

## THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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

### MINUTE

#### Board members present

Cllr Cammy Day (Chair)	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Adam McVey	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Alex Staniforth	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Kevin Lang	The City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Iain Whyte	The City of Edinburgh Council
Angus McCann	Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
Dona Milne	NHS Lothian
Dave McCallum	Skills Development Scotland
Alison Cumming	Scottish Government
Audrey Cumberland	Edinburgh College
Lorne Iain Campbell	Ministry of Defence
Jean Gray	Viewpoint Housing Association
Lynn McMath	The University of Edinburgh
Bridie Ashrowan	EVOG

#### In attendance

Kate Barlow	NHS
Carey Fuller	The City of Edinburgh Council
Clare Hammond	
Gavin Gray	Fire Scotland
Mark Innes	
Lorraine Simpson	
Suzan Ross	The City of Edinburgh Council
Paula McLeay	The City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	The City of Edinburgh Council
Richard Scothorne	Rocket Science

#### Apologies

Sean Scott	Police Scotland
Andrew Kerr	The City of Edinburgh Council
Steve Kerr	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Calum Campbell	NHS Lothian
Mark McMullen	Scottish Enterprise

## **1. Minutes**

### **Decision**

To agree the minutes of 28 June 2022 as a correct record.

## **2. Advice Service Review Findings**

Richard Scothorne from Rocket Science presented the findings of the recent Advice Service Review. Rocket Science has been commissioned to map and review the provision of welfare rights and debt advice in Edinburgh with a view to establishing clear aims and coordination of these services.

The Edinburgh Partnership was asked:

- To support the dissemination and discussion of the Review.
- To support the introduction of a strategy group to develop a strategy based on the outcomes of the Review
- To hold the strategy group accountable for progress and evidence of impact.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the presentation
- 2) To agree that the Edinburgh Partnership would receive a further update on the Advice Service Review in December 2022.
- 3) To agree that the implementation and strategy group could be merged.
- 4) To agree to consider the personnel who would make up the implementation and strategy group ensuring the membership of this group would have the levers and funding to enable action.
- 5) To agree that data could be used to understand who was accessing support to identify those who may be at risk.
- 6) To agree that baseline data with claimant information would be presented to the Edinburgh Partnership in March 2023.

## **3. Cost of Living Update**

Through the UK Shared Prosperity Funding, there were proposed plans for some additional capacity for third sector crisis grant programmes, and income

maximisation advice capacity in Edinburgh. To help with welfare rights and debt advice service capacity, Capital City Partnerships was leading on the development of a new employability programme for welfare rights advisors, in partnership with the main providers; and a staff wellbeing programme was being formed for this workforce. A co-ordinated promotion of citizen and staff awareness of help available to households who were worrying about money or struggling to get by, during autumn and winter 2023.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the update from the Edinburgh Partnership meeting of 28 June 2022, and the analysis and actions from the special Edinburgh Partnership meeting in June 2022.
- 2) To note the link of cost of living work with the Review of welfare rights and debt advise services and the start of working on the Review's recommendations.

## **4. Community Wealth Building**

Bridie Ashrowan of EVOC presented on the Community Wealth Building work that was underway. There was a desire to use the talents and relationships in communities for Community Wealth Building. The goal was for clear asks and clear actions, to allow for transparency. Further to this there was a desire to align anchor instructions with the City Plan to allow for a sense of cohesion.

Key tenets of this approach included fair work, procurement, development, community engagement, widening access, projects, civic leadership, strategic partnerships, major funding and leadership.

## **Decision**

- 1) To agree that Edinburgh Partnership Organisations were represented, and nominations from Partners were sought via email in respect of Community Wealth Building.
- 2) To agree that Director of finance from the NHS Lothian area colleagues could be included in Community Wealth Building discussions.

## **5. Community Justice Annual Return 2021/22**

Edinburgh's Community Safety and Justice Partnership (CSJP) was responsible for developing and implementing Edinburgh's Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP) on behalf of the Edinburgh Partnership (community planning). Edinburgh's Community Justice Local Area Annual Return for 2021/22 was presented for approval.

### **Decision**

To approve Edinburgh's Community Justice Local Area Annual Return for 2021/22.

## **6. Shared Prosperity Fund**

A conditional allocation of £12.4m had been made to Edinburgh through the UK Shared Prosperity Framework. To access these funds the City of Edinburgh Council needed to submit a local investment plan to UK Government by 12th August 2022. A report to Edinburgh Partnership Board in on 28th June 2022 agreed that the partnership would take on the role of the Local Partnership Group for the development of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and provide advice on strategic fit and deliverability. As a part of the development of this plan, partners were involved in a programme of stakeholder engagement and a call for bids was carried out through July 2022. The results of this engagement and a portfolio of recommended projects for funding by the UK SPF in Edinburgh and next steps for development and delivery was presented

### **Decision**

- 1) To notes the partnership engagement activities undertaken in development of UK SPF project proposals.
- 2) To agree to review and, via email, comment on the portfolio of projects recommended for funding in through the City of Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan
- 3) To note the ongoing role of the Edinburgh Partnership as a Local Partnership Group to provide advice on strategic fit and deliverability of the investment plan.
- 4) To note that the report would be presented to the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee
- 5) To record thanks to the Partnership for providing the judging expertise for the assessment of funding applications.

- 6) To note that there were 81 applicants and a high calibre of applications demonstrating the need for the funding.
- 7) To agree to congratulate Elin Williamson and her team for their responsive approach to enable those businesses to be in receipt of the grant funding.

## **7. Climate Strategy and Infrastructure Investment Programme Board**

Over the next ten-years major investments were needed in Edinburgh's infrastructure if the city was to make a just transition to a net zero, climate resilient future. An Edinburgh Green Infrastructure Investment Plan would help co-ordinate, enable, and accelerate public and private investment in the city, mapping out a pipeline of major investment projects, identifying wider place based opportunities, and developing a funding strategy to meet these needs. The Edinburgh Infrastructure Investment Programme Board (IIPB) was established in February 2022 to undertake this task and would be supported in their delivery of Green Infrastructure Investment Plan for the city by the five thematic partnership boards, who all had appointed chairs, a programme of meetings and actions underway.

A draft proposal for the next phase of work would be considered at the next IIPB meeting in September 2022. This would include a single strategic data pack to support individual and collective investment planning for the city and an opportunity assessment for cross thematic infrastructure investment in at least one local area.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress of the IIPB activity to develop an Edinburgh Green Infrastructure Investment Plan to date.
- 2) Note that the City of Edinburgh Council will manage allocated resources and implement the decisions of the IIPB in the same way as it does for the Edinburgh Partnership Board. This will be reported to the Edinburgh Partnership Board as part of the annual oversight of the 2030 Climate Strategy.

## **8. Edinburgh Partnership Empowerment Strategy Development Process**

An update to the Board on the progress of the development of the Edinburgh Partnership Community Empowerment Strategy was presented alongside the planned activities for the months ahead.

### **Decision**

To note that a draft strategy would be submitted for the review of the Board at its meeting in December 2022.

## **9. Future Board Operation and Agenda Planning**

The format and focus of future Edinburgh Partnership meetings was discussed.

### **Decision**

To agree that the Chair would convene a series of meetings to discuss Edinburgh Partnership Board Operating Model, with members of the Partnership who had expressed an interest progressing this matter.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

- Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 2pm