

THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Wednesday 28 June 2022 – 2:00pm - Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

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Board members present

Cllr Cammy Day (Chair)	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Adam McVey	The City of Edinburgh Council
Angus McCann	Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
Dona Milne	NHS Lothian
Stephen Gourlay	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Alison Cumming	Scottish Government
Bridie Ashrowan	EVOG
Sean Scott	Police Scotland

In attendance

Sam Ainslie	Police Scotland
Daniel Greig	The City of Edinburgh Council
Kate Barlow	NHS
Paula McLeay	The City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	The City of Edinburgh Council
Chris Adams	The City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Audrey Cumberland	Edinburgh College
Lorne Iain Campbell	Ministry of Defence

1. Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of 15 March 2022 as a correct record.

2. Stronger Edinburgh

A brief overview of Stronger Edinburgh and an update concerning the implementation Model was presented.

The Stronger Edinburgh approach was described as a mechanism to provide early and effective multi-agency interventions to the citizens of Edinburgh by:

- One person/one family approach
- One lead professional
- One plan

It was a multi-agency coordination meeting involving partners from City of Edinburgh Council (Family and Household Support; Social Work; Education, Housing, Criminal Justice), Police Scotland and Health.

The approach originated from the positive work carried out in the North West locality of Edinburgh – Stronger North, which focussed on improving resilience factors and minimising risk factors in individuals and families. By using this approach, the Council would reduce the need to respond in a crisis. It would also ease the burden on emergency services such as police, fire and hospitals.

The aims of stronger Edinburgh were:

- For early intervention (early identification of a problem).
- To safeguard and promote welfare.
- To address unmet need using Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) approaches both for the individual and families.
- To improve the environment within the local community.
- To address problematic behaviours (individuals/families) where antisocial behaviour and/or offending appear intergenerational or prolific in terms of volume.

Outcomes for stronger Edinburgh had been:

- Partner agencies were invested in the model and approach;
- Reduction in localised Anti Social Behaviour by young people, reducing the likelihood of escalation to serious offending behaviour;
- Reduction in 101 calls to Police Scotland;
- Engagement with individuals and families at an earlier stage, wraps support around individuals and families reducing costs and the need for expensive long term statutory services and interventions.

The next steps were:

- Ongoing discussions with managers and staff to promote awareness of the model;
- Website for professionals and leaflets for clients;
- Implementation in late August 2022.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation
- 2) To agree that the Edinburgh Partnership would receive an update on baseline data for Stronger Edinburgh in December 2022.

3. Edinburgh Partnership Resourcing

An update on progress on Edinburgh Partnership resourcing was provided following the recommendations agreed by the Board at its meeting in March 2022. Information was provided in respect of the three phases of work, and confirmed the financial support secured from partners under phase two of the programme to progress the End Poverty Edinburgh funding and a partnership citywide survey to support organisational and partnership performance data. While Year 1 funding for a joint survey was secure, there was a shared challenge in committing ongoing funding for organisations with annual budgets. This presented a future risk to a longitudinal survey which would have to be addressed on an ongoing basis.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress in relation to phase 1;
- 2) To note the confirmation of funding commitments by partners;
- 3) To agree to allocate £25,000 to the End Poverty Edinburgh Citizen's Group and £60,000 to support the Edinburgh Partnership survey;
- 4) To agree that partners, where appropriate, would provide final confirmation of their financial contributions as agreed by their own governance by 1 July 2022;
- 5) To note the risk of annual budgets to securing funding for a longitudinal survey and agree that partners prioritised future years' contributions to the Edinburgh Partnership survey as part of their annual budget setting process;
- 6) To 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.

4 Ending Hunger Edinburgh

In response to calls to action made by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission, the Edinburgh Partnership committed to the development of a new strategy setting out the partnership responses needed to end poverty related hunger in Edinburgh. The engagement and research activities led by City of Edinburgh Council and EVOC in design of a new approach to ending poverty related hunger were presented

alongside a draft paper for public consultation to support next steps in the strategy's development. Pressures arising from the cost-of-living crisis were resulting in a significant increase in the risk of poverty related hunger. It was proposed a period of further research, engagement, and consultation over the period July to September 2022 and a final draft strategy to be prepared for consideration by the Edinburgh Partnership in December 2022.

