



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

Local Outcome Improvement Plan – Priority 3 : A good place to live

Executive Summary

Since agreeing the new Community Plan 2018 – 28 in October 2018, the Edinburgh Partnership Board has been considering progress with each of the three priorities: enough money to live on; work, learning and training, and a good place to live.

This paper provides an update on progress with Priority 3: a good place to live and the two initial areas of focused action: land availability and place making and proposes next steps for each area.

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Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- i. consider how a link between the LOIP Delivery Group and the Asset Commission can be developed
- ii. discuss whether the current place making workshop fully addresses the three LOIP test questions
- iii. approve the placemaking workshop proposal
- iv. identify individuals within their organisation involved in placemaking to attend the workshop

1 Background

- 1.1 The Edinburgh Partnership Board agreed the new Community Plan 2018 – 28 (or Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2018 -28) at its meeting in October 2018.
- 1.2 The Community Plan focuses on three priorities (Enough money to live on; Work, learning and training; and a good place to live) with six areas of initial work. The Board has considered progress with Priority 1: Enough money to live on and Priority 2: Work, learning and training at its meetings in March and June 2019.

The LOIP Delivery Group has responsibility for delivering the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and discussed progress with the priorities and next steps at its initial meeting held on Wednesday 7 August.

2 Main Report

2.1 **Priority 3: a good place to live** focuses on the places people live and work and aims to ensure residents have access to affordable, well designed, safe and inclusive places to live. This priority has two areas of initial focus:

- Land availability/building houses
- Place making

2.2 Land availability/building houses

An ambitious plan is in place to delivery 20,000 new affordable and low-cost homes in Edinburgh over the next ten years. This plan is underway with over 1,600 homes approved and over 1,100 homes completed in 2018/19.

2.3 One of the key risks to the delivery of affordable homes is failure to secure land for development. An Asset Commission, chaired by the Council's Chief Executive and with members from across the Partnership, meet to consider how to maximise the value and outcomes from Edinburgh's public-sector estate and deliver opportunities for accelerated investment through strategic partnership and review of public sector assets.

2.4 The LOIP Delivery Group considered what their next steps could be but were cognisant that they should not duplicate the work of the Asset Commission. Further consideration is required for the most effective way for a link between the two groups to be developed.

2.5 Place Making

This LOIP action area aims to identify and strengthen opportunities to work in partnership, as public sector bodies and with communities and the private sector, to create good places to live. This includes seeking new placemaking approaches to support the delivery of accessible and open places, with good links to health, childcare, and other services.

2.6 In developing the current LOIP priorities, the placemaking priority was highlighted to acknowledge that good housing is only one element, albeit an important one, in creating or sustaining good places to live. The LOIP notes the need to work together to create sustainable places with well-located and co-located services.

2.7 The importance of 'good place' was a theme picked up by local communities in the development of the four Locality Improvement Plans (LIPS). As outlined in the LOIP, communities expressed a shared desire for improving various services within their localities including more integrated transport systems and improved use of civic space. A workshop was held in July 2018 to broaden discussion around the four themes to a wider audience within the partnership. This also highlighted the importance of placemaking and making homes accessible in the broadest sense – with access to transport, shopping, open space etc. There were also comments on engaging with, and investment from, other sectors and the need for long-term solutions.



2.7 During the development of the LOIP priority, each area was tested against three questions:

- can it only be achieved through partnership working
- is it a thorny issue
- does it demonstrate that it tackles poverty and inequality

2.8 The LOIP Delivery Group is aware that there is a considerable focus on placemaking across the city within existing workstreams and within the remit of different partnerships and boards. These include:

- Locality Improvement Plans (LIPs) – all four LIPs have a ‘place making’ theme where actions focus on working with communities to feel proud of, and connected to, the place where they live and to feel invested in the future of their local area.
- Local Development Plan 2 – the development of a refreshed Local Development Plan 2 which focus on spatial planning within the city. Linked to this is City Mobility Plan.
- Place Briefs have been approved by Planning Committee for a number of sites; including the Western General and Powderhall. A major community engagement exercise is taking place at Granton Waterfront to inform a Development Framework. Partnership working and engagement with communities is a key element of the Council led housing regeneration projects in the city.

2.9 A workshop with wider stakeholders, from across the partnership, is proposed to reconsider this action against the three test questions within this wider landscape. A draft outline of the workshop can be found in Appendix A. This workshop would:

- solidify a joint understanding of the current work underway across the city
- consider whether poverty and inequality are being addressed within these workstreams
- identify opportunities for the LOIP Delivery Group to enhance existing actions or initiate new actions to address any gaps.

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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LOIP Place making Workshop - Outline

Time	Purpose/Method	Materials
	<p>Pre-workshop activity – gathering a picture of the current placemaking landscape</p> <p>Attendees will be asked to complete and submit a proforma with the details of any placemaking workstreams they involved in or aware of.</p>	
	<p>Welcome and Purpose of Session</p> <p>Objectives of workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solidify a joint understanding of the current work underway across the city • consider whether poverty and inequality are being addressed within these workstreams • identify opportunities for the LOIP Delivery Group to enhance existing actions or initiate new actions to address any gaps. 	
	<p>Discussion 1: Current landscape</p> <p>Group activity : consider all the current landscape (compiled from preworkshop activity).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any placemaking activities missing? • Are there any gaps? • Is poverty and inequality considered as part of these workstreams? 	
	<p>Discussion 2: LOIP test questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider whether there are any areas where the three LOIP test questions apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ can it only be achieved through partnership working ○ is it a thorny issue ○ does it demonstrate that it tackles poverty and inequality 	
	<p>Round up and session close</p>	