



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

Community Planning Self-Evaluation

3 September 2024

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Improvement Service (IS) is introducing a national biennial self-assessment process for Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs). This recognises the essential role CPPs play in improving local outcomes. This report seeks agreement of the Board to participate in this programme of work.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to agree to participate in the biennial national self-assessment provided by the Improvement Service.

3. Main Report

Context

- 3.1 The Improvement Service (IS) provides support for local government improvement in Scotland. This includes support for CPPs through the provision of various work, including self-assessments, the Community Planning Network, and guidance for Board members.

Proposal for National CPP Self-Assessment

- 3.2 Building on its experience with national self-assessments in other areas, the IS is providing an opportunity for CPPs to participate in a biennial national self-assessment. The assessment will provide a national overview, identifying best practice and areas for improvement, together with confidential individual CPP reports to inform local approaches. Within this context, the work has the scope to augment and help shape the current work of the Edinburgh Partnership through the Transformation and Improvement Programme.

Benefits of a National Self-Assessment

- 3.3 The national self-assessment offers several benefits:
- National Benchmarking: CPPs will receive a national overview of successes and areas needing improvement, providing a benchmark for future progress.

- **Enhanced Support:** National organisations like the IS can use the assessment data to refine their support offerings.
- **Development of Case Studies:** The assessment will enable the creation of case studies showcasing good practice, which will be shared nationally.
- **Confidential Reporting:** Each CPP will receive an anonymous report, ensuring confidentiality and encouraging honest self-assessment.
- **Cost-Free Participation:** The IS will cover all costs associated with the self-assessment process.

National Self-Assessment Process

3.4 The IS proposes beginning the self-assessment process in late September/early October. The process will include:

- **Awareness Session:** An online session to introduce the process and address any questions.
- **Checklist Distribution:** CPP managers will distribute the Checklist to their Partnership members.
- **Analysis and Reporting:** The IS will compile a national overview and provide individual reports to each participating CPP.
- **Facilitated Sessions:** IS will offer to facilitate sessions with individual CPPs to develop improvement plans based on the findings.

CPP Checklist

3.5 The CPP Checklist includes 38 Likert scale statements across six key sections: Clear Leadership, Governance and Accountability, Community Engagement and Capacity Building, Effective Use of Joint Resources, Reporting of Performance Management and Outcomes, and How the Partnership is Making an Impact. Participants will be encouraged to highlight strengths and areas for improvement in each section.

Transformation and Improvement

3.6 The Board is asked to agree to participate in this national initiative based on its potential to add value and enhance the current Transformation and Improvement Programme.

3.7 In addition, and recognising the value of the approach, it is proposed to use a similar framework with the EP strategic partnerships, with this work being progressed by the Communities Team. This will support the development of a maturity model that will not only evaluate the current state of these partnerships but also provide actionable insights to inform the Transformation and Improvement Programme.



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