



# THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

## Edinburgh Partnership – Locality Improvement Plans

### 1. Executive Summary

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- 1.1 Locality improvement plans are a legislative requirement of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. They are a key responsibility of the Edinburgh Partnership and part of its approach to improving outcomes for those citizens and communities experiencing the greatest inequality.
- 1.2 The plans, agreed by the Board in December 2017, set out the outcomes and priorities for partnership action identified by the communities in each of the four localities in the city. The first annual progress report was considered in December 2018 when the Board, whilst noting the progress made, agreed that a review should be carried out by the locality community planning partnerships to address the challenges identified in the report.
- 1.3 This paper provides the annual report on progress in delivering the plans for 2018/19, together with an update and proposals for the review process.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 The Board is recommended to:
  - i. note the progress made during 2018/19;
  - ii. agree the proposals for the review of the locality improvement plans and the operational arrangements;
  - iii. support the approach to the continued delivery of community priorities through their own organisations and partner groups as identified in paragraph 3.11; and
  - iv. refer the report to the locality community planning partnerships for information and action.

### 3. Main Report

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- 3.1 As a legislative requirement, locality improvement plans are designed to improve outcomes for individuals and communities, of place and interest, experiencing the greatest inequality through partnership working and the meaningful engagement of residents and communities.
- 3.2 The plans set out the priorities for improving outcomes over a five-year period (2017-22) at locality level based on community needs, circumstances and

aspirations. These are based around five themes: place making; children, young people and families; economy/employability; health and wellbeing; and community safety. Additionally, the plans set out outcomes for small areas within each locality where the communities experience a higher level of inequality.

- 3.3 The new Locality Community Planning Partnerships have responsibility for the development and delivery of the locality improvement plans supported operationally by partners working together. The partnership working arrangements vary across localities with actions being delivered through a combination of small area working groups, project groups and thematic partnership groups including: Community Improvement Partnership; Children's Services Management Group; Health and Wellbeing Group; Team around the Place; and Economy and Employability Group.
- 3.4 Progress has been made during 2018/19 as evidenced in the report at Appendix 1. It should be noted that the locality community planning partnerships have not had an opportunity to meet to consider the information in advance of presentation to the Board. It is noted however that future reports will be considered by the locality community planning partnerships in advance and referred as appropriate as part of their decision-making process.
- 3.5 A key challenge identified in the first year of the plans was the need to focus on actions that can make a significant impact on tackling poverty and inequality through a partnership approach and this remains the case. The Board, in December 2018, recognised this challenge and agreed that the plans should be reframed specifically to address poverty and inequality. It was noted doing this would ensure consistency with the approach of the community plan which focuses on a limited number of intractable issues that can only be tackled through partnership working.
- 3.6 In agreeing the need for a review on this basis, the Board remitted the task to the locality community planning partnerships. This was considered at each of the first meetings of the partnerships with papers being presented on a stocktake of the existing locality improvement plan process together with a first stage proposal to develop refreshed profiles for each area as a basis for informing the review.
- 3.7 The stocktake involved interviews with partners across each of the localities. The findings identified several areas for improvement including:
  - The size of the action plans was considered unwieldy and included actions that were business as usual which hindered joint working and the focus on reducing poverty and inequality.
  - Changes to individuals within working groups presented a challenge to the pace of progress.



- The lack of links between working groups led to silo working and the opportunities to address cross cutting themes were not always identified and progressed.
  - There was a need to improve links to other plans and groups to ensure a joined-up approach and reduce duplication.
  - The identification of impact measures and attribution presented challenges.
- 3.8 The development of the refreshed profiles is designed to identify those individuals and communities experiencing the greatest inequality to ensure any changes to the locality improvement plans in terms of areas of operation and/or associated outcomes are evidence based. The data contained within the updated [locality profiles](#) together with the poverty profile, attached as Appendix 2, are proposed to provide this information and support the review process. The Board is asked to agree them on this basis.
- 3.9 Whilst each locality community planning partnership will want to design its own approach for the review, the Board is asked to agree that the same principles to those used for the community plan are applied, namely that priorities identified:
- can only be addressed through partnership working;
  - are thorny issues; and
  - tackle poverty and inequality.
- 3.10 This will ensure consistency whilst recognising the need for a tailored approach based on local circumstances. The intention is to produce a more streamlined and focused plan containing a limited number of priorities which will tackle the poverty and inequality experienced by individuals and communities in the locality and is structured around the priorities of the community plan.
- 3.11 A key concern expressed by the partnerships in respect of reviewing and streamlining the plans is what happens to actions which are no longer included. It is noted that where the action relates to a single service issue, individual partners will be asked to take the work forward as part of their service plans. Partnership activity will be referred to other partner groupings in the city, for example the Health and Social Care Partnership, for inclusion in their existing strategic or local plans as appropriate. Board members are asked to support this approach within their own organisation and at partnership groups to ensure community priorities continue to be progressed through the appropriate mechanism.
- 3.12 As agreed by the Board in December 2018, the reframing of the locality improvement plans is to be supported by a review of the operational arrangements to establish appropriate delivery mechanisms. This complementary workstream will have implications for two of the strategic



partnerships, the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership and Edinburgh Children's Partnership in relation to the Community Improvement Partnerships and Children's Services Management Groups. A city-wide approach is therefore proposed with this to be developed by the Joint Community Planning Support Group, which includes the lead officers for the strategic partnerships and the Council Locality Teams.

- 3.13 Reports on the progress and outcome of the review of the locality improvement plans and operational arrangements will be presented to the Board at future meetings.

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Progress Report 2019



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## Section A: Overview

### Background

Locality Improvement Plans are a legislative requirement of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and provide a framework for partnership action to improve the quality of life for the people experiencing the greatest inequality.

There are four plans (South East, South West, North West and North East) covering the city, each of which sets out the priorities for improving outcomes over five years from 2017 – 2022.

The outcomes and priorities identified in the plans are based on what local people from across each of the localities said in 2017 would make their areas better and the action needed to achieve this. These are identified under five themes: place making; children, young people and families; economy/employability; health and wellbeing; and community safety. In addition, the plans set out outcomes for small areas in each locality where the community experiences higher levels of inequality and a poorer quality of life.

### Summary Progress

During 2019 new governance arrangements, agreed by the Edinburgh Partnership Board, were established. The new Locality Community Planning Partnerships have responsibility for the development and delivery of the locality improvement plans supported operationally by partners working together. The partnership working arrangements vary across Localities with actions being delivered through a combination of small area working groups, project groups and thematic partnership groups including: Community Improvement Partnership; Children's Services Management Group; Health and Wellbeing Group; Team around the Place; and Economy and Employability Group.

Whilst these arrangements were being implemented, work on the delivery of the community priorities continued, as summarised in Section C. Progress has been made in all localities with action across all priority themes. This progress has been achieved during a period of change and against a backdrop of significant challenge, identified in the first year of reporting in 2018, namely:

- The breadth of outcomes in the plans has resulted in an extensive number and range of actions
- Many of the actions are 'business as usual' activity and not necessarily additional or collaborative in nature



- There are mixed levels of understanding and expectations of the purpose of the plans with them being viewed as a place to capture all work in the locality rather than activity specifically designed to tackle poverty and inequality leading to a dilution of impact and less effective targeting of resources
- The structuring of plans around 5 themes and small areas has led to a loss of profile on addressing the needs of those experiencing the greatest inequality and have proved difficult to manage operationally and administratively.

To address these challenges the Edinburgh Partnership Board agreed that a review should be carried out with this to be taken forward by the Locality Community Planning Partnerships. The purpose of the review is to 'improve outcomes for those individuals and communities experiencing the greatest inequality'. This work has now begun with initial activity including a stocktake of the plans and the development of refreshed profiles designed to identify those individuals and communities experiencing the greatest inequality.





## Section B: Performance Overview

A key aspect of the development of the Locality Improvement Plans has been the defining of the performance framework so that the impact of actions can be monitored. The performance framework has developed in two ways:

- the development of action plans with associated measures, where feasible, recognising issues of data availability, relevance and attribution
- the identification of high level measures that reflect the longer term outcomes and aims of the plans.

The detailed measures identified within each action plan may be different between the four localities as they relate to the actions each area takes forward. However, the priorities within each of the four plans cover five similar themes (place making; children, young people and families; economy/employability; health and wellbeing; and community safety) so a single suite of citywide outcome indicators has been agreed that reflect the longer term aims of the plans.

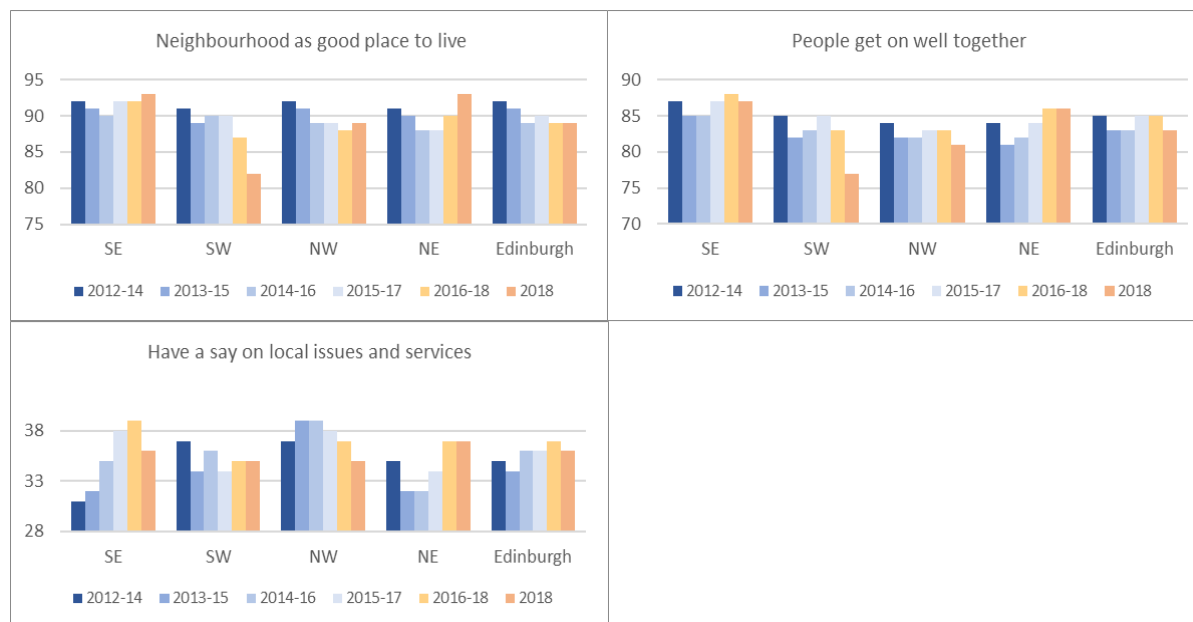
Below is a summary of current performance for the longer-term outcomes which will be used to monitor progress under the five priorities over the life of the Locality Improvement Plans.





## Place making

**Summary:** The population of Edinburgh is increasing and there is a growing need for affordable housing across the city. A detailed plan to build 20,000 affordable homes over the next ten years has been developed. The first stage being the identification of sites for development. Alongside new housing, the development of a sense of place for communities is key including local services and good civic spaces. Local actions to build on community participation to ensure everyone has a good place to live will continue.



Across the localities, the majority of respondents consider their neighbourhood as a good place to live. There is no trend apparent with slight variation year on year.

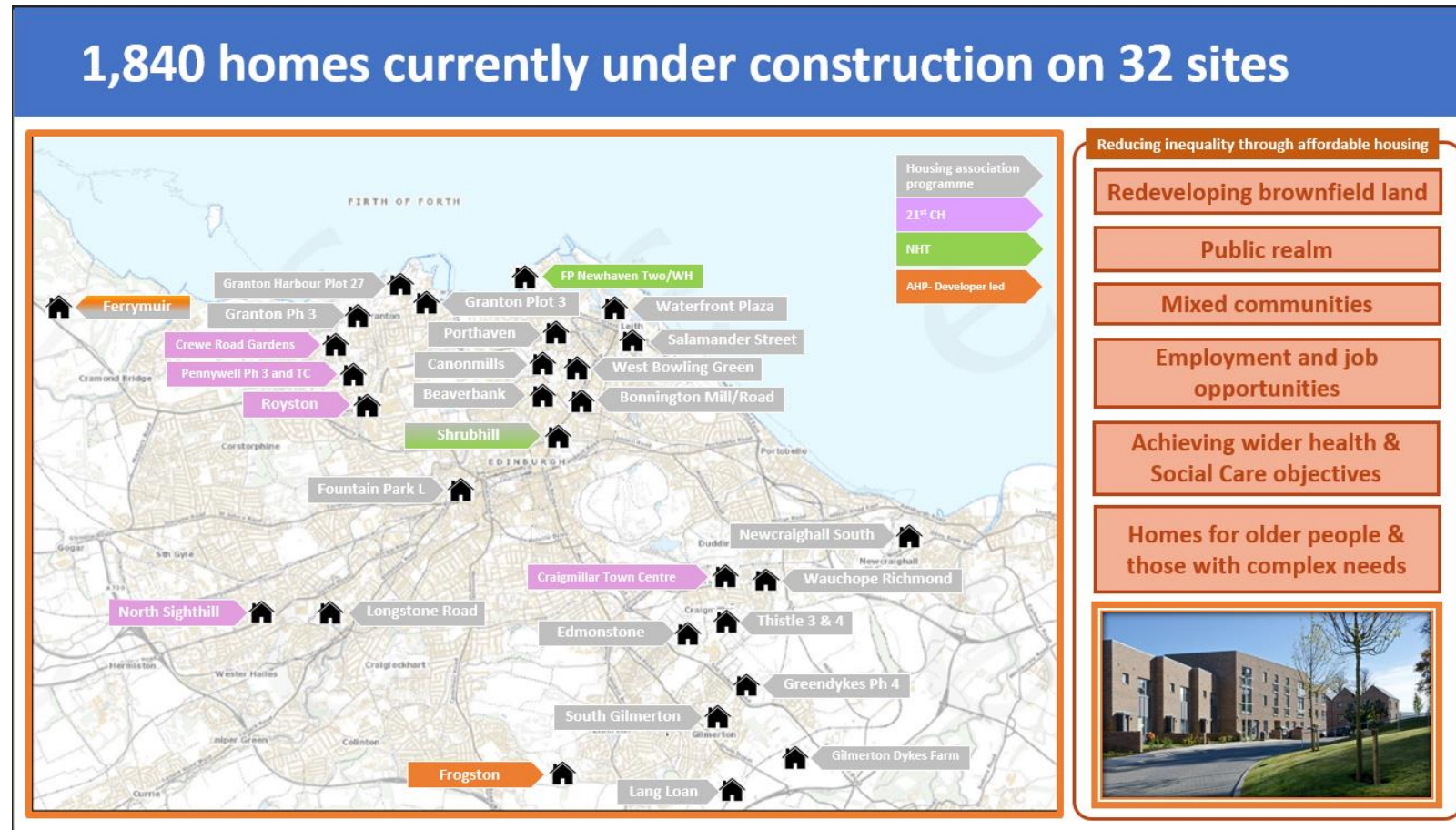
Similarly, most respondents report that people from different backgrounds get on well together. There is a slightly rising trend, in all four localities, between 2013 and 2017. In 2018 performance declined for all localities except one – NE, where performance was maintained.

