



# THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

Item No

## Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023-28

### Executive Summary

A new model for community justice was introduced in 2017 which devolved decision making for the planning and delivery of community justice services to local community planning partnerships. The Community Safety and Justice Partnership (CSJP) develops and implements Edinburgh's local Community Justice Outcomes and Improvement Plan (CJOIP) on behalf of the Edinburgh Partnership and it agreed a new five year plan on 23 May 2023. The CJOIP focusses on key workstreams and sets out planned local community justice activity to support improved outcomes for people in the justice system.

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### Recommendations

- i. the Edinburgh Partnership approve the CJOIP 2023-28 at Appendix 1.

#### 1 Background

- 1.1 Community justice partners have developed a new five-year CJOIP 2023-28 which sets out key themes and supporting activity to be developed and delivered to support people in the system to address their needs, reduce their offending, improve their prospects, and live crime free lives.
- 1.2 The CJOIP aspires to the Scottish Government's Vision for [Vision for Justice in Scotland](#) expressed in the revised [National Strategy for Community Justice](#) published in June 2022 which states that:

*"Our vision is for a just, safe, resilient Scotland" where "we can all live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe".*

#### 2 Main Report

- 2.1 The National Strategy for Community Justice published four national aims to which local community justice plans must be aligned. The national aims are:
  - Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity;
  - Ensure robust, high quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland;
  - Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence; and
  - Strengthen leadership, engagement and partnership working of local and national community justice partners.

2.2 The CJOIP 2023-28 builds on activity in the previous CJOIP and has identified three key local priority themes and areas of focus for corresponding activities to improve local provision and contribute to achieving the national outcomes. A snapshot showing the national aims, corresponding local priority themes, and an example of planned activity are listed in table 1 below:

Table 1

	National aim	Local priority theme	Workstream	Activity
1	Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	We employ early and effective interventions to address need	Diversion from prosecution	Continue to develop and expand the range of interventions available to suit all needs and abilities
2	Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence	We have established pathways into trauma informed services	Trauma knowledge in justice practice	Routine screening on mental health and trauma to be built into all justice services
3	Ensure that robust and high quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	We have effective community supports to reduce reoffending	Voluntary throughcare	Move to a more co-ordinated and integrated model of voluntary throughcare provision

2.3 Once approved by the Edinburgh Partnership, the CJOIP 2023-28 will be published on the Council’s community justice webpage and submitted to Community Justice Scotland; the national agency for promoting leading standards of community justice across Scotland.

2.4 To meet community justice statutory obligations, a wider annual report on local community justice activity is also collated and will be presented to the Edinburgh Partnership for approval in September 2023 before being submitted to CJS to support national analysis.

Contribution to:	Low		Medium		High
♦ Sustainability	1	2	3	4	5
♦ Equality	1	2	3	4	5
♦ Community Engagement	1	2	3	4	5
♦ Prevention	1	2	3	4	5
♦ Joint Resourcing	1	2	3	4	5

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: [Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023-28](#)

