



# THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

## Edinburgh Partnership Board – Operational Proposals

### 1. Executive Summary

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- 1.1 A sub group of the Edinburgh Partnership Board has met twice to discuss proposals for how the Board might operate in future. This followed on from a discussion at the Board meeting in September 2022.
- 1.2 This paper sets out proposals, building on the model adopted in 2019 post the Edinburgh Partnership review, for the approval of the Board.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 The Board is recommended to:
  - i. approve the proposals for the future operational model set out in paragraph 3.4;
  - ii. agree this is taken forward with the involvement of the Community Planning Support Team; and
  - iii. the Community Planning Support Team explore the potential for an Edinburgh Partnership Awards Programme.

### 3. Main Report

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- 3.1 Following the review of the Edinburgh Partnership and adoption of a new governance model, the Board agreed at its meeting in December 2019 a new operating model. The model was designed to provide a greater focus on action and to strengthen the business processes.
- 3.2 Whilst many improvements have been made to the operation since that time, the Board has expressed an interest in making more progress. Consequently, a short life sub group of Board members was established and tasked with identifying further areas of improvement.
- 3.3 The sub group has met twice since September 2022. Key issues identified by were the need for:
  - Greater focus on delivery and action based on the core priorities of the Partnership

- Greater collective and individual ownership and accountability
  - Involve people with lived experience
  - Increased profile and awareness of the Board and its work
  - Create greater links to grass roots level
  - Return to in person meetings
- 3.4 Recognising these issues, the sub group is recommending the following changes to the operating model of the Board.
- 3.4.1 Board meetings will focus on the key priorities of the LOIP namely poverty and sustainability. With these forming the basis of alternating discussions at the Board for the coming year.
- 3.4.2 Members will be asked to directly contribute to these meetings with reports being kept to a minimum and, where required, subject to a two page limit covering only the essential points and action needed.
- 3.4.3 Meetings will be held in each of the four localities in the city and will be arranged at a time that facilitates community involvement. This may include evening meetings.
- 3.4.4 The agenda will allow for the community to interact and discuss with the Board members the issues they are facing in an informal setting and in a way suited to their preferences.
- 3.4.5 Statutory and other business will still be considered but only as required.
- 3.5 Subject to these changes being approved, the Community Planning Support Team will take responsibility for the organisation ensuring a partnership approach to the planning of meetings. It is proposed to begin the new model of operation from March 2023 for one year when it will be subject to review.
- 3.6 Additionally, recognising the good practice in the city, it is proposed to explore the potential for introducing an Edinburgh Partnership Awards programme. Initial work to explore this will be taken forward by the Community Planning Support Team.

#### 4. Contact

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