



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

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Wednesday 15 March 2022 – 2:00pm - 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 Cammy Day	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Robert Aldridge	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Susan Rae	The City of Edinburgh Council
Andrew Kerr	The City of Edinburgh Council
Steve Kerr	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Angus McCann	Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
Dona Milne	NHS Lothian
Lorne Ian Campbell	Ministry of Defence
Calum Campbell	NHS Lothian
Dave McCallum	Skills Development Scotland
David Milne	Scottish Government
Stephen Gourlay	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Mark McMullen	Scottish Enterprise

In attendance

Sam Ainslie	Police Scotland
Crawford McGhie	The City of Edinburgh Council
Daniel Greig	The City of Edinburgh Council
Gavin King	The City of Edinburgh Council
Gavin Sharp	The City of Edinburgh Council
Iain Brooke	EVOG
Judith Proctor	The City of Edinburgh Council
Lynn McMath	The University of Edinburgh
Nick Croft	Edinburgh College
Paula McLeay	The City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	The City of Edinburgh Council
Chris Adams	The City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Bridie Ashrowan	EVOG
Sean Scott	Police Scotland

1 Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of 15 December 2021 as a correct record, subject to the correction of the minutes to reflect that David Milne (Scottish Government) was in attendance and at item 1, to change the wording from 'raided' to 'raised'.

2 Humanitarian City Aid to Ukraine

An update was provided on the Council's humanitarian response to the conflict which was ongoing in Ukraine involving:

1. A Homes for Ukraine Scheme which was announced by the Home Office whereby a named sponsor would accommodate a refugee within their own home and further detail on the scheme was to be announced;
2. Welcome and arrivals;
3. Resettlement scheme – matching families to accommodation from private landlords and hotels alongside plans for dispersal;
4. Community integration – maximising the benefits;
5. Data stream – in order to know who was coming into the country and to foresee what help would be required;
6. Voluntary befriending schemes;
7. Supporting vulnerable women and children coming into the city.

Gavin Sharp advised that daily meetings were taking place with the key agencies supporting the humanitarian response and support was in place at gateways into the city such as train stations and airports. There was a 24-hour vulnerable hotline for Ukrainian arrivals. The Council Communications team were providing support alongside the Council translation service.

The focus was to seek an appropriate facility for the location for a welcome centre, the Council was underway with discussions on a number of appropriate sites which were near the airport.

The NHS representatives highlighted the potential stress of stress on the hospital system by taking large numbers of people into the city, and it was agreed that the NHS colleagues would be invited to the Officer Steering Group meeting which took place each Friday.

It was noted that unaccompanied children were expected to represent a significant portion of the refugee population and assurances were made that this was being considered and plans were being made to sensitively and adequately support this cohort of refugees.

Plans and preparations had been made for temporary accommodation, but this had not yet been required.

It was requested that If members of The Partnership had any offers of support, to relay this to Gavin Sharp to ensure the support available could be presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) For Partners to advise Gavin Sharp of offers of support to assist Ukrainian people who were settling in Edinburgh.
- 3) To agree to invite NHS representatives to the weekly meeting.

3 Rising Energy Costs

The Edinburgh Partnership reflected on the matter of rising energy costs, which was considered a significant concern and an area of priority for the Edinburgh Partnership to address, via a quick action plan. It was agreed that The Strategy Manager (Communities) would be the nominated Officer who would act as the lead for members of the Partnership wishing to discuss the Edinburgh partnership's response to rising energy costs and that discussions would take place to develop a quick action plan for rising living costs.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the Strategy Manager (Communities) of the City of Edinburgh Council would be the point of contact for Edinburgh Partnership Members for issues related to rising living costs.
- 2) To agree that the Edinburgh Partnership would discuss the potential for the Partnership to develop a quick action plan in response to the issue of rising living costs.

4 Place Based Opportunities Board

The Place Based Opportunities Board was set up between public sector partners to promote cross partner working and investigate opportunities across the city to develop a coordinated asset-based approach to the delivery of public services and place making. As new governance structures involving partners, such as the Climate Strategy Infrastructure Investment Programme Board and 20 Minute Neighbourhood Programme Board, began to emerge to tackle recovery priorities across the city, a review of how the activity of the Place Based Opportunities Board aligned to the new structures was propose and the views of the Edinburgh Partnership were sought.

Decision

- 1) To agree to consider ways to appropriately merge the work of the Place Based Opportunities Board with the governance structures which were emerging.
- 2) To agree to request a further report to a future meeting which reflected the considerations of the Edinburgh Partnership and other stakeholders and presented recommendations for future governance of strategic partnership place making activity.

5 Local Outcome Improvement Plan

The Edinburgh Partnership was required to produce a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The plan, approved in 2018, had 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 remained to tackle poverty and inequality which was the single most critical challenge faced by community planning partners in the city. A draft version of the plan for approval was submitted and would require subsequent formal agreement of individual partners through their governance arrangements.

Decision

- 1) To agree to approve the Edinburgh Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2022-2028;
- 2) To note that the approval of the Edinburgh Partnership LOIP required the formal agreement of individual partners through their governance arrangements.
- 3) To agree that that the delivery plan would be updated to include timelines.
- 4) To agree that partners would advise Michele Mulvaney when approval of the LOIP was secured from constituent organisations forming the partnership, so that there was a record of the approval being made for the funding.

6 Edinburgh Partnership Resourcing

An update on the resourcing requirements of the Edinburgh Partnership was presented. This followed on from the budget report in December 2021 where it was agreed to consider resource requirements to meet development and operational costs of the Partnership. This work was being taken forward on a phased basis to ensure there was a comprehensive assessment of the needs across all aspects of the Edinburgh Partnership arrangements. This was being jointly led by the Community Planning Support Team and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan

Delivery Group. Each phase of work, including proposals for the decision of the Board at this meeting was presented and the final phase would comprise a comprehensive report to the Board in June 2022.

Decision

- 1) To note the phased approach and progress in identifying resource requirements as set out in the report.
- 2) To agree the outcome of phase one to reprioritise the existing budget to a general pot to meet one off development and operational costs as identified in paragraph 3.9 of the report.
- 3) To agree to fund the BAME Citizens Panel activity as identified in paragraph 3.12.1 under phase 1 of the report.
- 4) To agree to allocate £8,556 to meet one-off small-scale costs.
- 5) To agree that all partners make a financial contribution to the Edinburgh Partnership to meet the requests under phase 2 as identified in paragraphs 3.12.2 and 3.12.11 of the report.
- 6) To agree to receive the phase 3 comprehensive resource proposal in June 2022.

5) Recovery Planning

Partners gave an update in respect of their recovery planning arrangements following on from the pandemic.

The NHS advised that the number of people with Covid in hospital was quite high, and that management of expectations was important and that scheduled and unscheduled care was under pressure.

The Council was progressing with plans to bring some teams back in a hybrid format with the focus on meeting room ventilation and not too many people meeting at work. There was a team working on the return to the office arrangements.

Decision

To note partners' updates.

6) Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 2pm