

REPORT

Membership Proposal for the Strategic Planning Group

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

18 October 2022

Executive Summary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of this report is to provide further detail to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) around the proposal to invite the Chair of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) to nominate an EACC representative to join the Strategic Planning Group (SPG). 2. The SPG approved the proposal in August 2021 and referred it to the EIJB. 3. The EIJB has considered this proposal on four previous occasions: September, October, and December 2021 and again in April 2022. 4. The EIJB directed through the Rolling Action Log (RAL) that the matter be brought back to the October 2022 EIJB for final resolution.
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Recommendations	<p>It is recommended that the EIJB:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the proposal to invite an EACC representative to join the SPG as a member with immediate effect. 2. To amend the SPG Terms of Reference accordingly.
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Directions

Direction to City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian or both organisations	No direction required	✓
	Issue a direction to City of Edinburgh Council	
	Issue a direction to NHS Lothian	
	Issue a direction to City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian	

Report Circulation

1. SPG 18 August 2021.
2. EIJB on 14 September 2021, 26 October 2021, 7 December 2021 and 19 April 2022.

Main Report

3. The Chair and Vice Chair of the EIJB and Service Director Strategic Planning, have met with senior members of the EACC on four occasions over the past 24 months as part of the EIJB communications and engagement strategy. These outreach engagements have proved successful; providing situational awareness and an opportunity to highlight concerns. The most recent meeting was held on 13 September 2022. Further engagements are planned on a bi-annual basis.
4. The EACC are seen to play an important role in the development of communities across the city. To improve the relationship between the EIJB and EACC, a proposal emerged in 2021 to invite the current Chair of EACC, Mr Steve Kerr, to nominate an EACC representative to join the SPG. The addition of an EACC representative is seen as a progressive step to broaden our representation on the SPG in support of EIJB strategic aspirations.
5. In August 2021, the SPG accepted a proposal to invite the Chair of the EACC to nominate a representative to join the SPG and referred the proposal to the EIJB. The proposal was considered by the EIJB in September 2021, October 2021, December 2021 and then again in April 2022, when a decision was not reached. Questions in relation to the proposal were posed by EIJB members and are addressed below:

a. How many community councils does EACC represent?

Response. The EACC represents all of Edinburgh's constituted Community Councils which equates to 44.

b. What is the current governance around this?

Response. The EACC Chair has established a Steering Group of Community Councils to ensure geographic representation across the City and to facilitate engagement with City Council/Edinburgh Partnership colleagues. Of note, the EACC Chair is a member of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan Delivery Group which reports directly to the Edinburgh Community Partnership.

c. How does the EACC communicate to the 44 Community Councils?

Response. The EACC distributes information through its Office Bearers, maintains a website, and holds monthly meetings.

d. Are there plans to increase Community Councils?

Response. Yes. In addition to the 44 constituted Community Councils, Edinburgh at present has two further defined Community Council areas. Representatives from one of these areas, Wester Hailes, have asked for assistance in re-establishing their Community Council. EACC are negotiating with City of Edinburgh Council officers to conduct a boundary review before the next Community Council elections. This review would recognise the significant house building that is planned in the City which is likely to increase the number of Community Council areas in future.

6. As there is currently no vacancy on the SPG for an EACC member to join, an appointment report is required to be approved by the EIJB to update the Terms of Reference to allow the new member to join.

Implications for EIJB

Financial

7. None.

Legal / risk implications

8. The SPG Terms of Reference will require to be updated to reflect the addition of an EACC member.

Equality and integrated impact assessment

9. None.

Environment and sustainability impacts

10. None.

Quality of care

11. NA.

Consultation

12. There has been routine consultation between EIJB and EACC over the past 24 months with aspirations to deepen the relationship.

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