Responses about 'having a say in local decisions' shows some yearly fluctuations across all localities. For Edinburgh there is a slight decrease in 2018.

*Data source: Edinburgh Peoples' Survey*



The map gives an overview of the work already well under way and shows the 32 sites across the city where over 1,840 affordable homes are currently under construction.

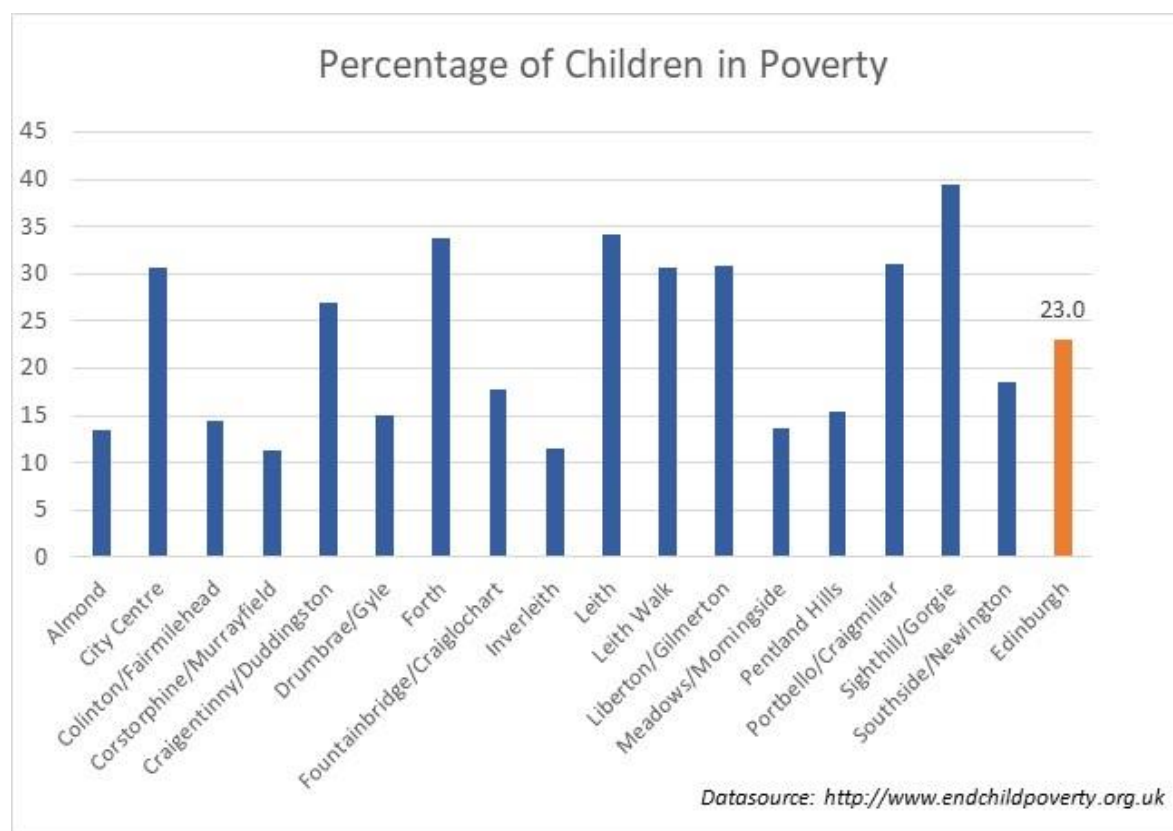


Data source: Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23



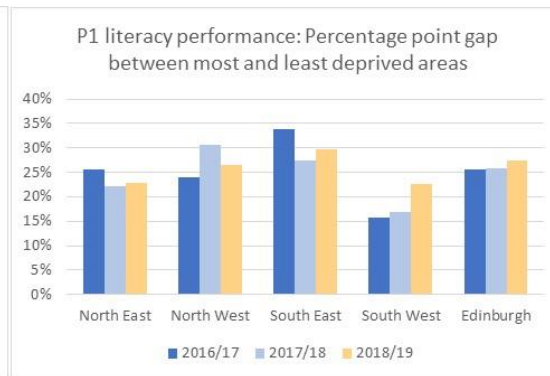
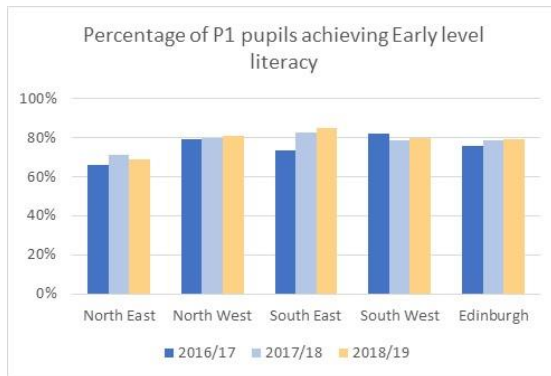
## Children, young people and families

**Summary:** There is variation in levels of poverty across Edinburgh. Educational attainment is lower for children in areas of deprivation compared to Edinburgh as a whole. Looked after children are also less likely to have a positive destination on leaving school. Local actions to reduce these gaps and ensure all children and young people achieve a good start in life are part of the Locality Improvement Plans.

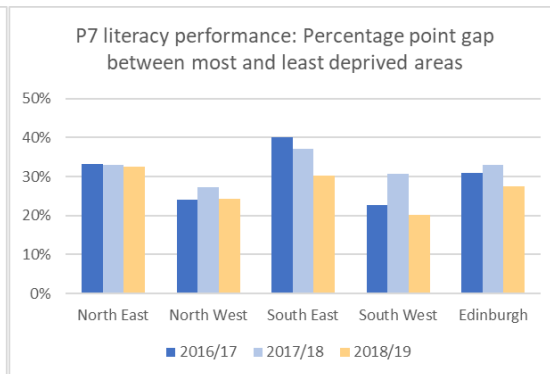
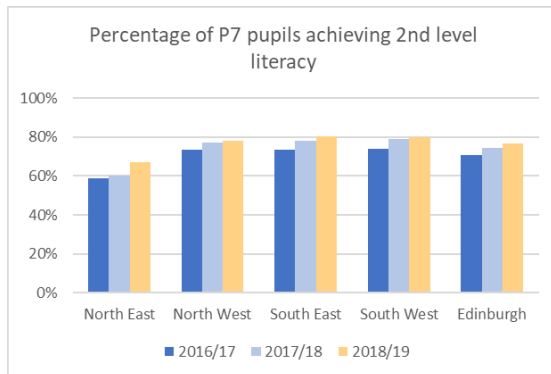


New estimates of children living in poverty in Edinburgh at ward level are now available. These estimates use a revised method of calculation ([rational for new methodology](#)) so previous estimations are not included as they are not comparable. The percentage of children in poverty shows variation across the city – ranging from 1 in 10 children to almost 4 in 10.



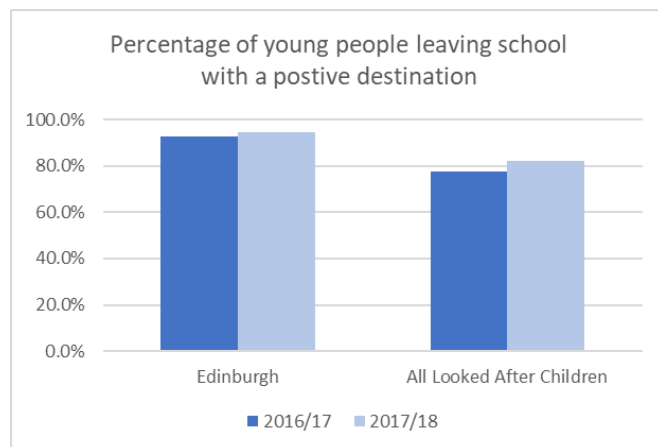


The gap between P1 literacy performance for Edinburgh has increased slightly. North East, South East and South West show an increasing gap and North West shows a reducing gap.



The gap between P7 literacy performance for Edinburgh shows a 5% decrease compared to 2017/18. South West shows the biggest decrease of 11% whereas South East shows a 7% decrease.

- Percentage of school leavers living in most deprived areas gaining 1+ awards at SCQF level 5 2016/17 – 74.5% and 2017/18 – 72.1%
- School leavers performance: Percentage point gap between most and least deprived areas 2016/17 – 19.8% and 2017/18 – 23.7%



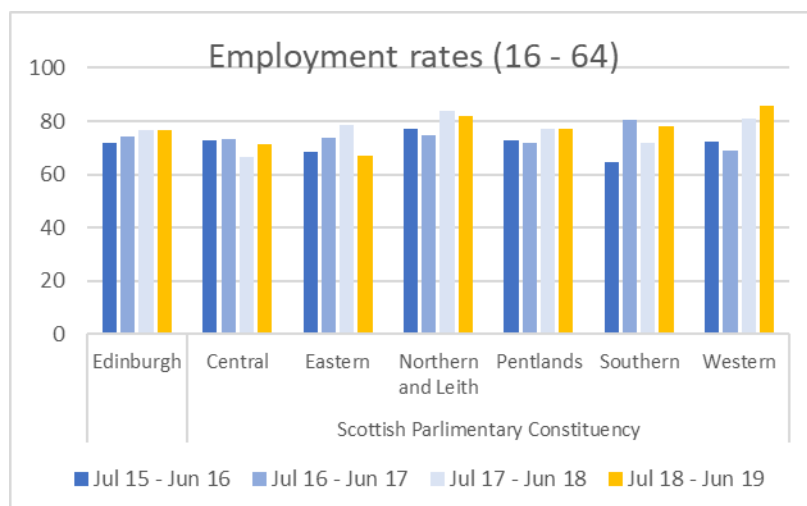
A smaller percentage of young people who are looked after have a positive destination when leaving school than the school leavers as a whole. 2017/18 shows around 5% increase compared to 2016/17.



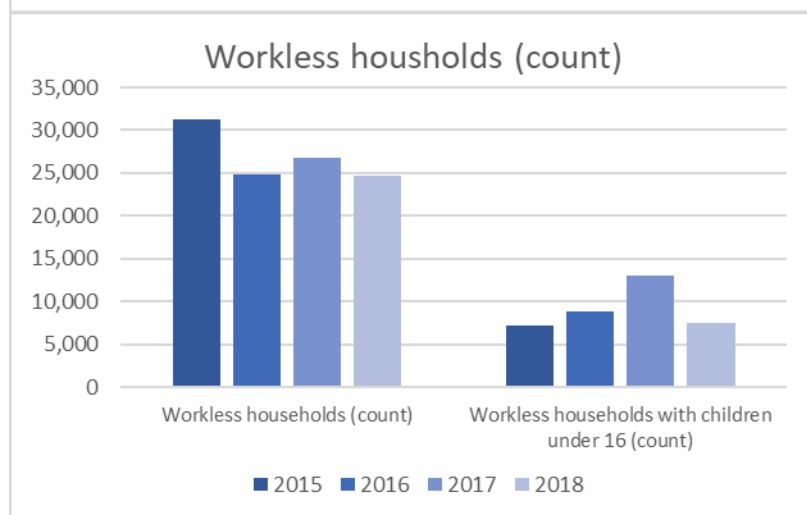


## Economy/Employability

**Summary:** There are more people in work in the city than ever before but there are also almost 25,000 households with no adult in work. Worklessness remains the single most important predictor of poverty. As employment rates vary across the city, local actions to ensure everyone has access to work and learning opportunities will be key to reducing inequalities.



Rates of employment show a gradual increase at a citywide level but there is more variation at the Scottish parliamentary constituency level.



After the initial increase in the number of workless households and the number of workless households with children under 16 in 2017, in 2018 the number of these households decreased.

Figures for workless households are available at lower geographies but are not shown as potentially unreliable due to sample sizes.

