will be able to use these tools to report back to the next SE LCPP meeting in April.

5) Date of Next Meeting

TBD – April 2021 – an evening slot will be offered.