



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Annual Report

3 September 2024

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Edinburgh Partnership, as required by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, must produce a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) to guide collaborative efforts in improving outcomes for residents facing the greatest inequalities in the city. The Board approved the current LOIP in March 2022, and this report provides an annual update on the progress made.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is recommended to approve the publication of the LOIP annual report as detailed in Appendix 1.

3. Main Report

3.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires the Edinburgh Partnership to publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), with annual reports outlining progress towards the plan's goals, as mandated by Sections 8 and 12 of the Act. In March 2022, the Board revised the LOIP in response to significant shifts in the city's strategic context, particularly due to the Climate Emergency, the ongoing impacts of the pandemic, and heightened risks of poverty and inequality as highlighted by the Poverty Commission.

3.2 The LOIP seeks to address deep-rooted poverty and inequality in Edinburgh through a partnership approach focused on three key areas: ensuring residents have enough money to live on, providing access to work, learning, and training opportunities, and enhancing the overall quality of life in Edinburgh. This report reviews the actions undertaken over the past year and identifies the challenges currently faced.

3.3 Next steps

3.4 The Transformation and Improvement Programme will enhance collaboration within the Edinburgh Partnership by reducing bureaucracy, improving cross-sector communication, and strengthening ties with third-sector organisations. Simplified governance structures and clear roles will support a more effective community planning model focused on poverty prevention. Continued engagement with communities and stakeholders will ensure an inclusive approach, while an integrated performance framework will guide data-driven

decisions, targeting efforts effectively and measuring progress towards reducing poverty in Edinburgh.

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