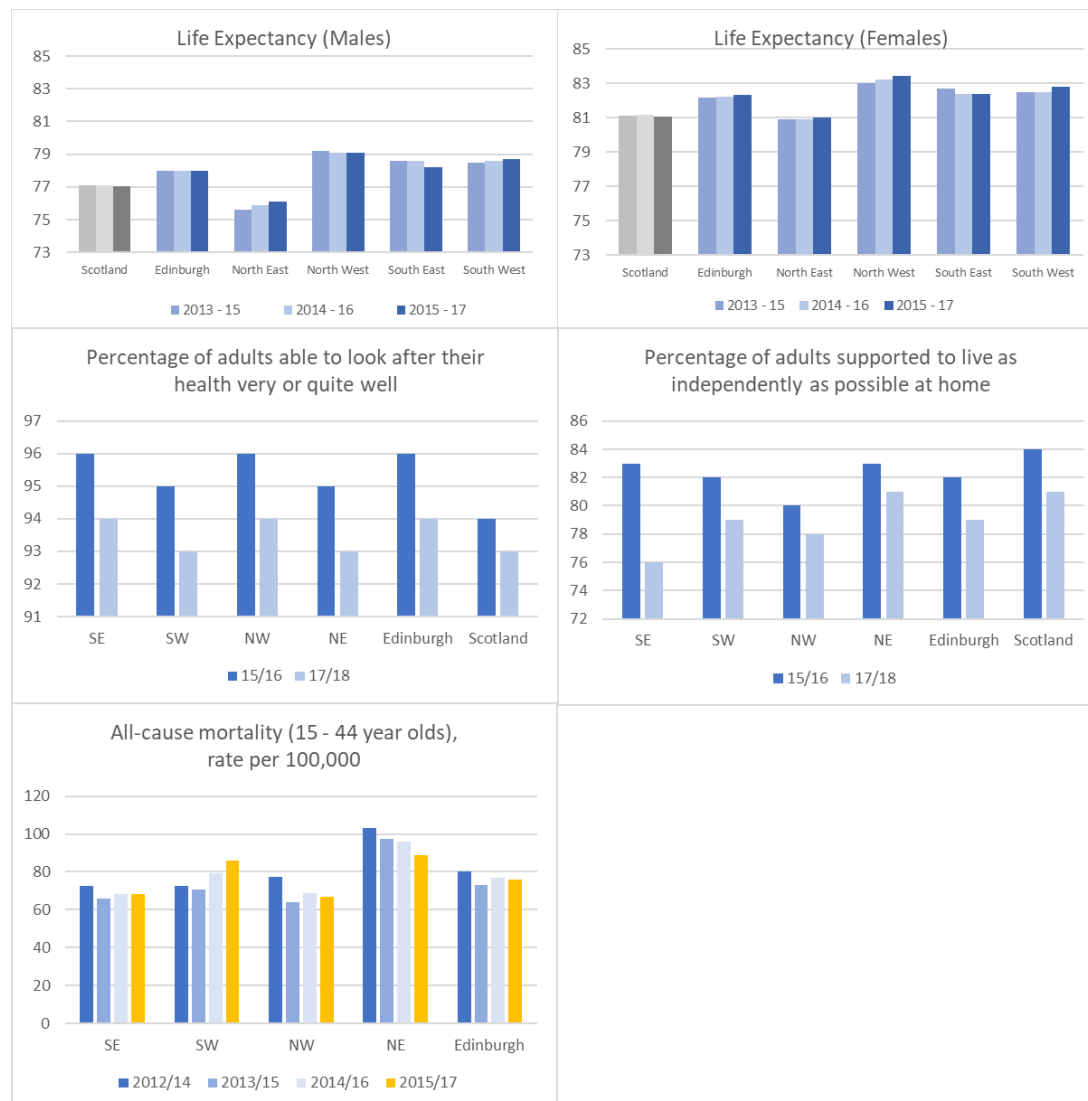
*Data source: NOMIS annual population survey*





## Health and Wellbeing

**Summary:** Life expectancy for Edinburgh is above the Scottish average and continues to improve for females and is at level for males. However, people remain twice as likely to die prematurely in areas of deprivation than in Edinburgh as a whole. Reducing this gap through local actions is one of the longer term aims of the Locality Improvement Plans.



In Edinburgh rates of life expectancy for males is at level while for females it increased slightly. There is more variation within the Scottish parliamentary constituency level.

Although the majority of respondents felt able to look after their own health very or quite well, there is a drop between 15/16 and 17/18 surveys. A similar picture is also shown for those who feel supported to live independently at home.

Premature deaths show a declined across the city in 2015/17 compared to 2014/16. There is more variation at a locality level. South West show rising rates while North East shows falling rates. However North East rate remains higher than the other localities.

Data sources: NRS website, ISD, Public health ScotPho

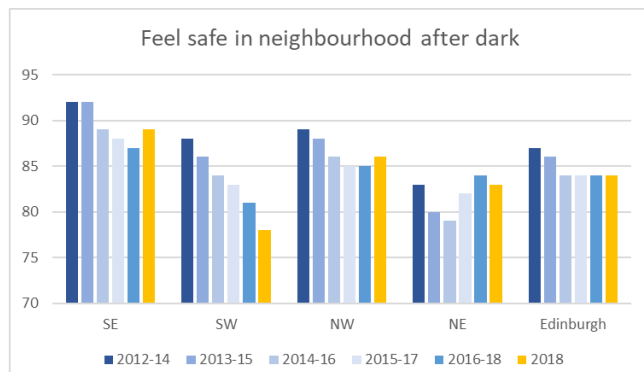




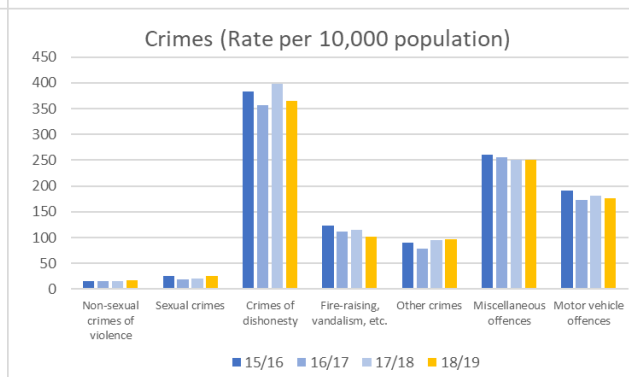
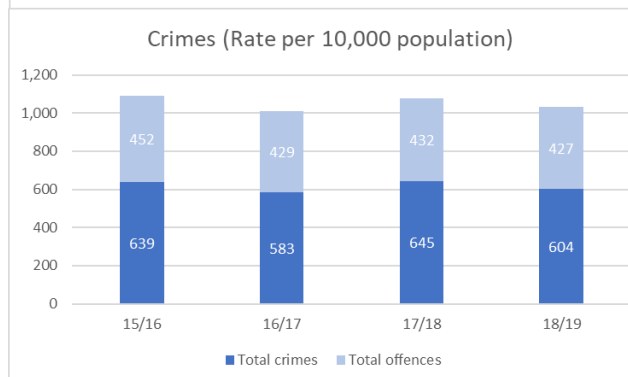


## Community Safety

**Summary:** Crime and offence rates show a slight reduction and people's perception remains at level. Local actions to keep people who live, work or visit the area safe and improve people's perceptions of safety are part of the action plans.



Edinburgh reports a steady trend of 84% from 2014-16 to 2018 for people feeling safe in neighbourhood after dark. Only South East and North West show a rising trend compared to last year.



Crimes and offences show a decline in 2018/19 with crimes of dishonesty showing the biggest decline. Non-sexual crimes of violence, Sexual crimes and Other crimes show a slight increase.

Data sources: Edinburgh Peoples survey, Scottish Government Recorded crime publication





## Section C: Locality Improvement Plan – Action plan update

### South West

#### Priority 2: Health and Social Care

##### Progress over last 12 months



From April to August 2019, SW supported five community health & wellbeing events in each of the small priority areas as well as the Pentland Villages with key voluntary sector partners leading on it. These events were for the community with a purpose of:

- Celebrating local success
- To continue community engagement
- Offer a range of fun activities for everyone, so inclusive and appealing to a range of age groups
- Inform people of local services/ activities/ support (Community Police Officers, services have ranged from Stop Smoking services: Quit Your Way, to advise services in the area, local library, local voluntary groups etc).
- Have a healthy food offering.

There was extremely positive feedback and appreciative for such events; so much so there is a desire to make this an annual occurrence.

All of the small areas in SW have their own small area networks: Living Well Wester Hailes, Joining the Dots (Broomhouse), Gorgie/ Dalry Forum and Oxbgangs Forum. Support for these networks varies from being the interim Chair, conducting community engagement to understand the needs of their community, discussions on re-prioritising of the LIP, as well as improving social isolation and loneliness.

A South West Physical Activity Alliance was launched at an event at Napier University in August 2018 and a further networking event was held in Tynecastle Stadium in June 2019. A multi sector planning group led by NHS Lothian Health Promotion Service supported the organisation and ensured a great turnout at both events. The themes for the June event were inclusion and addressing inequalities. Common issues raised included partnership, networking, and support for people to access physical activity opportunities and targeting excluded groups. The ideas raised through discussion will inform the focus of work in the locality over the coming year as well as being shared with the city-wide group working to develop Edinburgh's physical activity strategy. An interactive GPS map of physical activity opportunities in the city is currently being developed.



### Priority 3: Safer Communities



#### Progress over last 12 months

Domestic Abuse Campaign in December 2018 / January 2019: The aim was to raise awareness of coercive control and provide advice on reporting mechanisms and support agencies. Throughout the campaign there was engagement stalls with domestic abuse support services EDDACs and Woman's Aid. Extensive poster distribution and merchandise/leaflets handed out. 46 arrests were made in relation to domestic abuse with offenders being brought to justice. Presentations on domestic abuse provided to schools.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week in January 2019: This campaign was run alongside national Hate Crime Awareness Week to raise awareness of what a hate crime is, reporting mechanisms and support agencies. Over 1500 children received inputs in schools - 15 engagement events held. Social media footprint of over 31,000 engagements. The Hate Crime Subgroup between police, Council, ELREC and Score will continue with plans for further events using the #NoHateMate slogan and merchandise.

Edge Autism: Officers working alongside Edge Autism to help provide support to residents in the area and raise awareness of the support they can offer.

NHS referrals: Project ongoing alongside NHS and other agencies to introduce and pilot an information booklet containing agency numbers etc which can be used by officers to provide further support and referrals to people we deal with ensuring an improvement in signposting.

SCOREScotland referrals: Project conducted to improve awareness of the services SCOREScotland provide and improve support and signposting for those victim of hate crimes. A hate crime subgroup set up.

Military Liaison: Officers continue to work alongside the army to ensure support and wellbeing through a joint agency approach. Project started working alongside the military and Amey to patrol barracks, deal with abandoned vehicles and crime prevention.

Domestic Abuse Local Action Group (DALAG): DALAG is a process of working alongside council, housing, social work and domestic abuse services to improve early intervention and support we can provide to those subject or affected by domestic abuse. After a successful pilot in South West Edinburgh work continues to develop this into a divisional strategy and add as part of training to professionals and organisations throughout Edinburgh.

Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP): Work with the CAP chaired by police continues. We have done two weeks of action involving licensed premise checks, school inputs, engagement stalls alongside Council, licensing, elected reps, youth providers, retailers and other agencies. It aims to tackle alcohol and substance misuse amongst youths and the associated criminality whilst encouraging responsible selling of alcohol. Over 30 members/organisations involved. Over 50 visits conducted to licensed premises, a variety of stalls held with partners.



### Operations involving Partnerships:

Sedgewick	- Operation running throughout the school holidays to tackle any youth related ASB. Officers doing joint patrolling with environmental wardens, youth provider engagement, council CCTV deployed.
Spylaw	- Officers deployed alongside council CCTV and environmental wardens to address antisocial behaviour in the area.
Screening	<p>- Local officers attended the National Cycle Conference in Birmingham to represent Police Scotland and present the good work South West officers have been conducting to address bike thefts in the area and improve crime prevention (23 arrests, 173 charges, £60000 bikes recovered, 10 premise warrants executed over the period).</p> <p>- Joint patrols conducted with Dunedin Canmore, Council and Police visiting known offenders. Crime Stoppers Leaflets posted and visits speaking with over 200 residents. DVLA uplifted numerous cars involved in ASB in area for no tax etc. Joint operation ran with UKBA. Crime prevention visits conducted to over 30 pubs/off licences providing 'no cash held overnight' signs and crime prevention letters/inputs. Plain clothes and high vis patrols conducted alongside dog and motorbike patrols. Crime prevention and vehicle security/marketing event held for young farmers. Social media advice put out. Officers have been conducting crime prevention surveys in the area. 2 stolen vehicles recovered.</p>
Monarda	- This operation aims to tackle doorstep crime and involved a letter drop between police and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. Over 200 addresses visited. Numerous patrols and engagement with vulnerable members of the public. Themed coffee with a cops and stalls held. Social media advice put out.
Heddle	- This operation continues to tackle road safety/crime over the festive period into this year with stalls held providing road safety advice at Westside Plaza and Fountain Park. Patrols conducted at all schools in South West Edinburgh. 20 road/speed checks conducted. 17 tickets issued. 5 prosecutions. 1 drink driver. 3 vehicles seized. 60 warnings for various issues. Over 44,000 impressions for #OpHeddle on twitter.



## Priority 5: Team around Place



### Progress over last 12 months

#### Community Growing

The community garden site numbers were 22 existing rising to 26 in 2019/20. The Broomhouse Market site is due for imminent opening and a further four under investigation for feasibility and future development. A publicity campaign was launched in late Spring 2019, to encourage uptake/usage of the existing sites from members of the public and we are keen to develop closer links between the south west community gardening hub and the kindness directory work supported by Edible Edinburgh.

