

Planning Committee

10.00am, Friday, 24 March 2023

Funding Third Sector Delivery Partners: Edinburgh World Heritage and Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Planning Committee:
- 1.1.1 Approves the sums of £46,000 for Edinburgh World Heritage (EWH) and £25,833 for Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) for financial year 2023/24; and
 - 1.1.2 Notes a change to the payment arrangement to ELGT from year 2023/24.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks approval for funding for financial year 2023/24 for Edinburgh World Heritage (EWH) and Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT). The activities proposed to be delivered under the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for 2023/24 are detailed in Appendices 1 and 2.

3. Background

- 3.1 The aims and objectives of EWH and ELGT are well aligned with the Council planning and place-making objectives to protect, enhance and engage people with Edinburgh's built and natural heritage.

4. Main report

- 4.1 EWH and ELGT are in unique positions to partner with the Council to fulfil the obligations of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Management Plan and the Council's commitment to improve the environment for communities.

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- 4.2 EWH works in partnership with the Council and Historic Environment Scotland (HES) to implement the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh (ONTE) World Heritage Site Management Plan 2017-2022 and preparation of the new 2023 Management Plan, fulfilling their collective obligations to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the World Heritage Site. The daily liaison and monitoring of delivery of the Management Plan is led by the ONTE WHS Site Co-ordinator based in the Planning Service.
- 4.3 EWH has continued to deliver the six SLA outcomes. For example:
- 4.3.1 The Conservation Funding Programme has prioritised tenements, shopfronts and the 'Twelve Closes' programme, including the completion of four tenement projects involving a total of 28 owners, and two feasibility study grants for shopfronts, focusing on conservation and energy efficiency. Ten

grants for public realm projects have also been awarded, including Greyfriars Kirkyard, Twelve Closes and Covenanters' Memorial. These projects involve conservation and interpretation work that contributes to enhancing the state of conservation of the WHS and to raising public awareness of what makes it special. This programme has promoted traditional skills employing stonemasons, slaters, lead-workers, plasterers and painters, including apprentices, helping to build capacity; and

- 4.3.2 The Energy Efficiency programme has seen the development of a Climate Emergency Grant Programme to study conservation and energy efficiency interventions in different building typologies in the WHS. A Climate Action Plan and methodology has been developed to understand climate risk to the fabric and the communities of the WHS, including participation in a flood risk study with the Council to inform public realm adaption and mitigation.

Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust

- 4.4 ELGT delivers projects that enhance the quality of life for Edinburgh's communities by improving their local environment and will continue to award grant funding to building conservation work.
- 4.5 This includes stonework repairs, roof repairs, shopfront restorations, limework, restoration of missing original architectural details, window reinstatements, and works to railings and steps. In addition, these grants are used for public spaces and works, including conserving, restoring or enhancing monuments and statues, creating greenspaces or new memorials, lighting schemes, repairing boundary walls and other features. They are also used to develop an understanding of the adaption and mitigation required to develop a pragmatic conservation response to the climate emergency.
- 4.6 ELGT works in partnership to deliver projects that enhance the quality of life for Edinburgh's communities by improving the local environment and engaging with local communities, helping to address health and social inequalities. It works with the Council, communities and agencies and partners to create sustainable, well-managed and accessible greenspaces that help improve citizens' health and wellbeing as well as enhancing nature.
- 4.7 Strategic projects have been developed including engaging with the Pentland Hills Regional Park for the development of access improvements and, as part of the NatureScot, Nature Restoration programme, developing strategic projects for the Pentland to Portobello route. Along with SEPA they produced a feasibility study for Burdiehouse Burn and helped to deliver on the Million Tree City Initiative through Tree Time, Wee Forests and tree planting at Silverknowes. ELGT continue to deliver the Thriving Greenspaces Initiative, as well as Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan and Edinburgh Living Landscape actions.
- 4.8 From financial year 2023/24, there will be a change to the payment arrangement to support ELGT. As much of the liaison and oversight of the work of ELGT is from the Parks and Greenspaces service, financial support will be administered by them, via a financial transfer from Planning and Building Standards' budget.