Decision

- 1) To note that the cost of living crisis was resulting in a significant increase in poverty related hunger, and that work was underway to mitigate this risk and was outlined in a separate paper for partnership consideration (item 5 refers).
- 2) To approve the draft paper for public consultation during July to September 2022.
- 3) To note the further research and engagement planned to support strategy development
- 4) To agree to establish an Edinburgh Food Network, following models observed in other local authorities, to promote collaboration and partnership working across the sector.
- 5) To agree that a final draft strategy and action plan will be prepared for consideration by the Edinburgh Partnership in December 2022.
- 6) To agree that The Leader and Chief Executive of The City of Edinburgh Council, The Director of Public Health for NHS Lothian and The Chief Executive of EVOC met to discuss urgent measures for immediate release to address food insecurity and outline who and how this could be implemented.

5 Cost of Living Crisis

Efforts to mitigate against the cost of living crisis were ongoing, but it was recognised that this would not prevent everyone from falling into poverty or severe poverty. Public Sector and the Voluntary Sector continued to take a targeted approach to raise the awareness of the available cost of living support with key frontline staff. There were challenges in managing the demand for support, with demand outweighing capacity, which in turn impacted the people seeking assistance and the workforce supporting those in need. The delivery of coordinated support across the whole system and being able to capitalise on any new funding opportunities was ongoing.

Decision

- 1) To note the current activity and support to date.
- 2) To note the challenge of the cost-of-living crisis and the proposed next steps.

- 3) To agree that information was supplied to the Edinburgh Partnership concerning which groups were presenting in crisis, to understand target groups and how resources could be aligned to support those in need.

6 Community Wealth Building

To interrogate the role of community wealth building, with the purpose of driving a new systems change level of collaboration between Edinburgh anchor institutions. The principles of community wealth building (CWB) included: plural ownership of the economy, making financial power work for local places, fair employment and just labour markets, progressive procurement of goods and services and socially productive use of land and property.

Decision

- 1) To agree to recognise the role of members of the Edinburgh Partnership as Anchor Institutions : City of Edinburgh Council, Police, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh College, Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board, Scottish Enterprise, Edinburgh Universities, Social Housing Providers and all partners
- 2) To agree to declare members of ECPP as Anchor Institutions: An anchor institution was a statutory body which could influence 'economic engines': they are employers, purchasers, own land and property and investors.
- 3) To agree to support mapping of how anchor strategies in Edinburgh Partnership To note progress in Edinburgh and to support further mapping of how anchor institution strategies, among all members of the Edinburgh Partnership, to enable a Community Wealth Building approach to emerge.
- 4) To agree to progress toward an Edinburgh Partnership Commitment. To progress towards a commitment in June 2022: to long term collaboration between Edinburgh anchor institutions, supporting shared Community Wealth Building goals. This included a commitment to the embedding of Community Wealth Building Principles, preparing for the forthcoming Community Wealth Building act. As with NHS Lothian, best practice across the UK suggested that anchors work needed to be ambitious and set aspirational targets.
- 5) To agree to work with finance and procurement leads to enable smaller organisations to successfully bid for funding.

7 Shared Prosperity Fund

The arrangements for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) were presented alongside a proposed approach to developing the required Investment Plan by August 2022.

Decision

- 1) To note work which was being undertaken to develop the Edinburgh's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan.
- 2) To agree that the Edinburgh Partnership took on the role of the Local Partnership Group for the development of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and provided advice on strategic fit and deliverability.
- 3) To agree to review and agree, via email, the proposed recommended funding plan following the assessment of bids, in late July.

8 Collaborative Working With EACC

Decision

To agree to continue consideration of the report to the September 2022 Edinburgh Partnership meeting.

9 Dates of next Meetings

Decision

- Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 10am
- Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 2pm
- Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 10am
- Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 2pm