#### Community Clean-Ups

There have been 34 Community led clean ups events in 2018/19 across the 4 South West Locality small areas with a variety of community groups/partners, such as Friends of Parks Groups, Tenants and Residents organisations, Scottish canals, and Community Councils, with the support of Environmental Wardens, Locality Waste & Cleansing Officer.

The Place work stream aimed to organise 20 Community led clean up events across the South West Locality small areas for 2019/20. However, we have already completed 28 Community led clean up events by 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

We have also sourced Our Edinburgh Campaign materials in the shape of Lamppost wraps, Corex boards and leaflets that will allow us to advertise in the Locality to encourage groups and individuals to register to request litter picking equipment and support from Edinburgh Council.

#### Affordable homes in South West Locality

- By October 2019, 99 new homes will have been delivered through the Small Sites programme in the SW locality. These sites are at Calder Gardens / Fernieflat Neuk (37 homes), Hailesland Place (32 homes) and Dumbryden Drive (30 homes)
- In addition, the first 12 of 132 new affordable homes at North Sighthill were handed over in August 2019, with remaining completions phased over the remainder of the year.
- A planning application has been submitted for a further 49 homes at Dumbryden Drive through the Small Sites programme.
- In a joint initiative with Health & Social Care colleagues, 29, 1-bedroom properties have been delivered at St Stephens Court
- 145 affordable housing units will be provided as part of high-profile development at the Fountainbridge site.



### Small Area Priority: Oxgangs

### Progress over last 12 months

## Health and Social Care

Through the NHS Lothian Health Improvement Fund three local organisations received small grants for work in Oxgangs.

- Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust engaged 270 participants in a variety of opportunities to take part in physical activity and cooking programmes located in different venues including local community centres, schools and local parks. Of those surveyed: 100% felt more aware of their local greenspace, 100% felt more comfortable using greenspace and local parks, 88% were using greenspace more often, 98% were more aware of the importance of physical activity, 95% were more physically active than they used to be.
- Due to this success, ELGT has been able to secure further funding to enable work in Oxgangs to be sustained, thereby meeting an identified need in the area.
- Community Help and Advice Initiative (CHAI) received a grant to employ a part time advice worker to deliver a Family Support and Advice Service in Oxgangs Primary School. 55 individuals received tailored support and advice. Positive outcomes included reduced risk of homelessness; and financial gain for clients totalled £10,459. The initiative helped people access employability support, reduce levels of stress and mental health issues, improve health and well-being of clients and their families, and helped increase children's attainment at school.
- Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre used their grant to devise a growing and healthy eating project, called "Plough to plate", this included a "garden gang" and "cook school" and helped engage different people of different ages and backgrounds. Qualitative feedback shows that people benefited from the social interaction offered through the range of welcoming activities and opportunities to learn and try new recipes and work in the garden.



## Safer Communities

Presentation to the Oxgangs forum around work to tackle ASB. Work continues at the forum involving schools, community centre, youth providers, elected members, council, social work, NHS and many more to improve support, wellbeing and services in the Oxgangs area.

### Team Around Place

- Work to identify further affordable housing and development sites in the Oxfgangs area is ongoing with a number of initial feasibility studies having been undertaken.



### **Actions planned for next 12 months**

A community engagement exercise was undertaken using the Place Standard Tool, taking place with the people living in Oxbgangs, Firrhill and Colinton Mains during January to June 2019. The data was analysed, and a report disseminated to all key partners. The findings are being presented to the Oxbgangs Forum and the Firrhill community Council. With the following actions identified:

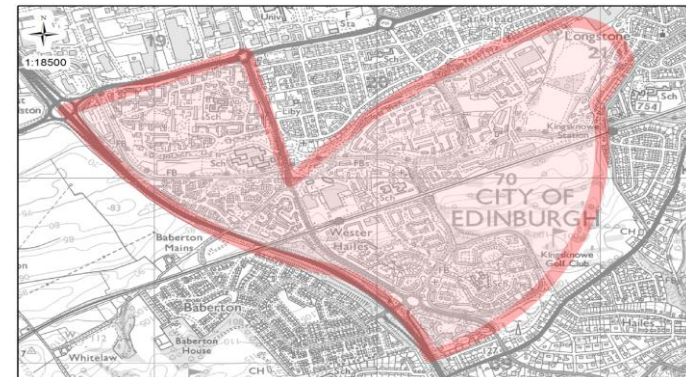
- Make the most of all the local resources in the area ensuring that they are welcoming places and are maximising social connections for everyone
- Continue the dialogue and build trust with this community
- Assess whether outcomes set out for the Oxbgangs area in the South West Edinburgh Locality Improvement Plan are progressing and having a positive impact.

### **Small Area Priority: Wester Hailes**

#### **Progress over last 12 months**

##### Team Around Place

- 37 new affordable homes at Fernieflat Neuk (Calder Gardens)
- 32 new affordable homes at Hailesland Place
- 30 new affordable homes at Dumbryden Drive
- Dumbryden Drive (Phase 2), Planning consent granted September 2019, with Revised programme being prepared - site start expected Spring 2020.
- Murrayburn Gate Demolition complete. Design & build through new housebuilder framework once approved in September. Expected site start 2021.
- Dumbryden Drive (Phase 3), Property now vacant and demolition being arranged. Further design work being procured with Robertson Partnership Homes.
- Westside Plaza Regeneration - Outline design completed & detailed design consultant completed. Work to begin on site January 2020.





## Small Area Priority: Broomhouse/Saughton

### Progress over last 12 months

#### Team Around Place

- First 12 of 132 new affordable homes at North Sighthill were handed over in August 2019, with remaining completions phased over the remainder of the year.
- New Community Hub build completed August 2019.

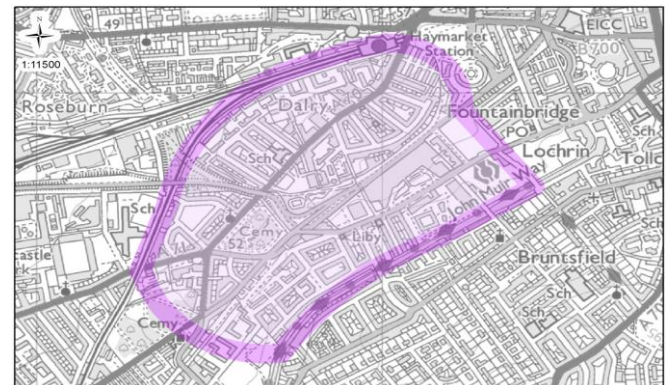


## Small Area Priority: Dalry/Fountainbridge

### Actions planned for next 12 months

#### Team Around Place

- Agree development partner for 145 affordable homes (113 social/32 MMR) to be delivered as part of mixed-tenure development of the Fountainbridge site.



## South East

### Introduction

During 2019, many projects and initiatives have been progressed in South East that are aimed at tackling priorities within the Locality Improvement Plan, with a key focus on Liberton Gilmerton and Dumbiedykes, the areas within South East experiencing the greatest inequality. Much of the work that has been taken forward spans more than one of the thematic or small area plans and delivers against more than one priority within the plan, evidencing the complexity of how the plan and priorities are currently organised and the need to review them moving forward. Some of the projects that have been delivered have been initiated on a citywide basis but with local input to ensure that they are directed towards benefiting the local communities and tackling local issues that are a priority in South East. The Locality Improvement Plan has been helpful in articulating what and where those priorities are and therefore influencing the direction of resources.

The partnership network in South East has continued to grow and while there is still much work to do to support and involve our grass roots community groups, in particular. The establishment of Neighbourhood Networks is bringing a renewed focus to building on the effective partnership working with communities that is already happening in South East.

The summary below highlights some examples of the activity that has been undertaken within the five thematic and four small area plans.

### Priority 1: Place making



#### Progress over last 12 months

A key priority in the plan is to reduce street clutter to improve streets for pedestrians. Following the ban in November 2018 of on street advertising boards, the South East Locality Team was responsible for rolling the implementation of the ban out in 2019 and providing support to businesses to help them comply, and carrying out enforcement where necessary. This has been widely successful and largely welcomed by communities, delivering significant improvements in many areas in the accessibility of streets.

Several neighbourhood environment projects have been progressed this year including footway improvements along Nicolson Street, East Mayfield, and Balcarres Street; drainage work at Newbattle Terrace; and new heritage paving around St Andrews St George's Church in George Street.





Community clean-ups have taken place around Nicolson Square and gardens, St Patrick's Square and gardens, and local parks, where local residents and businesses have worked together to improve their surroundings. Community clean up kits have been created and offered to constituted groups to undertake clean ups in their neighbourhoods. The Big Spring Clean 2019 saw eight events across South East Edinburgh parks and greenspaces including Burdiehouse, St Katharine's Park, Gracemount, Moredun, Gilmerton Dykes and Ellen's Glen supported by local Friends' groups.

One-off graffiti removal projects were completed within the West End Business Improvement District, Southside, and St Patrick's Square areas. Graffiti is a blight in our communities, and this initiative sought to target some of the most problematic areas. The graffiti removal was assisted and supported by local residents and businesses.

Work continues on improving active travel infrastructure, such as the roll out of on-street cycle storage. Several on-street cycle hire stations have been installed around the city centre with extra stations installed for the festival period.

Funding of £500 was provided to 11 Friends' of Parks groups throughout the locality to help groups develop and improve their parks and greenspaces to promote membership among local people and help to improve their health and wellbeing and reduce social isolation. St Katherine's Park, Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park and Seven Acre Park have also received awards from the local Community Grants Fund to take forward further park developments, including creating new wildflower areas and installing bike stands and animal sculptures.

## **Priority 2: Children, young people and families**



### **Progress over last 12 months**

Following the Youth Talk event in March 2019 in Liberton Gilmerton, a Youth Forum has been formed and has been meeting regularly. The forum is meeting once a month and they continue to share their experiences and views.

Complementing the Youth Forum, the recently formed SEEYA - South East Edinburgh Youth Alliance - is a partnership group of service providers with representation from the Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> sector, voluntary organisations, uniformed and faith groups, sports clubs, schools, police and health. It provides a place to share information, discuss arising youth themes, plan for holiday programmes and discuss partnership work and funding opportunities. The group is chaired in rotation by partners and in different venues in the locality.

A key concern voiced by young people through the Youth Talk engagement is feeling unsafe in their community. In response to the concerns about safety, Police Scotland linked additional officers into two secondary schools in the area and there is a plan for officers to report back to the Youth Forum.



Two Lifelong Learning workers have been identified to take forward the next phase in Youth Talk focusing on the other three wards in the locality – Morningside, Southside/Newington and City Centre. This is at an early stage but there will be a Youth Talk event planned and undertaken with the aim to set up a forum for young people in those areas.

A joint project with Family Group Decision Making and Multisystemic Therapy along with the Social work Practice Team (School Matters Pilot) is looking at targeted support for Looked after Children whose attendance at school is seen to be slipping. The aim is to build attendance and attainment. This is happening in two localities, North West and South East. In South East the focus is on the Liberton and Gilmerton cluster. Lifelong Learning are also in the early stages of collaborating with the Additional Support for Learning service to trial a small scale and bespoke learning offering at Tollcross Community Centre for young people who are on part-time timetables at school in the local area.

### **Priority 3: Economy/Employability**



#### **Progress over last 12 months**

In addition to the ongoing early intervention support for young people who have left school without a positive destination (formerly Activity Agreements) delivered by Dunedin Canmore Youth Projects in Valley Park Community Centre, Access to Industry host a weekly youth employability session in Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre for young people who are dealing with mental health issues.

Edin Me offers a holistic, person centred approach to dealing with barriers which may be stopping a young person from taking the next step towards training, further education or employment. Through 1-2-1 sessions, groupwork and access to specialist support, the project works with young people in a non-threatening, non-time limited approach.

Support for those with English as a Second Language (ESOL) is delivered in a variety of community settings throughout the locality - Goodtrees, Gilmerton and Valley Park Community Centres – and offers a range of programme options depending on level of referral. From targeted family ESOL to a popular Syrian Family Homework Group, a number of models are being piloted in different settings.



## Priority 4: Health and wellbeing



### Progress over last 12 months

This year there has been a focus on communication within the locality and who is working within South East, both statutory and third sector. Two “who’s who” events took place, one in January run by the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and one in July run by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership. At each of these locality events a marketplace was provided displaying and promoting services that are working within the South East. Networking was the key to these events and understanding other agencies roles and responsibilities within the locality, looking at how we can all work more effectively in partnership to meet the needs of our community.

A number of initiatives and projects have been developed aimed at reducing loneliness and social isolation, having been identified as a key priority in South East. Developed following the Discover programme, a Family Nurture Group has been created as a space for families coming together to be involved in activities that work towards building positive relationships between parents and children whilst assisting with social isolation and loneliness. Amongst those attending this group are mothers who are experiencing poor mental health and poverty. A Community Arts Project based around the high flats in Moredun has been running throughout 2019, reaching out to each of the 540 households inviting residents to get involved in sharing their stories about high flat living and contributing to the development of a booklet “Tall Tales”. One of the aims of the project is to create a stronger sense of community and belonging for the residents of the Moredun multis.

## Priority 5: Community safety



### Progress over last 12 months

Following the feedback through Youth Talk and some high profile incidents in the Liberton and Gilmerton ward area, Police Scotland undertook a review of the resourcing that is put into engaging with young people in the area. In March a decision was made to have 2 officers provide the link to the school but also the wider youth community for a 6-month pilot. Over this period there has been a significant amount of positive engagement between officers and young people, with officers having a presence at youth groups held at Goodtrees Community Centre and getting involved with a range of summer activities in partnership with Edinburgh Leisure. Officers also organised a P7 transition football tournament for 150 pupils and 10 police officers acting as referees. Officers have also

engaged with Education Welfare Officers and are putting together a joint initiative with local School Liaison Officers to combat truancy.



