



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

Local Outcome Improvement Plan

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Edinburgh Partnership is required to produce a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 1.2 The current plan, approved in 2018, has now been revised to reflect policy shifts in the city, the effects of Covid-19, the climate emergency and findings of the Best Value Assurance Audit in 2020. The primary focus remains to tackle poverty and inequality which is the single most critical challenge faced by community planning partners in the city.
- 1.3 This report presents a draft version of the plan for approval and subsequent formal agreement of individual partners through their governance arrangements.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to:
 - i. approve the Edinburgh Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2022-28;
 - ii. note that this requires the formal agreement of individual partners through their governance arrangements.

3. Main Report

- 3.1 The existing Local Outcome Improvement Plan was approved in 2018. It set out how the Edinburgh Partnership through collaborative action would tackle poverty and inequality based on delivering against three priority workstreams to ensure all citizens in the city have:
 - Enough money to live on
 - Access to work, learning, and training
 - A good place to live
- 3.2 These priorities remain the basis of the new plan but have been revised to address the shift in the strategic context for the city in respect of the Climate Emergency and most notably the effects of the pandemic and the consequent

increased risk of poverty and inequality, together with the findings from the Poverty Commission. This has provided a new landscape for the Edinburgh Partnership where the need for a fair, sustainable, and more resilient place to live is greater than ever before.

- 3.3 The plan has been updated to reflect this change with greater emphasis now afforded to actions to tackle the need for a fair economic recovery and improved wellbeing across the city through systemic change and increased empowerment. The initial programme of work set out in the plan will further develop over time in response to needs and circumstances in the city.
- 3.4 This shift in focus is reflected across the revised actions under all three priorities. For example, Priority 1 activity is directed at support for income maximisation, poverty-proofing public services, and expanding the availability of affordable credit to improve the financial resilience, health, and wellbeing of people who are already in or are at risk of being in poverty.
- 3.5 Similarly for Priority 2, the emphasis is on addressing the new economic reality experienced by citizens as a result of the pandemic, with activity now focused beyond existing key groups such as care experienced young people and prison leavers, to addressing the needs of all people living on low incomes, including young people and equalities groups, to ensure they have access to the learning and employment opportunities in the city.
- 3.6 For priority 3, a new vision has been developed and approved by the Edinburgh Partnership in June 2021. This moves from infrastructure improvement to one where the determinants of inequality are addressed, and a just transition is achieved. Taking this more holistic approach to creating vibrant, healthy, and safe places and communities put wellbeing at the core of what the Partnership will do and creates positive links to the public health and sustainability agendas in the city.
- 3.7 Within this context, a key feature is working collaboratively to create new service delivery models which address the needs of communities and build on the learning from the pandemic of how the public, third and community sectors can work differently to deliver positive outcomes. Significant within this is the 20-minute neighbourhood model which aims, through cross-sectoral working, to improve the lives of communities within their immediate local area.
- 3.8 To support the revisions to the plan, the performance indicators have also been updated to reflect this wider context and to include the Poverty Plan targets for the city. With data no longer being available from the Edinburgh People's survey, national data is used. This however presents limitations and most importantly in understanding the city at a local level as it is not possible to disaggregate this data below the parliamentary constituency level. With this in mind, and as presented elsewhere on the agenda, there is a proposal to resource a new Edinburgh survey which would provide the Edinburgh Partnership, and individual



partners, with access to data sets tailored to their respective needs at an appropriate spatial level, and provide the basis for designing services and measuring success in delivering outcomes for citizens.

3.9 The plan is presented to the Edinburgh Partnership Board for approval.

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