

## THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Wednesday 15 December 2021 – 1:00pm - Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

### MINUTE

#### Board members present

Cllr Adam McVey	The City of Edinburgh Council
Audrey Cumberland	Edinburgh College
Gavin Donoghue	The University of Edinburgh
Cllr Robert Aldridge	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Susan Rae	The City of Edinburgh Council
Steve Kerr	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Angus McCann	Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
Bridie Ashrowan	EVOG
Dona Milne	NHS Lothian
Hugo Clark	Ministry of Defence
Sean Scott	Police Scotland

#### In attendance

Beth Hall	The City of Edinburgh Council
Paula McLeay	The City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	The City of Edinburgh Council
Eleanor Cunningham	The City of Edinburgh Council
Keith Langley	Scottish Fire and Rescue
Caroline C	Poverty Commissioner
Sarah Hay	Poverty Commissioner
Chris Adams	The City of Edinburgh Council
Gavin King	The City of Edinburgh Council
Jane Cullingworth	The University of Glasgow
Steven Drew	

#### Apologies

Mark McMullen	Scottish Enterprise
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## 1 Minutes

### Decision

To agree the minutes of 21 September 2021 as a correct record.

## **2 End Poverty Edinburgh**

End Poverty Edinburgh was an independent group of citizens formed in 2020 to raise awareness of poverty in Edinburgh, influence decision-making and hold the city to account. It was formed during the latter stages of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission, the largest single inquiry on the experiences, causes, and solutions to poverty conducted in any local authority area in Scotland. End Poverty Edinburgh presented to the Edinburgh Partnership Board with a focus on:

- Food Start Grants and appealing to the Partnership Board to lobby the Scottish Government to continue this support beyond a child turning three.
- Urgent support being made available to families struggling to heat homes, and the upgrades to the housing stock which were required to better insulate homes which were inefficient for families to heat.
- Lack of provision for working families living with fuel poverty.
- Challenges to accessing personal care and the impact on unpaid carers particularly in view of their physical and mental health.
- Food insecurity for working families struggling to access a food bank referral without a social work referral.

The Edinburgh Partnership Board reflected on the presentation and reflected on how they could consider their role in the removal of inappropriate barriers to accessing food banks and to expedite the programme which was underway to insulate homes, for which capacity issues was compromising delivery. The NHS were keen to work with End Poverty Edinburgh and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) group would continue to engage to address the issues highlighted in the presentation.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree that the NHS and End Poverty Edinburgh would meet to discuss issues raised during presentation.
- 2) To note that discussions with End Poverty Edinburgh would continue via the LOIP, NHS, University of Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils

### **3 Climate Strategy**

In May 2019, the City of Edinburgh Council declared a climate emergency and set out a vision for the city to be net zero by 2030. This would be key to achieving the fairer, cleaner and greener city that citizens and partners said they wanted through previous engagement on the City Vision. Simultaneously, The Scottish Government passed legislation placing a legal duty on public bodies to be net zero by 2045.

The Council had led a comprehensive programme of engagement with citizens and city partners which identified strong support for a net zero Edinburgh by 2030. The Council then worked with city partners to develop a 2030 Climate Strategy and implementation plan for the city.

Achieving net zero would require city-wide collaboration at a level, depth and pace that exceeded the city response to COVID. The 2030 Climate Strategy set out priority areas of action; identifying key strategic actions with the implementation plan detailing deliverables and key milestones agreed by key partners.

The Strategy also set out a proposed governance framework which would bring city partners together across key workstreams, overseen by a Climate Strategy Programme Infrastructure Investment Board. Collective oversight and scrutiny of progress would be key to achieving the strategy's aims. The strategy therefore proposed that the Board reports to the Edinburgh Partnership Board in keeping with the agreed development of theme three of the LOIP's development to include a focus on sustainability.

### **Decision**

- 1) To Endorse the 2030 Climate Strategy, noting that it laid out a journey towards a net zero city which would continue to develop and evolve through changes to innovation, knowledge and resourcing.
- 2) To agree that in keeping with the development of theme 3 of the LOIP 'A Good Place to Live', the EPB provided an oversight function on behalf of the city, receiving annual reporting on progress from the Climate Strategy Investment Programme Board, and key governance groups.

- 3) To note that the wider outcomes the strategy aims to achieve the Climate Strategy were also closely aligned with all three LOIP priorities, and it was envisioned the work of the LOIP Delivery Group would make an important contribution to wider strategic climate action through its delivery of all the LOIP priorities.
- 4) To note that the EACC would support Community Councils' declaration of climate emergencies and were committed to promotion of the Climate Strategy.
- 5) To note the Council planned to continue engagement with the EACC to inform a grass roots approach to delivering net zero and associated pilot projects.

#### **4 Collaborative Working with Edinburgh Association of Community Councils**

A progress update on the Best Value improvement action of developing a collaborative framework with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) was provided and outlined the progress to date in developing a bilateral improvement plan with the City of Edinburgh Council, together with proposals to take forward this work with the participation of the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the improvement actions between City of Edinburgh Council and community councils as outlined in this report;
- 2) To agree to contribute to ongoing discussions with the EACC on developing a collaborative framework with the Edinburgh Partnership.
- 3) To agree to receive a further report on this in March 2022.

#### **5 Armed Forces Covenant**

An update was provided to the Edinburgh Partnership Board on the delivery of the Armed Forces Community Covenant (AFCC) in Edinburgh since the last Report dated June 2018 and to seek the Board's approval for the planned activities for the year ahead.

#### **Decision**

To endorse the future planned activities to support the continued delivery of the AFCC in Edinburgh.

## **6 Edinburgh Partnership Budget**

An update on the budget collectively provided to meet the development and operational costs of the Edinburgh Partnership was presented. An agreement was sought on the reprofiling of the spend, together with seeking future financial contributions from partners.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the budget position as detailed in this report and set out in the appendix;
- 2) To agree that partners would consider further financial contributions, in advance of the Board meeting in March 2022;
- 3) To agree to receive a report setting out budget requirements at the March 2022 meeting.
- 4) To agree that the NHS would provide the £10,000 budget deficit to enable the advice service review to continue and negate the need for the Edinburgh Partnership Board to reprioritise the budget or contribute additional funding to deliver this key piece of work.

## **7 National Care Service**

A short summary of the community planning partner responses to the Scottish Government consultation on the National Care Service (NCS) was presented. The NCS proposals were potentially the most significant change to care and support in Scotland since the establishment of the NHS. The proposals were significant and complex in their own right but would also have substantial and reformative impact on the NHS and local government in particular. It was suggested that following the Scottish Government response to the consultation, the Edinburgh Partnership should discuss the implications of any future proposals on citizens in need of care and support; key community planning partners and; partnership working in the city.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the summary of responses made by community planning partners to the Scottish Government consultation on the National Care Service.

- 2) To agree to hold a dedicated community planning partnership discussion on the National Care Service once the Scottish Government published its response.
- 3) To agree that a collective discussion would take place between partners at the meeting of the Edinburgh Partnership on 15 March 2021 on the National Care Service.

## **8 Date of Next Meeting**

- Tuesday 15 March 2021 at 2pm
- Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 2pm