

THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Tuesday 23 March 2021 – 2:00pm - Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

MINUTE

Board members present

Cllr Adam McVey	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Cammy Day	The City of Edinburgh Council
Gavin Donoghue	The University of Edinburgh
Sean Scott	Police Scotland
Cllr Robert Aldridge	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Susan Rae	The City of Edinburgh Council
Elaine Morrison	Scottish Enterprise
Stevie Kerr	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Angus McCann	Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
Ella Simpson	EVOG (for item 1)
Bridie Ashrowan	EVOG
Hugo Clark	Ministry of Defence
Julie Coyle	Skills Development Scotland
Richard Thomas	Police Scotland
Lorraine Simpson	Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Calum Campbell	NHS Lothian

Advisers present

Andrew Kerr	The City of Edinburgh Council
Michael Chalmers	Scottish Government
Ester Robertson	NHS Lothian

In attendance

Paula McLeay	The City of Edinburgh Council
Eleanor Cunningham	The City of Edinburgh Council
Chris Adams	The City of Edinburgh Council
Martin Higgins	NHS Lothian
Lindsay Glasgow	The City of Edinburgh Council
Paul Lawrence	The City of Edinburgh Council
Tasha MacKenzie	The City of Edinburgh Council
Hayley Gibb	Ministry of Defence

Apologies

Kenny Rodgers	Scottish Fire and Rescue
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1 Congratulatory Vote of Thanks upon Retirement- Ella Simpson

Members of the Edinburgh Partnership thanked Ella Simpson for her longstanding commitment to the third sector, partnership working, EVOC and as Vice Chair of the Edinburgh Partnership. The Partnership congratulated Ella and wished her well on her retirement.

2 Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of 15 December 2020 as a correct record.

3 Best Value Assurance Audit - Edinburgh Partnership Response

The City of Edinburgh Council had recently been subject to a Best Value Assurance Audit with the report published on 26 November 2020. An area of focus was partnership working and community engagement and while the audit related to the Council, given the legal duties of partners, the recommendations made around partnership working were of concern to the Board and, in particular, statutory partners. In response to this, the Edinburgh Partnership Board agreed in December 2020 to establish a short life working group tasked to develop a response to address the findings of the audit with this to be reported to the Board by March 2021. The working group's recommendations for improvement actions to further strengthen community planning in the city were presented for consideration by the Board.

Decision

1. To agree to rebuild Priority 3 of the local outcome improvement plan as a public health led approach and a broader definition of health and wellbeing post pandemic and to develop a delivery plan to take forward the new approach.
2. To agree to develop a partnership plan to deliver the 20-minute neighbourhood model with a focus on shared public, commercial and third sector services models and public service hubs.
3. To agree to coordinate on the development of, and model for, operationalising community anchor organisations through the co-production of a shared definition and associated tools and processes.

4. To agree to recognise and support the role of community anchor organisations acting as voluntary sector hubs; to be places of community empowerment, social renewal, community building, regeneration, opportunities to volunteer as well as vehicles to deliver local services and activities jointly and through basing the approach on strong community empowerment principles.
5. To agree to promote and rally the support of Anchor Institutions and more broadly to develop plans to collaborate on the delivery of the Community Wealth Building agenda.
6. To agree to strengthen and enhance the Community Empowerment plan which was in development and to ensure it clearly outlined how community influence and involvement in community planning could be supported and increased.
7. To agree to continue to support local community empowerment and engagement through the neighbourhood networks, with strengthened resourcing and capacity provided by the City of Edinburgh Council to enable them to realise their potential.
8. To agree to develop, with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils and the Community Councils, a framework for collaboration to ensure they could fulfil their statutory function in representing local communities, to build a productive relationship with all community planning partners and the Council in particular.
9. To agree to develop future ways of working with the new End Poverty Edinburgh citizens group to ensure that the voices of people with experience of poverty continued to inform the way the Partnership planned and delivered services.
10. To agree to establish an implementation group, comprising partner nominees which would deliver the improvement actions which would be brought back to the Edinburgh Partnership Board by June 2021.