Other Funding

- 4.9 Three other organisations receive funds which is authorised under delegated authority:
- 4.9.1 The Cockburn Association (CA) receives £6,000 for administering and running the Edinburgh Civic Forum (ECF) and Doors Open Day. During 2022, six on-line ECF meetings were held, covering topics such as 20 Minute Neighbourhood, National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and Short-term Lets. In 2022, CA took a break from running Doors Open Day and instead ran a series of public engagement events including digital conferences, virtual site tours and on-line lectures. For 2023, they propose to run a programme of events under the heading of 'Open Edinburgh'. £5,000 will go towards supporting these events.
- 4.9.2 The Wildlife Information Centre receives £5,371 for supplying data, undertaking assessments, and providing reports on species, habitats and Local Biodiversity Sites. They also receive up to £10,000 towards managing habitat survey and assessment work for Local Biodiversity Sites. This information supports the work of local development plan production and the Edinburgh Local Biodiversity Action Plan.
- 4.9.3 The Edinburgh Access Panel receives £630 to support its work in improving the access needs for disabled people to buildings, transport, streetscape and services in Edinburgh. They do this both reactively, working directly with the Council and organisations on specific consultation, and proactively by highlighting opportunities they encounter to improve access equality.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If Committee approves the funding as recommended, contracts will be signed, and the delivery of the outputs will be overseen by the Council's World Heritage Site Co-ordinator and other Council officers. The Council is represented by Councillors and senior officers on the boards of both organisations and liaison and monitoring will be ongoing throughout the financial year. Annual reports will be required to be produced by both organisations.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The overall cost of supporting these organisations is around £93,500. The majority funds the two SLAs, which will cost £71,833 in 2023/24. It is expected that costs associated with EWH and ELGT will continue to be around £72,000 per year, subject to funds being available in Council budgets.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Consulting with the community is key to both organisations. Over the last few years, they have adapted to using a blend of online and face-to-face events.
- 7.2 Since March 2022, EWH has delivered seven events and 11 workshops reaching over 1,000 attendees, covering a range of subject matters such as a virtual trail of Scotland's UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Edinburgh Old and New Towns and the Forth Bridge, two of the city's historic graveyards (Greyfriars and St Cuthberts), and historic sex work in the city.
- 7.3 EWH was awarded funding in March 2021 from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) to deliver a Community and Outreach and Resilience Project, to strengthen fundraising and deliver two community heritage projects, involving black and minority ethnic groups and the deaf community in innovative activities to explore and articulate heritage from alternative perspectives. This funding also supported a city-wide programme of active consultation and engagement for the new WHS management plan, with 20 engagement events including on-line consultation.
- 7.4 Funding from NLHF to deliver a co-design heritage interpretation project, 'Making Lasting Impressions', has worked with a variety of community groups to explore themes, for example, around use of and visitors to the city's historic graveyards, supporting volunteers to develop conservation awareness and skills and co-creation of materials for use by youth and school groups, e.g., handling kits and laser scans of monuments to provide interactive digital and 3D-printed models
- 7.5 During 2022, ELGT ran over 248 community engagement and physical activity sessions including fitness sessions and nature walks to help people stay engaged and active. They delivered 131 woodland and conservation sessions and, through the Thrive Wellbeing Programme, delivered 12 sessions with the gypsy and traveller community.
- 7.6 Supporting these organisations will have a positive impact on the environment and people's understanding of, and engagement with, Edinburgh's built and natural heritage.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [ONTE WHS Management Plan 2017-22](#)
- 8.2 [ELGT Strategy 2019-24](#)
- 8.3 [2021-22-ELGT-Annual-Report](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 - Edinburgh World Heritage Trust - Service Level Agreement Outcomes.

