

## THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Tuesday 6 December 2022 – 2:00pm - Meeting held in person at the City Chambers  
and via Microsoft Teams

### MINUTE

#### Board members present

Cllr Cammy Day (Chair)	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Kevin Lang	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Adam McVey	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Alex Staniforth	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Iain Whyte	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	EVOC
Sean Scott	Police Scotland
Andrew Kerr	City of Edinburgh Council
Steve Kerr	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Calum Campbell	NHS Lothian

#### In attendance

Michele Mulvaney	City of Edinburgh Council
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#### Apologies

Mark McMullen	Scottish Enterprise
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## 1. Minute

### Decision

To agree the minute of the Edinburgh Partnership Board 6 September 2022 as a correct record.

## **2. End Poverty in Edinburgh Annual Report 2022**

The second annual update on progress made by city-wide partners in response to the Edinburgh Poverty Commission's calls to action was presented. The report covered the period from October 2021 to the end of September 2022 and included the response which was ongoing to the Covid-19 pandemic and the response to the emerging cost of living crisis, both of which had been significant in informing actions.

In line with recommendations made by the Commission, the report also incorporated and met a statutory duty for the Council and NHS Lothian to co-produce an annual Local Child Poverty Action Report.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the second annual progress report against the End Poverty in Edinburgh Delivery Plan, including proposed actions for priority delivery during the next 12 months.
- 2) To agree that during 2023/24, in advance of reporting against interim targets set for end 2024, Edinburgh Poverty Commission members were invited to reconvene to provide the Partnership with advice on progress to date and recommended next steps.
- 3) To agree to review the work undertaken by the Poverty and Equality Commission in comparison to the work undertaken by the Poverty Commission.
- 4) To agree to submit a response to the Scottish Government to detail the concerns around those remaining in poverty and those groups entering poverty, and in doing so provide robust data, with further data input from EVOC to highlight gaps.

## **3. Update on LOIP Priority 1 - Advice Service Review**

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 was available to households who were worrying about money or struggling to get by, during autumn and winter 2023.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree to consider how the Edinburgh Partnership could help raise the profile of the Review locally in Edinburgh and nationally.

- 2) To agree to suggest any expertise, support or opportunities that could help with the implementation.
- 3) To agree that work would be undertaken to accelerate funding pooling of to respond to Partners' concerns around the pace of delivery.
- 4) To agree that more Registered Social Landlords should be involved in the review.

#### **4. Cost of Living Crisis**

Information on the action by members of the Edinburgh Partnership Board to address the current cost of living crisis was provided alongside further opportunities for joint activity to augment work being taken forward under the auspices of the LOIP. This activity formed the basis of previous reports to the Board in June and September 2022.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To agree to discuss and identify further opportunities for joint working.
- 2) To note the content of the report.

#### **5. Edinburgh Partnership Board – Operational Proposals**

A subgroup of the Edinburgh Partnership Board had met twice to discuss proposals for how the Board may operate in future, following on from a discussion at the Board meeting in September 2022. Proposals were presented which built on the model adopted in 2019 following the Edinburgh Partnership review, for the approval of the Board.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the proposals for the future operational model set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report.
- 2) To agree future proposals were taken forward with the involvement of the Community Planning Support Team.
- 3) To agree that the Community Planning Support Team explored the potential for an Edinburgh Partnership Awards Programme.
- 4) To agree to consider how the Edinburgh Partnership and The Edinburgh Children's Partnership could collaborate meaningfully, and explore opportunities for further scrutiny.
- 5) To agree that Michele Mulvaney would circulate a briefing concerning the Partnership Performance Framework to Partners.

## **6. Edinburgh Partnership Survey Methodology**

Options for the methodology of the partnership survey were presented. Which included survey methods which could be repeated at any interval and would be robust to changes in the number of interviews performed.

It was advised that changes to the number of interviews would change reliability and limit reporting options, therefore fewer surveys with more participants each survey interval was recommended in preference to increased survey intervals with fewer participants each wave.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the preferred methodology for the Edinburgh Partnership survey will be based on a face-to-face, in-street approach.
- 2) To note the risks identified within the report if overall funding for the survey were reduced.
- 3) To agree that any future waves of the survey seek to match closely against the survey method, sampling method, and the number of interviews achieved in the first survey, in order to maximise comparability and therefore a change of frequency in survey waves would be explored as a way to reduce costs if needed.
- 4) To note that proposals would be discussed at the Survey Workshop on Friday 9 December 2022 to ensure a focus on the LOIP and additionality in the execution of the survey.

## **7. Edinburgh Community Safety Strategy 2020-23: Year 3 Annual Summary Update Report**

The Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership (ECSP) ratified Edinburgh's three-year Community Safety (CS) Strategy in March 2020. Updates on the progress of each separate priority theme had been scheduled quarterly and presented to the ECSP over the lifetime of the strategy. This third yearly report provided a collective overview to inform the Edinburgh Partnership of the work that each of the three thematic delivery groups had carried out to date under each theme. The joint Community Safety Strategy which was in place would conclude in the spring of 2023 therefore the legal requirement to develop a new joint strategy between the Council and Police Scotland would be progressed over the coming months and delivered to the ECSP for ratification by the summer of 2023.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the contents of the third and final annual update report detailing the work undertaken in conjunction with Edinburgh's Community Safety Strategy 2020–2023.

- 2) To agree that the Council and Police Scotland would take forward development of a new joint Community Safety Strategy, with an expected launch in the summer of 2023.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 10am.