

# Community Learning and Development



Elected Members Briefing

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

# Purpose of Elected Member Briefing

Provide an overview of CLD

Set out the legislative context

Consider the recent HMI Progress Visit

Provide and update on actions and next steps

Questions

# What is Community Learning and Development (CLD)

- CLD is a professional practice within education, with delivery stretching across all stages of lifelong learning.
- The purpose of CLD is to provide early intervention and prevention to those experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, inequality of opportunity within the education and skills system.



# National Outcomes for CLD



Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship



Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.

# The Legislative Context for CLD



Under the powers of the 1980 Education (Scotland) Act, the Council has a duty to fulfil the Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013, and to produce a three-year plan which sets out how the Council coordinates with partners to provide CLD



The Edinburgh CLD Partnership is responsible for the CLD Plan



The CLD Partnership is accountable to the Edinburgh Partnership in terms of developing, leading, delivering and reporting on the CLD Plan

# HM Inspectorate Progress Visits

- Over 2023/24 HMI have carried out three-day Progress Visits to all 32 local authorities
- These are not inspections and are designed to support local authorities
- Edinburgh's Progress Visit took place in early February 2024
- HMI found areas of strength and areas for development
- We have produced a one-year plan to address the areas for development

# The Current Situation



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# Current Situation – rationale and update



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The 2021-24 CLD Plan was heavily focussed on recovery from Covid which the partners agreed was a universal concern and was acknowledged by HMI

The City Youth Work Strategy was produced as an Action from the previous CLD Plan and is being used to help guide youth work

The publication of the new CLD Plan on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the new CLD Partnership and new leadership ensures we will meet our legislative duties



# Current Situation - update

The 2024-27 CLD Plan will be presented to the Edinburgh Partnership and Education Children and Families on 11<sup>th</sup> June

The Plan will be a live document and reported on annually

The updated guidance from Education Scotland, reminds us of the need to review and update plans when the findings from the Independent Review of CLD are published



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# Current Situation - update



Good work to engage learners and partners is underway and ongoing

The new plan is informed by good engagement with staff, colleagues and partners

EVOC and LAYC have led some of the engagement and partners have been proactive in distributing surveys

Learner evaluations, surveys and feedback also informs and will continue to inform the new plan

There has also been community engagement with Community Centre Management Committees

# Current Situation - update

The new CLD Plan is high level with clearer outcomes, actions and measures than the previous plan

It is in draft form ready to be signed off by the Edinburgh Partnership on 11 June