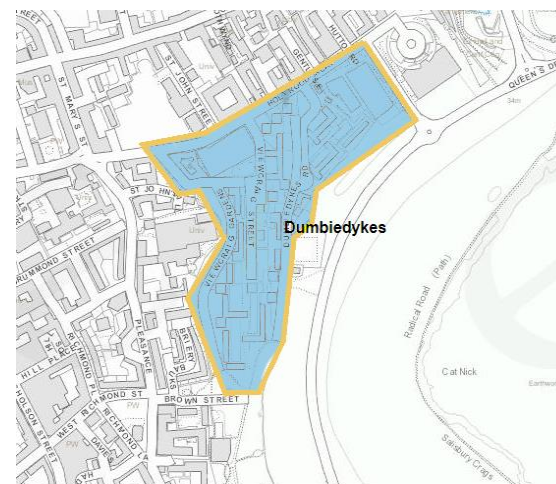
A key concern for residents within South East is the impact of antisocial behaviour on their quality of life. Over the last few months South East's Community Policing Team have been working with various Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and third party agencies, predominantly focusing on antisocial behaviour and drugs issues in the locality. It has been recognised there could be better information sharing and joint working between the agencies to deal with issues in South East. To assist with this a Wider Action Group has been established, including all RSLs and Edinburgh University. This follows on from good work with CastleRock Edinvar where multi-agency joint work led to households being identified and intense focus and support around these properties resulting in a better quality of wellbeing for residents.

Work is ongoing in relation to the issues of anti-social behaviour in Holyrood Road. A partnership approach has been adopted which has improved relations between the University of Edinburgh and charities in the area who support homeless and vulnerable people, including Streetwork. This work highlighted concerns regarding an increase in anti-social behaviour around specific times when Streetwork closed its hub, such as at lunch time. To address these concerns, Streetwork is looking at its operating hours and the University of Edinburgh is looking at funding options to create a garden area at the rear of the premises, to provide a welcoming area for service users to wait. Plans are being developed for a partnership operation to address street drinking in the area and there has been an increased focus on intelligence gathering regarding drugs misuse in the area.

### **Small Area Priority: Dumbiedykes** **Progress over last 12 months**

The Dumbiedykes Small Area Plan prioritises working closer with residents to increase provision of activities for young people and families as well as to improve access to the Braidwood Centre and so the work continues to be targeted around these areas.

The local Lifelong Learning Team organised a series of 'Family Fridays' during the recent summer holiday period at the Braidwood Centre. The aim was to bring local families together to enjoy activities and to promote future learning opportunities that they might like to get involved in (e.g. creative writing group, employability workshop). It was also an opportunity to engage with families about what learning activities they might like to see in their area in the future too, including more youth work and adult learning. The activities delivered on the Fridays included storytelling, circus skills, garden games, bookbug and arts and crafts. They were structured to enable the whole family to participate together and there were also trips to the Holyrood Rangers and Dynamic Earth. In total 15 local families participated and this included around 20-30 individuals each week. Participation was



also supported by local family support and teaching staff from the Royal Mile and Preston Street Primary Schools. Due to their success work is now underway to establish them every Friday, including during term time starting in the new year.

A local Community Grant Award was also made to the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust to undertake work in the Dumbiedykes community that will develop a programme of opportunities around health and wellbeing. This will include outreach activities, taster events and a networking event for local organisations working in the area too. That event was held on 26 November 2019 in the newly opened Crannie. A sub-group is also being established as part of the Locality Improvement Plan's Health and Wellbeing workstream that will look to address loneliness and social isolation in the local community.



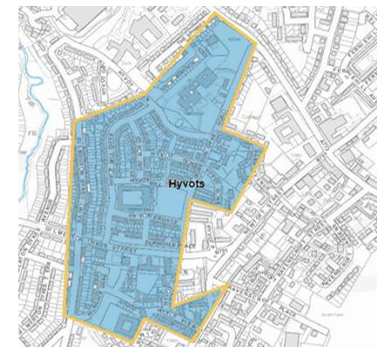
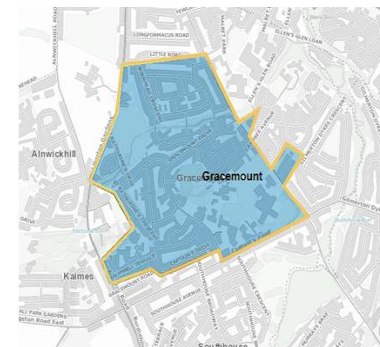
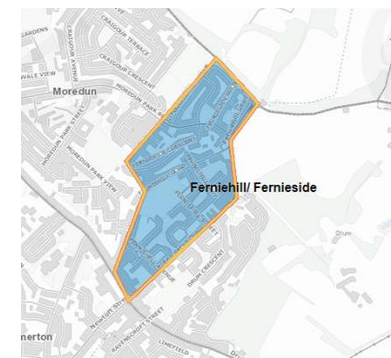
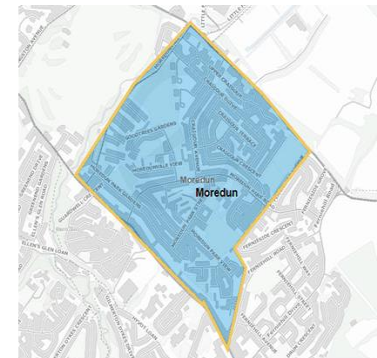
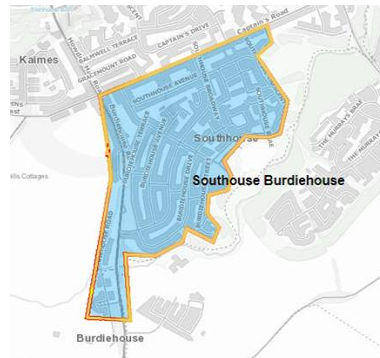
**Small Area Priority: several communities within the Liberton/Gilmerton ward  
(Southhouse, Burdiehouse, Gracemount, Moredun, Hyvots, Ferniehill and Fernieside)**

**Progress over last 12 months**

Involving the community in improving their local environment has been a focus over the past 12 months. Throughout Liberton Gilmerton, various community-led clean up events involving children and young people from Goodtrees and Valley Park Community Centres working with Council services and voluntary sector groups have taken place, and over 30 Estate Walkabouts have been carried out involving local registered tenants' organisations, community councils, elected members and other interested local people.

The Council's Lifelong Learning service in partnership with Dunedin Canmore organised a **Summer on the Streets** programme at Valley Park Community Centre. Moving away from traditional building-based activity, young people were targeted via outreach streetwork in the run up to summer and a programme of outreach activities were established in park areas in "the dip" at Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park, in the walled garden area at

Gracemount and in Moredun. The focus was on building relationships with those not engaged in traditional youth work over a 6-week period and working with them to identify their needs and issues they face living in Liberton Gilmerton areas. As a result of the summer outreach work a new Friday teatime drop in has been established in Valley Park Community Centre for S1+ young people attracting 25 + per week to the centre and a new multi media/arts and film HUB has been established in Gilmerton Community Centre aimed at young people 11-18 years.





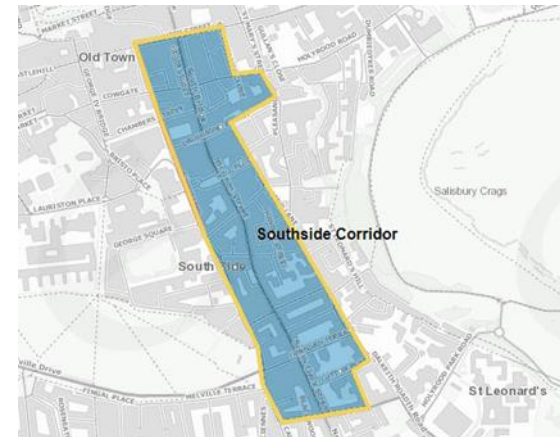
## Small Area Priority: Southside Corridor

### Progress over last 12 months

A key priority for the Southside Corridor is to reduce street clutter and improve the on-street environment. The community raised concerns in 2018 about the impact of flyposting during the summer. Close working with the Southside Association influenced changes to the new outdoor festival advertising contract, which led to a much-improved environment during and following the festival period. Feedback from the Southside Association noted a significant improvement compared to previous years.

Nicolson Square has experienced longstanding issues with antisocial behaviour. The effective partnership work involving the community that commenced in 2018 continued into 2019, with the Friends group growing in strength and delivering significant improvements in the gardens. This is evidenced through the Park Quality Assessment results, which identified Nicolson Square Gardens as the most improved park in South East in 2019. Wider environmental improvements around Nicolson Square are now being explored to improve the safety of the Square.

Haddon's Court is another area in Southside that has regularly attracted antisocial behaviour and residents have reported feeling unsafe. Through working with the Council's street lighting to improve lighting, street cleansing teams to address cleanliness issues, engaging with Streetwork to provide support to people rough sleeping and Police Scotland's crime prevention advice to the local businesses there has been an overall improvement in the quality of the living environment for residents.



### Small Area Priority: City Centre

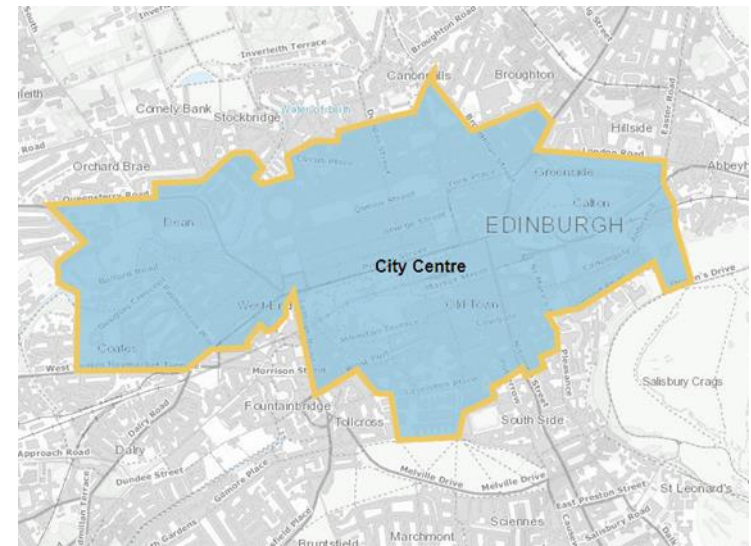
### Progress over last 12 months

This year saw the return of the Street Ambassador Initiative during the summer, with additional resource being brought in to concentrate mainly on issues that cause concern to local residents during the busy festival period, such as busking and street cleanliness. In the past the Ambassadors have been largely centred around Grassmarket but this year the area was expanded to a wider footprint in the city centre. Observed successes were a reduction in buskers using amplification and quicker response to complaints of busking nuisance. In addition, timely reporting of littering and waste issues allowed Environmental Wardens and Street Cleansing to better focus resources.

Identifying opportunities to involve local people in improving greenspace in residential areas in the city centre is one of the priorities in the plan. In the Grassmarket, the Council's parks team has been working closely with local volunteers to get involved with planting up the various large planters in the area. Another project is being explored at Robertson's Court to build and install planters that residents could plant up and maintain.

A key issue for residents in the city is the impact of holiday lets. Work has been taken forward to address the policy and regulatory issues around holiday lets, recognising the impact that the growth of this sector has had on the residential nature of the city centre and on residents, and this is ongoing.

How public space is used for events or activities in the city centre is managed to some extent through the Public Spaces Protocol, which was launched in 2018. It was due to be reviewed in 2019. However, it is recognised that there are other related issues such as how parks are used for events that are relevant to this work and therefore time has been taken to align this work and consider the scope of this review. A report aligning the Parks Manifesto and Public Spaces Protocol, with proposals to better jointly plan events and activities, provide information and engage with the community and stakeholders will be considered at the Council's Culture and Communities Committee in January 2020.





## North West

### Priority 1: Employment, training and education



#### Progress over last 12 months

**Outcome 1** - Our young people will leave school with suitable 'life skills' to help them make appropriate and informed choices, and will be supported to be ready, equipped and confident to enter the world of work

MCR Pathways have been supported to establish a programme within Craigroyston High School, replicating their highly successful mentoring programme with Glasgow high schools. Initially a cohort of around 50 S3/4/5 pupils from care experienced backgrounds and/or on alternative timetables have been matched with mentors to provide wide ranging life skills and emotional support. This will be complemented with tailored work placements and 2 talent tasters as the pupils' progress through school. This is a long-term project not expected to deliver tangible results until 2-5 years into the programme, and the intention is to roll it out across secondaries within North West.

**Outcome 2** - Identified a wide range of high-quality employment, training and further education opportunities for our residents

Jobs Fair in Craigroyston High School took place on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

#### Outcome 1

Expansion of MCR Pathways mentoring project to new S3 pupils, and greater co-ordination of NW schools' use of Pupil Equity Fund monies to provide a more cohesive range of services by local 3<sup>rd</sup> sector providers. This workstream will be taken forward by the Integrated Children's Service Management Group.

#### Outcome 2

Further Jobs Fairs in a wider variety of locations including Community Centres and Edinburgh College's Granton Campus.



## Priority 2: Health and Wellbeing



### Progress over last 12 months

#### **Outcome 1** - Accessible GP and supporting services, with appropriate time for consultation

Cluster GP leads have shared information and best practice across GP practices, and established baseline information on a range of topics including same day appointments, open surgeries, missed appointments and patient satisfaction.

