

Edinburgh Partnership Resources

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress on Edinburgh Partnership resourcing following the recommendations agreed by the Board at its meeting in March 2022.
- 1.2 Information is provided in respect of the three phases of work, and confirms the financial support secured from partners under phase 2 of the programme to progress the End Poverty Edinburgh funding and a partnership citywide survey to support organisational and partnership performance data.
- 1.3 The report highlights that while Year 1 funding for a joint survey is secure, there is a shared challenge in committing ongoing funding for organisations with annual budgets. This presents a future risk to a longitudinal survey which will have to be addressed on an ongoing basis

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is recommended to:

- i. note the progress in relation to phase 1;
- ii. note the confirmation of funding commitments by partners;
- iii. allocate £25,000 to the End Poverty Edinburgh Citizen's Group and £60,000 to support the Edinburgh Partnership survey;
- iv. agree that partners, where appropriate, will provide final confirmation of their financial contributions as agreed by their own governance by 1 July 2022;
- v. note the risk of annual budgets to securing funding for a longitudinal survey and agree that partners prioritise future years contributions to the Edinburgh Partnership survey as part of their annual budget setting process;
- vi. agree to hold a dedicated meeting of partner financial leads to discuss the future funding pressures associated with phase 3 and consider a resourcing forward plan.

3. Main Report

3.1 The Board agreed at its meeting in March a three phased programme of work in relation to the resourcing of Edinburgh Partnership. Set out below is a summary of the activity carried out to progress the Board's decisions.

Phase 1

- 3.2 This phase focused on immediate calls on the existing Edinburgh Partnership budget. This included
 - 3.2.1 £5,000 to support the BAME citizens panel;
 - 3.2.2 £1,000 towards the development of the empowerment strategy; and
 - 3.2.3 £1,500 for facilitation for a workshop on community wealth building.
- 3.3 A further call has been identified to support the facilitation of a LOIP priority 3 workshop in August, at a potential cost of circa £1,500. With this there is a notional residual budget of £7,056 to meet small scale ongoing costs.

Phase 2

3.4 Under Phase 2, support was sought and agreed for the End Poverty Edinburgh Citizen's Group and the Edinburgh Partnership survey as summarised in the table below.

Edinburgh Partnership Resource Commitments						
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	
Edinburgh Survey	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	
End Poverty Edinburgh Citizen's Group	£25,000					
Total Expenditure	£101,056	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	
Partnership contribution requirement	£85,000	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	£60,000	

3.5 Following the meeting, the ten active public body members of the Board were asked to confirm the level of contribution each was able to commit. The responses are set out below, noting where they are confirmed or provisional subject to organisational sign off. It should be noted that these are based on the current financial year only, future years financial support will require to be subject to further consideration by partners as part of their annual budget setting process.



Partner	Contribution (£) 2022/23	Status	
City of Edinburgh Council	40,000	Partially confirmed	
NHS Lothian	12,000	Confirmed	
Police Scotland	10,000	Provisional	
Fire and Rescue Service	4,000	Provisional	
Edinburgh University	10,000	Confirmed	
Edinburgh College	2,000	Confirmed	
Skills Development Scotland	2,000	Confirmed	
Edinburgh Integration Joint Board	0	Still under consideration	
Scottish Enterprise	0	No response	
Armed Forces	0	No financial control to fund	
Capital City Partnership*	5,000	Confirmed	
Total	85,000		
Budget required	85,000		
Outstanding	0		

^{*} Whilst not a member of the Board as lead organisation for LOIP Priority 2, Capital City Partnership has agreed to make a financial contribution.

- 3.6 As noted above, the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board is still considering a contribution and there has been no response to date from Scottish Enterprise. There is no financial control available to the Edinburgh Garrison, Armed Forces to allow for a contribution. Other partners still require to formally confirm their contributions and partners are asked to do this by Friday, 1 July 2022.
- 3.7 This results in sufficient funds having been secured (subject to final confirmation from partners) to support the End Poverty Edinburgh Citizen's Group and Edinburgh Partnership survey in this financial year. As further years contributions will be subject to partners budget setting processes, there is a risk, given the indication from the Scottish Government of the challenging financial picture ahead, that support for future years will not be secured.
- 3.8 The value of this work was recognised during discussions with partners, and the opportunity if afforded to not only the Edinburgh Partnership but also in providing data for organisational use.



3.9 Work to progress the co-design of the survey is underway.

Phase 3

- 3.10 It was noted that under phase 1 and 2 of the programme of work only immediate budget calls were identified. Further work was required to provide a comprehensive picture of the resource needs to support the LOIP delivery plan and development of the Neighbourhood Networks.
- 3.11 Whilst initial discussion has taken place it is too early in the development process for detailed business cases to be produced. However, future support requests are anticipated for
 - 3.11.1 the implementation of the findings from the advice service review;
 - 3.11.2 actions to increase access to affordable credit;
 - 3.11.3 work to support care experienced young people;
 - 3.11.4 activity to progress priority 3 following a workshop in the autumn; and
 - 3.11.5 support requirements for the Neighbourhood Networks.
- 3.12 The Edinburgh Association of Community Councils is also seeking financial support from the Edinburgh Partnership and this is covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 3.13 With these anticipated further requests, which are critical to the delivery of the LOIP, it is proposed to hold a dedicated meeting of financial leads from each of the partners to consider a forward plan for Edinburgh Partnership resourcing, recognising the collaborative gain that can be achieved particularly at a time of increasing budgetary pressures.

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