

THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Tuesday 12 December 2023 – 2.00pm Meeting held in person in the Diamond Jubilee Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh and via Microsoft Teams

MINUTE

Board members present

Cllr Cammy Day (in the chair)	City of Edinburgh Council
Bridie Ashrowan	Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council
Cllr Alex Staniforth	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Iain Whyte	City of Edinburgh Council
Rosalind Papworth	Skills Development Scotland
Steve Kerr	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Dona Milne	NHS Lothian
Jean Gray	Viewpoint Housing Association
Sean Scott	Police Scotland

In attendance

Chris Adams	City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	City of Edinburgh Council
Dr Deborah Smart	City of Edinburgh Council
David Porteous	City of Edinburgh Council
Daniel Greig	City of Edinburgh Council
William Tyler-Greig	Scottish Government
David Happs	Police Scotland

Andrew Kerr	City of Edinburgh Council
Kate Barlow	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Flora Ogilvie	NHS Lothian
Leah Black	EVOG
Adele Ferguson	City of Edinburgh Council
Daniel Baigrie	City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Paul Wilson	Volunteer Edinburgh
Cllr McNeese-Meechan	City of Edinburgh Council
Neil Whiteside	Police Scotland

1. Declaration of interests

None.

2. Minute

Decision

To agree the minute of the Edinburgh Partnership Board 5 September 2023 as a correct record.

3. End Poverty Edinburgh – Annual Report

Chris Adams presented the report to the board. The report provided an overview of the progress made and the refreshed framework for continued work with partners to end poverty in Edinburgh. The report set out partners contributions towards meeting Scottish Government Child Poverty targets.

Decision

- 1) To note the updates in the report.
- 2) To arrange a meeting in January with Derek McGowan (Housing) and all partners to discuss options for land use and housing across the public sector estate. The outcome of this meeting is to be reported back to the board in March 2024.

- 3) To note the issue of Grant Funding for the building of affordable housing was discussed. The Council Leader will raise this with Scottish Government.

4. Update – LOIP Priority 1 – ‘Enough Money to Live On’

Kate Barlow presented the report to the board within the context of the End Poverty Edinburgh Annual Report, heard earlier at this meeting.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress against the LOIP 1 actions, including the implementation of recommendations from the commissioned review of welfare rights and debt advice in Edinburgh. To note the additional resources that have been secured to deliver further poverty-reduction work in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree that this progress update to be presented back to CEC Poverty and Sustainability Committee. - The provisional proposal for how additional poverty-reduction work will be integrated with existing programmes of work, acknowledging that provisional changes in governance still need to be confirmed at the LOIP 1 Strategy Group. To hold a special meeting of the Board in February to consider access to childcare provision in the city with a focus on early years provision.
- 3) To note that the board will take a strategic look at Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) support for parents, to enable them to work and learn.
- 4) A session will be held in February, to look at provision and pressures on ELC in relation to the Council’s Poverty Prevention Board.
- 5) To consider Energy Poverty at a future meeting of the board and note the work of Home Energy Scotland.
- 6) To note that some of the ‘red’ marked actions in the report have not started yet. Some of these are owing to resources and some require broader cultural shifts across partners.

5. LOIP Priority 1 – Loan Shark Charter Mark

Kate Barlow presented the report to the board. As part of the Affordable Credit Action Plan, one of the priorities was to prevent problem debt and raise the profile of illegal money lending by supporting the work of the Scottish Illegal Money Lending Unit (SIMLU) and support people to feel safe reporting it.

Decision

- 1) To note the training on offer to public and third sector colleagues regarding illegal money lending.

- 2) a) To bring together an Edinburgh wide communications strategy to be launched in February 2024 regarding illegal money lending and to roll this out across places where partners engage with the public.
b) To roll out communications about Credit Unions as alternative methods of borrowing.
- 3) To note that Trading Standards in relation to civil offences and Police Scotland in relation to threats and extortion both have a roll to play in tackling illegal money lending.
- 4) To set a stretch target of increasing Credit Union membership across Edinburgh by up to 10% within one year. To establish some baseline data to measure this against and report back to the LOIP Priority 1 Group and the board early in 2024.

6. Edinburgh Partnership Survey

David Porteous presented the findings of the recent research undertaken and trend data compared with previous data gathered in 2018.

Decision

- 1) To note the key findings from the Edinburgh Partnership Survey and proposed next steps for ensuring survey findings used to inform future Community Planning activity.
- 2) To note that a report will be presented to the EPB within 12 months detailing recommendations for any future surveys based on requirements for developing an integrated performance framework and feedback from Community Planning groups.

7. Transformation and Improvement Programme

Bridie Ashrowan presented the report. The report noted that while there were pockets of brilliance across the city, the partnership was not at a stage where it was fully maximising the relationships between public sector agencies and the voluntary and community sector to address poverty, inequality and the climate and nature emergency.

Decision

- 1) To note that the working group has been re-convened and will meet on 29 January 2024.
- 2) To note that the Transformation and Improvement Programme is being undertaken in tandem with the partnership's broader work.

- 3) To note that as part of the programme a communications strategy about Community Planning arrangements in Edinburgh targeted at people in communities.

A further update will come to the board when matters have progressed.

8. Trauma Informed and Responsive Edinburgh

Decision

To defer this item to the 5 March 2024 meeting.

9. Community Justice Annual Activity Return 2022-23

Adele Ferguson presented the report. It detailed that Edinburgh's Community Safety and Justice Partnership (CSJP) is responsible for developing and implementing Edinburgh's Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP) on behalf of the Edinburgh Partnership (community planning). The completed Local Area Annual Return was circulated.

Decision

To approve the Edinburgh Community Justice Local Area Annual Return for 2022/23.

10. Regenerative Futures Fund – Presentation by EVOC

Leah Black, from EVOC presented to the board.

Decision

To note the presentation.

11. Future Meetings

Decision

- 1) To agree the proposed dates for next meetings as:

- Tuesday 5 March
- Tuesday 11 June

Venues to be confirmed.