Link Workers have been rolled out to 13 of 14 NW GP practices.

#### **Outcome 3** – Key facilities in our communities are more accessible, affordable and welcoming, and people know how to get support and access resources

Funding has been secured to develop a bespoke North Edinburgh information app/platform, with technical and design support from staff and students from Edinburgh College. This app will provide local residents with a wide range of frequently updated information on services and projects within North Edinburgh and addresses issues around a lack of information and communication common across all LIP themes.

### Actions planned for next 12 months

#### **Outcome 2** – Better equipped services to support independent living and those in need of care

Targeting of resources combined with Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership's "3 conversations" approach will prioritise earlier and meaningful interventions with people, offering immediate practical help and support rather than them sitting on a waiting list for a routine assessment. This will be supported by increased co-ordination with 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations. A Health and Wellbeing stakeholders' event bringing together staff from a wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations is planned for early 2020.

#### **Outcome 3**

Soft launch of app with selected organisations and services in early 2020, followed by a roll out across North Edinburgh, with intention to roll out across North West in future years.



More generally, Health and Wellbeing priorities will be progressed under the lead of Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership's Locality Manager as an integral part of EHSCP's operational delivery and development of services.

### Priority 3: Community safety



#### Progress over last 12 months

**Outcome 1** - Our Police are accessible, approachable and involved with our communities

Police Officers routinely attend community council meetings and other ad hoc community meetings on request, providing updates on local crime and antisocial behaviour hotspots and feeding back community concerns.

**Outcome 2** - The resources aimed at tackling crime and anti-social behaviour can meet the demands of the whole locality

The North West Community Improvement Partnership (CIP) has met monthly throughout 2019, tasking police and partner resources and co-ordinating local initiatives such as bonfire night preparation and a new Community Alcohol Partnership in North Edinburgh. Better planning and co-ordination have contributed to a decrease in crime figures overall and much reduced criminal and antisocial behaviour on bonfire night.

**Outcome 5** - Our community is empowered to help promote responsible behaviours and work with key agencies to tackle local issues, sharing escalating issues and hotspots

North West Community Safety Forum, bringing together Police Scotland, partner agencies and community representatives has met regularly during the course of 2019, and provides a useful forum for locality-wide discussions.

#### Actions planned for next 12 months

As partnership working has become embedded in normal Police Scotland and partner operational delivery, the community safety priorities of the LIP will be taken forward on a "business as usual" basis co-ordinated by the CIP.



#### Priority 4: Children, young people and families



##### Progress over last 12 months

**Outcome 2** - There are high quality spaces for young people to play to encourage healthier lifestyles

In response to supporting Youth Talk outcomes in Queensferry/Kirkliston, the summer programme provided a dedicated sports festival providing a wide range of sports and physical activity.

**Outcome 4** - Informal activity and learning opportunities, including library membership, are affordable and accessible to every child

Youth Talk has been rolled out across Western and Almond Neighbourhood Network areas, with funding secured to put in place improvements suggested by young people in Queensferry/Kirkliston and Western Edinburgh.

Muirhouse library delivered a successful Summer holiday breakfast club in partnership with 3<sup>rd</sup> and private sector partners, and plan to replicate this in the future.

North Youth Service Providers Consortium secured £50k joint funding to increase provision at weekends, during challenging times i.e. Bonfire week and to help establish a Youthwork Academy model.

##### Actions planned for next 12 months

**Outcome 1** - Our schools are fit for the future and will support greater levels of engagement in positive activities for the wider community

This will be a key priority for Integrated Children's Services Management Group (ICSMG) going forward, with a baseline survey of school availability and use by community groups planned for early 2020, with an appropriate action plan being developed thereafter.

**Outcome 2** - There are high quality spaces for young people to play to encourage healthier lifestyles

Funding will be sought to embed the sports and physical activity programme with potential to roll out to other areas in NW.

**Outcome 4** - Informal activity and learning opportunities, including library membership, are affordable and accessible to every child

Youth Talk for the remaining areas in North is at an advanced planning stage, with an event planned for early 2020.



Generally, most of the activities to deliver existing LIP outcomes will be taken forward by the ICSMG, reporting back to the NW Locality Community Planning Partnership as required.

## Priority 5: Place



### Progress over last 12 months

**Outcome 1** - Large scale developments are better managed and consider the wider infrastructure and specific needs of communities

**Outcome 2** - Our communities are better connected and have appropriate transport links and public and community transport services fit for future use

Briefings to community groups on the Local Development Plan (City Plan) and the LDP Action Programme have been delivered regularly throughout 2019, along with ongoing discussions with community councils where specific developments have been proposed.

In North Edinburgh the Waterfront Working Group has met regularly to masterplan the next phases of development in the Waterfront area.

### Actions planned for next 12 months

#### Outcomes 1 & 2

“Place Planning” is being trialled in Wester Hailes, with the intention of developing best practice and guidelines for the implementation of national legislation and how this will be delivered in the Edinburgh context. Once lessons have been learned, the approach will be rolled out across North West, building on the placemaking approach and exercises which have already taken place in South Queensferry and Corstorphine

Generally, outcomes from the Place theme will be taken forward by the Place Directorate within the Council, linking in with existing local interfaces such as Neighbourhood Networks who will discuss Neighbourhood Environment Programme projects.



## **Small Areas: Walker Drive (South Queensferry), Clermiston/Drumbrae, East Craigs, Gateside (Kirkliston)**

### **Progress over last 12 months**

Other than ongoing routine service delivery, the following are of note:

- Building warrant and planning permission granted to demolish garages in Walker Drive
- Siting of community hub in Gateside

### **Actions planned for next 12 months**

Most issues raised continue to be addressed by routine operational service delivery, such as dealing with antisocial behaviour, dog fouling, littering and car parking. As such the LCPP has considered that they should be progressed directly with the relevant community groups rather than being contained within the LIP. Specific actions include:

- Demolition of garages in Walker Drive and replacement with landscaped parking area
- Action plan to address mixed tenure housing issues in Walker Drive
- Friends of Clermiston Park group established
- Fully serviced community hub in Gateside



## Small Area: North Edinburgh

### Progress over last 12 months

**Outcome 1** - Residents and service providers share values and understand each other's perspectives

Range of training and community development activities took place over 2018 and early 2019. These benefitted the relatively small number of community activists and service provider staff who attended.

**Outcome 2** - Address the community's cross cutting issues (Childcare/creche provision and Information & Communications)

A multi-agency group reviewed child care provision and found a lack of co-ordination between projects and opportunity for a local social enterprise to fill the gaps. To date no business case to meet this opportunity has been developed.

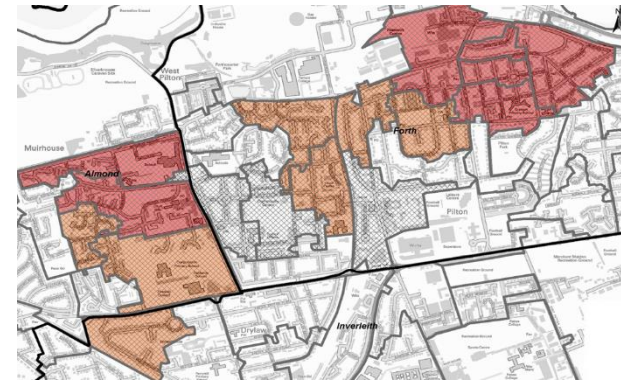
As noted above, a North Edinburgh information app/platform is at an advanced stage of development, with a soft launch planned for early 2020, and the intention for a wider roll out throughout 2020 and beyond.

**Outcome 3** - Establish forum for development and monitoring of action plan

No action taken on this outcome.

### Actions planned for next 12 months

Review community priorities as expressed in 2017 report [People Powered Communities](#) with a view to establishing more focussed suite of priorities. Review community engagement and support activities and establish a suitable mechanism to oversee community and partner effort to achieve the priorities.



## North East

### Introduction

Over the last 12 months, partners have continued to deliver improvement work across the NE Locality, strengthening existing relationships and building new ones within local communities. Work within the small areas has been prioritised and approaches developed have sought to ensure the continued involvement and engagement of local people and stakeholders. The summaries below represent a selection of developments and initiatives that have been taken forward in the last year across each of the five thematic workstreams and three small area plans.

### Priority 1: Economy/employability



#### Progress over last 12 months

A rolling programme of employability events which aims to bring together employability organisations to raise residents' awareness of support, training providers and local employment opportunities has been initiated with the first event taking place in Craightinny Community Centre. A working group from the NE Economy and Employability Partners Group, including representatives from Employability & Talent Development, Lifelong Learning, Skills Development Scotland, Jobcentre Plus, Fort Kinnaird Recruitment & Skills Centre, People Know How and All In Edinburgh worked together to plan the event. The event aimed to: support local jobseekers to access live vacancies, training and education opportunities; provide access to health & wellbeing and income maximisation support services to help remove any perceived barriers for those seeking opportunities; facilitate networking between public, private and third sector agencies in the area for the purposes of supporting access to employability services in the future.

In total, 24 companies and organisations participated which included training providers, representation from the childcare, social care and retail sectors and public/ private sector employers. 2,000 leaflets and posters, a front page article and advert in the "The Speaker" local newspaper and social media presence provided the promotion for the event alongside electronic marketing through the Joined Up for Jobs Network, local high schools, youth groups and the Jobcentre Plus communications with clients. The event ran in March and was attended by over 50 individuals with over half coming from the area immediately surrounding the Community Centre. Feedback was positive from those who attended, and organisations benefited from networking with other employability organisations in the area as well as reaching potential new clients.





## Priority 2: Health and wellbeing



### Progress over last 12 months

The North East Wellbeing Network has been developed over the last year and now has over 300 professionals working in the public, third, private and academic sectors, which serves as a foundation for information sharing and partnership working. Building on the positive feedback received from the Hidden Treasures event in February 2018, with participants expressing that the format proved helpful in developing relationships and trust, we have begun to hold lunchtime networking events at a more local level (after an initial Locality-wide launch event held in Leith in August 2019). Local practitioners are being given the opportunity to share information about new sources of support or services that their organisation provides with others who are interested in learning about what is going on in the area. The NE Wellbeing Network events which have been held to date have focused on the Craigmillar and Niddrie area in September 2019, the Leith area in October 2019 and the Craigmillar area in November 2019. The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, and the plan is to hold the remaining local events in early 2020.

“Connect Here” is a pharmacy-based initiative which has aimed to build on a successful model of engagement initially established in the Leith Walk area, where a range of third sector organisations held pop ups and provided pharmacy staff and local people with information about opportunities, activities, support and services available locally and across the locality. Edinburgh University worked with those involved in the project, which resulted in helpful insights – including the need for an easily recognisable sign which quickly helped citizens to recognise quality support – not someone trying to sell them something, or another citizen. From this, Connect Here was developed and is now moving out into pop ups in local pharmacies, medical centres, libraries and other places where local people visit in other parts of the locality. A third edition of the online “City Connect Here” Directory was made available in October 2019 and a fourth edition will be available in January 2020, which is another development from the work, listing all of the useful contacts for support and services available locally.



### Priority 3: Community safety



#### Progress over last 12 months

Activity has continued across a wide range of community safety priorities in the Locality. The North East Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women Working Group has delivered Rethink training to frontline Council staff and Police Officers. Police and Licensing Officers have completed the roll out of the "Ask for Angela" scheme to licensed premises in North East Edinburgh. The North East "Action on Alcohol" Group and the Community Alcohol Partnership have delivered focussed Weeks of Action and delivered training to small retailers in relation to the sale of alcohol.

In addition, a number of Weeks of Action have been carried out across all three small areas identified in the LIP, providing the opportunity to actively engage with the community and gather feedback from local people on community safety concerns and perceptions. Officers delivered door to door surveys in targeted areas gathering feedback whilst providing residents with advice on Crimestoppers. Information gathered has been used to inform patrols and other activities aimed at improving community safety. Environmental Visual Audits have been undertaken to identify a range of environmental improvements required. Positive actions have included increased flytipping and graffiti removal, the delivery of bespoke litter, flytipping & dog fouling campaigns in identified areas and community litter picks.

In relation to Anti Social Behaviour, partners have continued to prioritise work based on incidents and intelligence, with several targeted youthwork initiatives aimed at reducing ASB and rewarding positive engagement. E.g. local youthwork organisations were supported to deliver a series of diversionary activity sessions with young people during bonfire week.

Partnership work to address Hate Crime continued with the delivery of a joint initiative between police and NHS partners engaging minority groups at local multicultural events to better understand the issues people were experiencing in their communities. Sessions were then developed and delivered which involved educating offenders who had committed hate crime on the negative impact of their actions to prevent them from committing further offences.