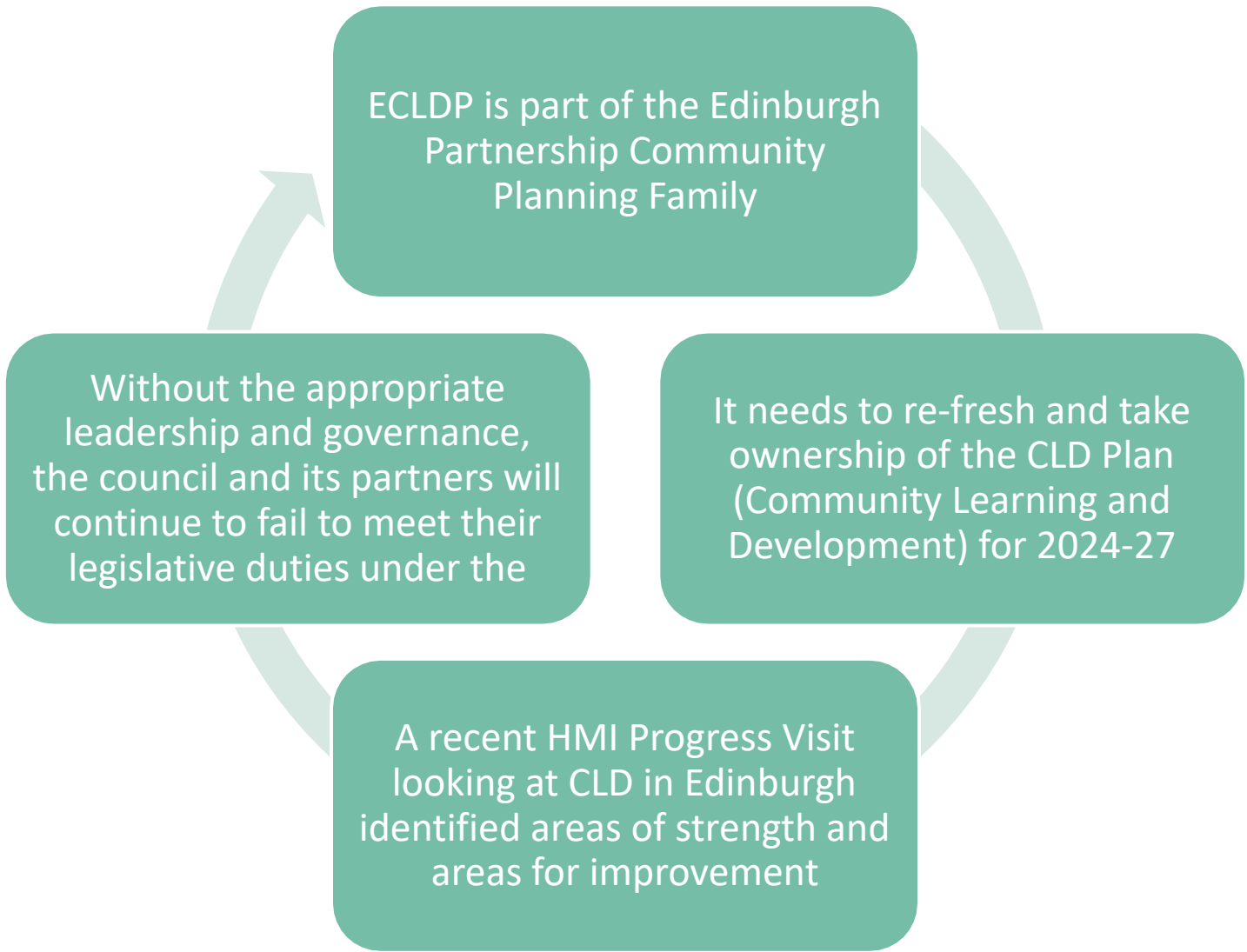
The new CLD Plan will be updated annually and the CLD Partnership is committed to increasing its visibility across partners and within the council



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# Headlines – for which there is a shared responsibility

- HMI will return in one year – around April 2025
- Inspectors need to see real progress in the areas for development
- This includes us ensuring a ‘disconnect’ between community learning and community development and empowerment is addressed and evidenced
- The CLD Partnership must provide leadership and governance for the delivery of the CLD Plan
- Reporting to the Edinburgh Partnership needs to be regular and robust



## What we are doing

Commit to the new CLP Partnership for the long-term benefit of children, families and communities in Edinburgh

Prioritise developing the new CLD Plan to meet our legislative duties and publish on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Engage our networks to gather and collate the data that informs the needs and priorities of the new CLD Plan

Take an active partnership role in the leadership and governance of the CLD Plan

# HMI Progress Visit – some of the high-level findings

## Strengths

- HMI agreed with our self-evaluation
- Staff are now aligned to new roles and are clearer on their individual areas of work
- Plan on a Page approach clearly describes key priorities
- The majority of CLD partnership members are now committed to the partnership

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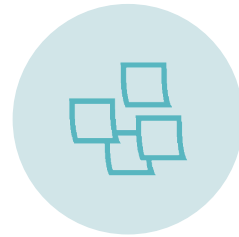
## Reflections and Update

- While this is what the HM Inspectors saw, it needs to be acknowledged that the 2 service areas have and continue to work closely
- The new CLD Partnership is committed and fully understands its roles and responsibilities with plans in place to provide leadership and governance
- There had been some engagement in 2023, there is ongoing engagement, with further community engagement and consultation planned throughout 2024/25

# Immediate priority steps and key dates



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# Questions