4 Towards A Thriving Community and Voluntary Sector

Local community and voluntary organisations had been at the heart of the response to COVID 19 in 2020/21, in the city and across Scotland, being active in their communities and tackling both endemic and novel issues. These initiatives demonstrated an ability, beyond that of public services, to respond quickly and flexibly, offering bespoke personalised support, which local communities have themselves identified. Building on this rearticulated local community response and actively listening to a wide range of stakeholders, a far-

reaching re-shaping of the relationship between Edinburgh Partnership partners and city residents, working with networks of local people, through the Community Anchors: Place based Community Anchors - both local organisations and networks, acting as trusted community hubs that know and understand communities well. A process of codesign with Edinburgh's community & voluntary sector, and people in communities, ensuring there is no wrong door, but multiple doors, for children and families or older people, different for each person, requiring local collaboration.

Decision

1. To agree to recognise the vital role played by the community and voluntary sector through the COVID 19 pandemic and to adopt the principle of developing and building on these models of success.
2. To agree that further work would be undertaken to support thriving local places through identifying and developing multi-functional community anchors as outlined in this paper, strategically aligned with the recommendations in 'Best Value Assurance Audit' (item 3 refers).
3. To agree to jointly work towards establishing the community commissioning and public investment framework and practices to ensure that communities have the appropriate leverage and increased investment to make the required changes and succeed.

5 20 Minute Neighbourhood

Lindsay Glasgow presented the 20 Minute Neighbourhood concept which focussed on the philosophy that Edinburgh would be a sustainable resilient city containing strong cohesive communities. This would be supported a series of connected 20-minute neighbourhoods where the every-day needs of the citizens could be provided locally. This concept was enshrined in the national Planning Framework and adhered to the Scottish Government's place principle. The plans coalesced with the Council's carbon neutral agenda, activity which was already underway to respond to citizens' wellbeing and the Council's poverty and prevention strategy which targeted areas with the most deprivation. The City of Edinburgh Council was seeking a shared commitment to deliver the 20-minute neighbourhood in partnership with the constituent organisations which comprised the Edinburgh Partnership Board, and requested that each organisation identified a lead, shared their priorities and made the Council aware of the assets within their physical estate.

Decision

1. To agree that Partners would share with the City of Edinburgh Council:

- i. A nominated lead from Partner organisations for 20-minute neighbourhood.
- ii. Partner organisations' priorities.
- iii. The physical assets Partner organisations which could form part of the estate for delivering the 20-minute neighbourhood concept.

6 Addressing Food Poverty

A proposed approach to addressing food poverty, taking account of learning from the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and earlier frameworks and approaches was presented. The proposed approach had two strands: improving the level and security of people's incomes to reduce the need for emergency food provision; and the development of a wider food strategy which encompassed the provision of food in an individual or global crises, as well as the role of food as part of a wider

network of local support for wellbeing, building community and individual resilience. In doing so, the approach aimed to play a core part of meeting the calls to action made to the partnership by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission and align with other partnership priorities on income maximisation and family support being taken forward by the LOIP Delivery Group. The next steps proposed were to convene a working group to develop a draft strategy for consultation, including underpinning principles and shared outcomes.

Decision

1. To agree the development of an Edinburgh Partnership Food Poverty Strategy which would be led by stakeholders and would follow a strategic approach to the distribution of funding, including future crisis funding which would take a cash first approach to ending food poverty in Edinburgh, and which would meet the recommendations of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission.
2. To agree to identify a working group of key stakeholders to scope and develop a food poverty strategy.
3. To agree to identify underpinning principles and shared outcomes.
4. To agree to consult on the draft strategy.
5. To agree to refine the model and action plan for consideration by the Edinburgh Partnership at its December 2021 meeting.
6. To agree that Partners would contact Eleanor Cunningham should their organisation be able to input into the working group.

7. To note the lessons learned from Covid-19 and to allow this to inform shared principles for any future emergencies.

7 Date of Next Meeting and Dates for Meetings 2021/2022

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 2pm.

A Series of dates for the Partnership to meet during 2021/22 were proposed.

Decision

To agree to host the Edinburgh Partnership on the following dates during 2021/22:

- Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2pm
- Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 2pm
- Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 2pm
- Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 2pm