## Priority 4: Children, young people and families



### Progress over last 12 months

Youth Talk, a youth engagement model designed to give local young people the opportunity to put forward their views about the development and delivery of local facilities, activities and services, has been successfully taken forward in Leith by the North East Youth Ambassadors. The Ambassadors are a group of 6-7 young people aged between 12-17 who came together from across the locality and have been supported by the NE Locality Youth Worker based at the Citadel. The Group oversaw the development and delivery of Youth Talk in Leith with a programme of activity which included the delivery of an online flashpoll and focus groups in schools and youth clubs to engage young people in conversations about what they like about Leith and what would make Leith an even better place to live. The initiative has been developed in partnership with the council working alongside NHS Lothian, the police and with local youth work organisations all listening to the views of over 250 local young people. A Youth Gathering event was held in June 2019 with 25 young people working together with partners, voluntary organisations and “decision-makers” to focus on what matters to local young people including:

- Reducing young people’s access to alcohol and increasing health awareness
- Making parks and green spaces feel safer
- Increasing young people’s online safety
- Increasing young people’s access to sports and fitness activities and weekend activities

A new Youth Talk Action Group has been established to bring about positive change in relation to these identified areas and to support partners to address the highlighted issues. A member of the Young Ambassadors in Leith is working to support the development of the Youth Talk process in Craighentenny and Duddingston over the coming year

## Priority 5: Place





### Progress over last 12 months

Development work has been continuing throughout the previous 12 months at the Gypsy Travellers site at North Cairntow in Craigmillar. The aim of the work is to improve the quality of life for the community with partners undertaking a wide range of actions with the full involvement of local residents through a newly established Tenants and Residents Group. Housing improvements have been taken forward following the completion of a feasibility study with the commissioning of an architect to support the community to co-design the site modernisation work. A business case for future Capital Investment has been presented to cover the cost of the

planned programme of improvement works.

In response to identified community need, the on-site hub has been developed with the extension of an events programme to include literacy, art and income maximisation workshops. One of the initiatives involved the Lifelong Learning Service working in partnership with MECOPP (Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project) who have developed strong links with the gypsy traveller's community on site to deliver a tin smithing art project. Several workshops were held at the hub attracting younger and older members of the community who produced artwork using traditional skills whilst connecting across the generations. Other developments included the provision of health screening for residents and support for an NHS immunisation programme through the provision of alternative accommodation.

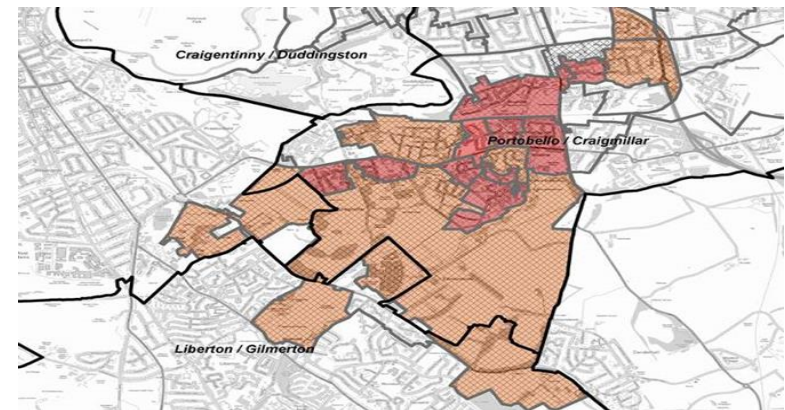
Partners have taken forward a number of initiatives across the Locality to support local people in having a say on making budget decisions. Initiatives included the development of the You Choose process in Portobello & Craigmillar with over 5,300 people voting in 6 voting stations across the community to decide which organisations received grants funding. Choose Youthwork saw nine local young people taking part in a Funding Panel to assess and award local groups funding to deliver youthwork. Whilst Feith Chooses, in its tenth year of development, celebrated the biggest ever numbers of people participating in the community led process. Over 1,200 people attended the annual event which involved 30 organisations bidding for funding to deliver initiatives which addressed inequalities through food/ support for vulnerable people.



## Small Area Priority: Greater Craigmillar - Bingham, Magdalene, Niddrie and The Christians

### Progress over last 12 months

One of the initiatives which was delivered in Craigmillar Library in February sought to impact on priorities across all five of the workstreams. The “Know Your Neighbourhood” event which took place on a Saturday in February aimed to make positive connections between local people and the wide range of services/ facilities which are available in the local community in Craigmillar. More than 40 organisations, community groups and public and statutory services were represented at the event which adopted a themed approach to information stations provided by each exhibitor, alongside a number of family activities and events for children which included storytelling, puppet making and craft sessions. Within the event, 6 organisations delivered individual engagement exercises including the launch of the “Changing Craigmillar” Placemaking project, consultation on the new Castlebrae High School and Hunter’s Hall Park development. A robust marketing approach was used to promote the event targeting new residents to Craigmillar and those living in the small areas with over 6,000 flyers distributed, a social media presence and posters displayed across local venues. 850 people visited on the day with very positive feedback received and requests from participants and visitors for an annual event.

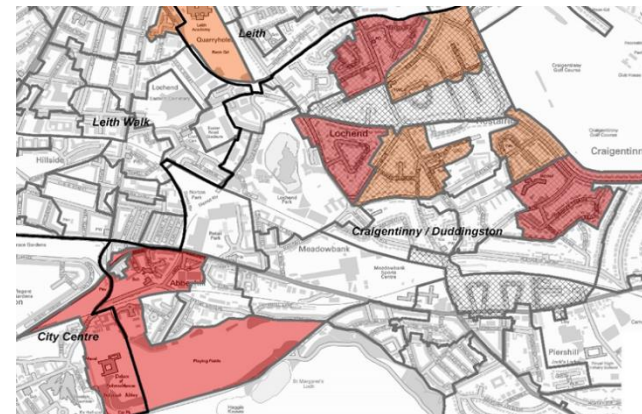


## Small Area Priority: Restalrig/Lochend/Loganlea

### Progress over last 12 months

Work has continued to develop the “Discover” programme to help combat hunger and food stress for local children and families experienced during the school holidays and to reduce the poverty related achievement and attainment gap. Lifelong Learning Services and third sector partners have worked to provide a range of activities and opportunities across a number of venues including St Ninians’s Primary School and previously Craigentinny Community Centre. Activities have included outdoor arts, cookery, sport and music with weekly excursions to a number of sporting, arts and cultural venues including Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Observatory, Fox Lake Waterpark, Vogrie Country Park and a number of historic locations. Alongside the fun activities for children, healthy lunches and snacks were provided for all participants and a programme of learning and support sessions for parents e.g. welfare advice, parenting and volunteering information.

Numbers attending Discover have been steady throughout each school holiday break, averaging around 55-60 families and children. However, during the summer six week period the numbers participating rose to between 65 to 85 families enjoying the activities and support provided by the extensive programme. In total, the North East Locality has welcomed 850 people to the Discover curriculum with numbers continuing to grow.





## Small Area Priority: Areas within Leith

### Progress over last 12 months

The North East Action on Alcohol Group is a partnership group which was initially set up as part of the Leith Small Area Action Plan, since addressing and preventing alcohol-related harm had been identified as a priority by community members who had done a lot of work on this previously. This group of practitioners has mainly facilitated partnership work in areas related to Alcohol Licensing, Alcohol Brief Interventions and anti-stigma trainings. Since Leith Youth Talk brought to light the strong feelings that young people have about alcohol-related harm this year and following on from the decision by the Licensing Board not to include Leith as an area of alcohol overprovision, the Group co-designed an event with young people and people in recovery, which was held on 13 November 2019 during Alcohol Awareness Week. Two Licensing Board members, two local Councillors, twelve local people and five supporting practitioners participated in the workshop. They made use of an engagement tool developed by the NE Health and Wellbeing Team this past year called the Community Board. With members of the NE Action on Alcohol Group facilitating, participants openly discussed issues related to alcohol-related harm in the area and came up with potential solutions that could be taken forward in partnership. A detailed write-up of the workshop, outlining the priorities and actions, was produced and shared with participants and partners, and the intention is to distribute this information more widely in order to raise awareness of the issues and of the potential solutions identified.





## Summary of key points

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- An estimated 80,000 people in Edinburgh live in poverty, including 23% of all children
- Child Poverty rates in Edinburgh vary considerably between different areas of the city, with rates of up to 39% recorded in some electoral wards, and as low as 11% in others.
- All localities in the city record wards where child poverty rates are above 30%, including areas such as Forth, Leith, Leith Walk, Portobello/Craigmillar, City Centre, Liberton/Gilmerton, Sighthill/Gorgie.
- Over half of all people in poverty live in households where at least one person is in work. 64% of all children in poverty live in such households.
- Disability is a key contributor to risk of poverty. 30% of all households with a disabled household member live in poverty, compared to only 16% of households where no one is disabled.
- Citizens from BAME groups (34-38%) are more than twice as likely to experience poverty than those which identify as White-British (16%).
- SIMD 2016 remains the most up to date analysis of small area deprivation in Edinburgh.
- One key finding from SIMD analysis shows that levels of poverty or income deprivation are present in all areas of the city. 63% of all citizens who experience poverty in Edinburgh do not live in areas ranked among the 20% most deprived in Scotland.

## Background

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In January 2017 analysis was carried out to support the phase 2 locality improvement plan project. This analysis aimed to support the identification of target areas, by providing mapping of data on deprivation rates and poverty rates for small areas within each Locality.

These maps were based on a combination of SIMD data described above, and modelled estimates of small area poverty rates for datazones across Edinburgh. Since January 2017, updated data on child poverty by ward has been published, but no further detailed analysis on poverty rates below the ward level has been carried out for areas within Edinburgh. Similarly, no further update on SIMD analysis has been published.

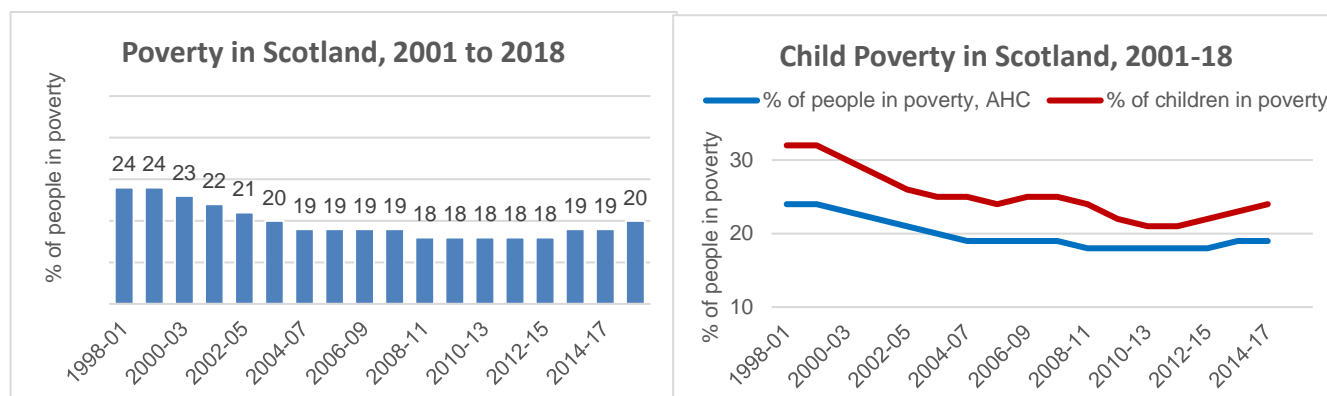
As such, this paper provides an overall update of available data on patterns of poverty across Edinburgh by ward, as well as an updated profile of the most up to date information available on poverty by household characteristic. It does not, however, provide an updated set of maps on small area estimates on poverty or deprivation levels below ward level. Towards this, the maps produced for locality teams in January 2017 remain the most up to date analysis available and are presented again here in appendix 1 to this paper.

## Poverty in Scotland

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To be in poverty is to have resources that are well below the level needed to maintain a decent standard of living. This analysis adopts a definition of relative poverty against household income after housing costs as our baseline. The relative poverty measure defines a household is in poverty when their income after housing costs are less than 60% of the UK median income level. As an illustration, for a couple with 2 children in Scotland, this threshold is the equivalent of £21,100 per annum.

20% of people living in Scotland, a total of 1 million people, were living in relative poverty after housing costs during 2015-18. Following a decline in the early 2000's, poverty rates in Scotland have begun to show evidence of a slow increase in the years following the last recession, from a low of 18% recorded in 2011-14.



This rising trend comes despite a rise in average incomes recorded in recent years. Since 2010-13, median incomes in Scotland have risen by 6%, but this increase has not been felt equally across all households. Indeed, income growth for affluent households has been recorded at 7 to 8 times higher than that of the lowest 10% of households in Scotland. Similarly, income growth for households with children during this period has been much lower than for other households.

Poverty rates among families with children are much higher than those of the population as a whole. It is estimated that 24% of children in Scotland, or 230,000 children each year, live in relative poverty. Child poverty rates had been falling for many years but have started to rise again since 2011-14.

Analysis produced by the institute of fiscal studies identifies the key drivers for these trends. These point to labour market improvements benefiting medium and high-income households more rapidly than those in low income groups. The cut to the value of working age benefits affecting more severely and directly low-income families and families with children. Reductions in mortgage costs due to low interest rates in this period provided most benefit to high income households, while rising private rents have had a disproportionately high impact on incomes for low income groups.

### Child Poverty Targets

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act sets a series of targets on Child Poverty for 2030 including that less than 10% of children living Scottish households should be living in relative poverty. Projections prepared and published alongside the Act estimate that without significant policy interventions child poverty rates in Scotland could rise to as high as 38% by 2030.

## Poverty in Edinburgh

Edinburgh is an affluent city. Average incomes are 27% higher than the Scotland average. Unemployment rates are lower than those of any other major UK city. Employment rates are high and average wages are higher than those of most other areas in the UK. Despite this economic success, however, poverty does exist in Edinburgh.

There are no official Scottish Government estimates for measuring poverty at the local authority level in Scotland. The figures presented in this paper are modelled estimates produced by City of Edinburgh Council based on analysis of Scotland wide poverty patterns, and locally administered data on housing benefit

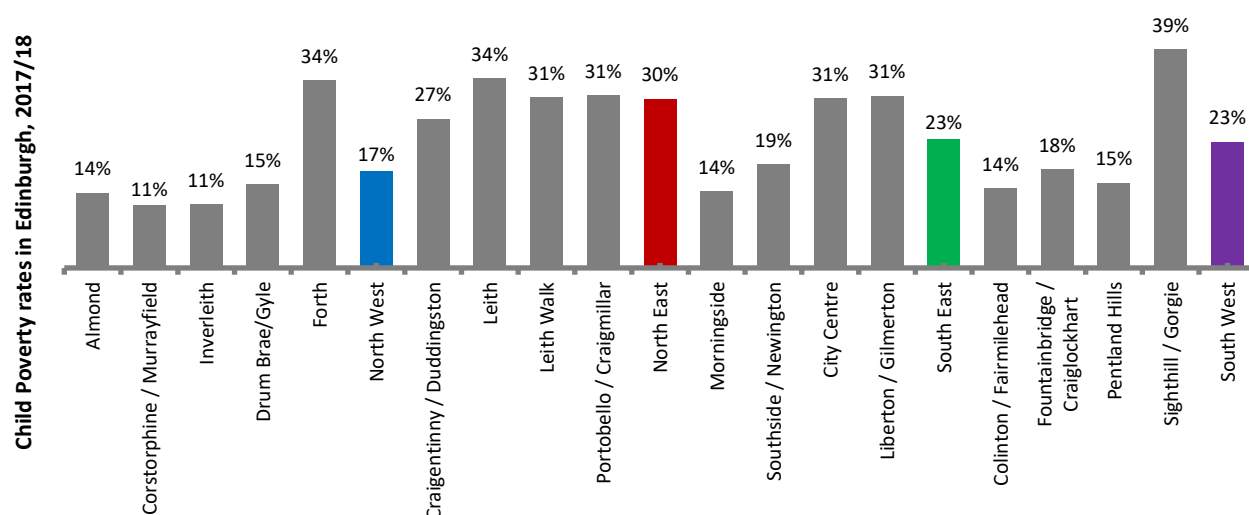
recipients. Local, and ward level estimates of child poverty rates are based on analysis published by the End Child Poverty coalition in partnership with Loughborough University.

Using this model, it is estimated that 80,000 people in Edinburgh live in poverty after housing costs, including 23% (almost one in four) of all children. Child Poverty rates in Edinburgh vary considerably between different areas of the city, with rates of up to 39% recorded in some electoral wards, and as low as 11% in others.

This pattern of inequality is replicated across all four of the locality areas which make up the city – North West, North East, South East, and South West. Every locality contains at least one area of high poverty, or above 25%. In the North East locality poverty levels for each ward is above 25%. Most localities contain areas of relatively low poverty. The North East Locality has the highest poverty rate overall at 30%, with the South West and South East both at 23%, and the North West has the lowest recorded child poverty rate at 17%.

Notably, no ward or locality in the city is yet achieving child poverty rates in line with the Scottish Government target for 2030.

### *Child Poverty in Edinburgh by ward and locality 2017/18*

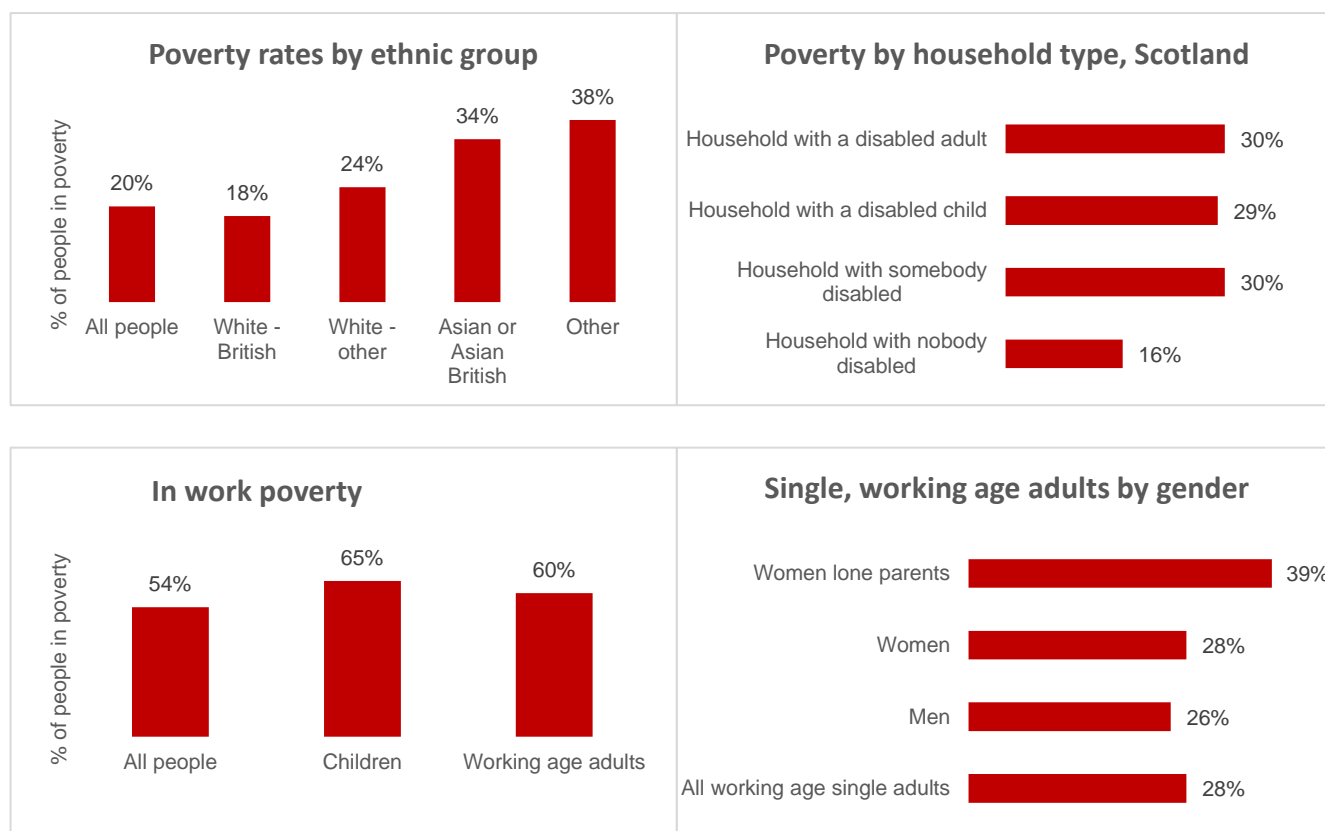


## Characteristics of Poverty

Alongside variation by locality, poverty rates also vary considerably according to the characteristics of households and family members. Key risk indicators include gender, ethnicity, disability, tenure, and family size. Considerations of these variations, and the demographics of a particular area, are important factors when determining appropriate spatial policy responses to poverty.

- Analysis of single person households shows that poverty rates tend to be slightly higher for women than for men. Overall, after housing costs, the poverty rate of single working-age women was 28% in 2015-18. In comparison, the poverty rate for single working-age men was 26%.
- People from minority ethnic (non-white) groups are more likely to be in poverty, both before and after housing costs, compared to those from the 'White - British' group. 34-38% of people in minority ethnic groups were in poverty after housing costs were included. For comparison, the poverty rate for the 'White – British' group was 18%.

- Poverty rates remain higher than average for families in which somebody is disabled. In 2015-18, the poverty rate after housing costs for families with a disabled person was 24%. This compares with 17% of people in a family without a disabled person who were in poverty.
- Among working age adults, the availability and accessibility of well-paid full-time work remains one of the most important factors influencing rates of poverty. Some 74% of all unemployed people in Scotland are in poverty in 2015-18, compared to only 5% of people in households where all adults are in full time work.



## Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivations

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) is one of the key tools for identifying concentrations of deprivation in Scotland. The 2016 SIMD is the latest iteration of the data set, which is updated approximately every three to four years.<sup>1</sup>

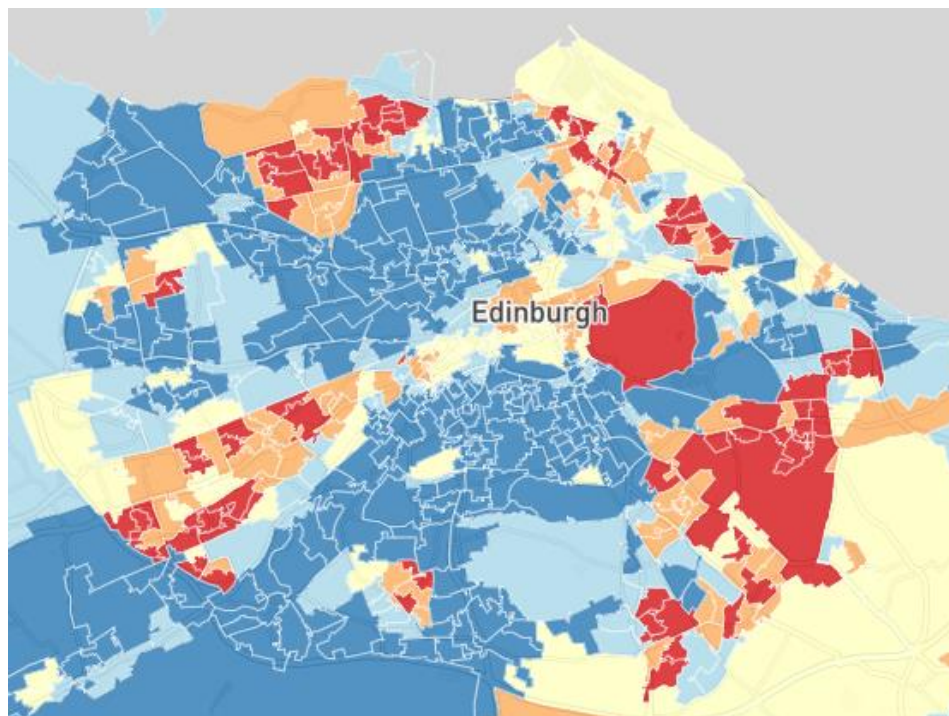
Since its creation, SIMD has been widely used by Scottish Government and public-sector bodies to allocate resources to areas of need. Former ring-fenced grants, including Supporting People, Fairer Scotland Fund and Antisocial Behaviour, make use of SIMD to allocate funding. In general terms, the more concentrated the incidence of deprivation, the greater the level of funding received.

<sup>1</sup> SIMD provides information for small areas across Scotland down into a number of data zones. A data zone is a geographic area, usually with a population of between 500 and 1,000.

Edinburgh's share of the most deprived areas in Scotland has increased slightly since the last SIMD in 2012. Of the 20% most deprived data zones in Scotland, 5.9% (81 data zones) are in Edinburgh, compared to 5.1% in SIMD 2012.

The index provides a useful analysis of the micro-geography of deprivation in Edinburgh, showing analysis below the ward level cited above. In the map below, for instance, areas coded red rank among the most deprived 20% of areas in Scotland, with areas coded dark blue amongst the least deprived.

### ***SIMD 16 – Quintile analysis***



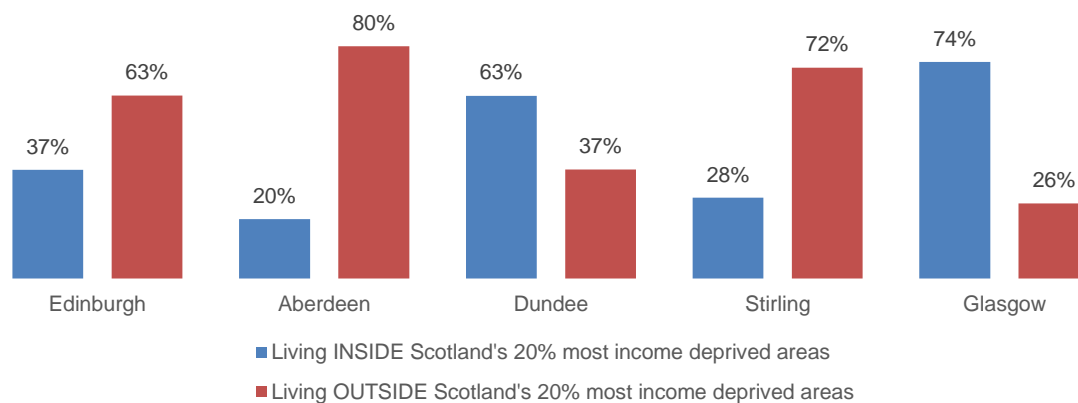
### ***Income deprivation measure within SIMD 2016***

Within the SIMD analysis, each area in Scotland is ranked based on weighted indicators grouped within seven theme areas: income, employment, health, education, housing, access to services, and crime. Within the income domain, the analysis uses data on benefits dependency to estimate the number of 'income deprived' individuals in an area. While this estimate is likely to understate the true level of poverty in an area, it does give a useful proxy for the small area distribution of poverty across Edinburgh.

Overall, the analysis estimates that 9.3% of people in Edinburgh are income deprived, or a total of 45,920 people. Within this group, an estimated 17,000 people live within areas that are ranked within the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland (i.e. the red areas noted in the map above.). A further 28,795 income deprived people, however, live in areas which are not considered among the most deprived in the country. In other words, around 63% (almost two thirds) of people who are income deprived live outside of the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland. A policy focus, in other words, which concentrated solely on those most deprived areas would fail to support almost two thirds of all income deprived residents of Edinburgh.

In following this pattern, Edinburgh does seem to fit a distribution common across other more affluent cities in Scotland. Aberdeen, for instance, also records more income deprived people living outside its most deprived areas than inside. In Glasgow and Dundee, by contrast, the opposite pattern is observed.

**Percentage of people who are income deprived living outside or inside Scotland 20% most income deprived areas**



Source: Scottish Government SIMD 2016

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## ***Appendix 1: small area analysis maps (from 2017 reports)***

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