9.2 Appendix 2 - Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust - Service Level Agreement Outcomes.

Goals and Objectives	Stakeholder	Service, activities and tactics	Assumptions	Roles and resources	Targets and outcomes	Community Benefits	2022/23 Achievements	2023/24 Planned Activities
1. Delivery of the WHS Management Plan	World Heritage Site Steering Group CEC HES UNESCO Residents Visitors	EWH will: - lead and support on the implementation of actions (see below) - prepare, attend and follow-up at WHS Steering Group and other relevant meetings	EWH will work with CEC and HES to locate funding for other actions. This may necessitate a joint mandate from CEC and HES to act on behalf of the partnership in creating funding opportunities and EWH welcomes the opportunity to discuss this further with all partners	The resourcing required to deliver this will include : • Director (0.05 FTE) • Head of Engagement & Development (0.05 FTE) • World Heritage Engagement Officer (1FTE)	• Implementation of actions (see below) • Implementation of actions from WHS Steering Group meetings	This objective helps to explain the special qualities and values of the WHS, advocates existing protective policies, influences day-to-day management issues, provides supporting information on managing the opportunities and threats facing the WHS for all of its communities and provides a framework for monitoring the condition of the built environment. Driving the effective and resource-efficient proactive action required to protect Edinburgh's historic environment brings economic, social and environmental benefits to communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EWH grants programmes have been promoted through social and traditional media, including two new programmes - Community Spaces Heritage Grants and Climate Emergency Grants Since March 2022, EWH has held seven events and eleven workshops with c1000 attending (actions 22, 27) EWH has attended quarterly Steering Group meetings with CEC and Historic Environment Scotland to monitor the progress in the management of the Site (action 37) EWH has attended a number of Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG) meetings and provided input into the delivery of the city-wide tourism strategy covering the period 2020 – 2030 (actions 31, 34) EWH continues to work proactively with CEC, HES and other stakeholders to develop the Management Plan 23+ 20 engagement events including online consultation have been held/are planned within the financial year in partnership with CEC, to inform development of the Management Plan Creation of a new Quarterly 'Director's Update' on projects, and celebrating CEC's contributions to the historic environment Representation and celebration of the Edinburgh Partnership internationally, including on the official Scientific Committee for an official UNESCO celebration for the 50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention (Florence) Regular engagement with Scottish Government advocating for investment in Edinburgh and sharing successful CEC/EWH joint projects, including site visit to the Canongate Housing Development Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the EWH grants programme through social and traditional media (actions 1, 2, 3, 9, 11) Deliver engagement events – likely to be eight to ten events in 2023-24, on a hybrid basis Attend Edinburgh Tourism Action Group meetings and influence the delivery of the city-wide tourism strategy for 2020-2030 Attend Steering Group meetings with CEC and Historic Environment Scotland to monitor the progress in the management of the Site Work in partnership with CEC and HES to finalise and implement the new World Heritage Site Management Plan for 2023+ Deliver an ongoing programme of active engagement with community representative groups, media professionals, policy-makers, elected officials and other stakeholders Deliver one interpretation project with an under-represented community
2. Advice on Outstanding Universal Value (ONTE WHS Management Plan actions 6, 7, 14, 16, 19, 21, 28)	CEC HES Residents	EWH will provide advice to CEC Members and Officers in relation to Outstanding Universal Value, principally in relation to: • Planning applications (as set out in the Protocol for the Consideration of OUV in the Planning Process) • Public realm and streetscape, including on traffic reduction projects and pedestrianisation • Policy development and change	EWH will work with CEC and HES, in accordance with the Protocol for the Consideration of OUV in the Planning Process. EWH requires CEC's continued active engagement and appropriate internal coordination.	The resourcing required to deliver this is: • Director (0.1 FTE) • Head of Conservation (Public Realm) (0.4 FTE) Substantive work outwith these areas will be charged separately.	• Number of planning applications • Number of public realm and streetscape consultations • Policy development and change	This champions the importance of the Outstanding Universal Value to ensure that development takes account of this and preserves and enhances the OUV for the benefit of present and future generations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EWH has provided advice on over 15 targeted planning applications EWH has provided advice through the Edinburgh Urban Design Panel EWH has provided detailed and ongoing pre-application advice on major development proposals, including the Old Royal High School, Jenners Department Store, numerous tall building proposals and Waverley Station development EWH has provided advice on and contributed support to key city strategies and initiatives, including the City Plan 2030, Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Review Group, Festivals management, Short-Term Lets, Transient Visitor Levy EWH has provided advice as part of multi-disciplinary groups including the Edinburgh Tourism Action Group, Edinburgh International Group, Net Zero groups EWH has provided regular meets with select Council Leadership to advise and Due to value added for CEC and WHS management, EWH's Head of Conservation (Public Realm) has continued on secondment to CEC two days per week, providing expert input into a wide range of public realm and streetscape initiatives Specific outcomes of the secondment include supporting CEC staff in public realm heritage management matters generally, and advising proactively supporting on over 30 CEC projects/work areas, including: communal bin hubs review, George Street public realm project, Active Travel, Graffiti Strategy, EV charging points, etc 	Continue to support CEC and CEC priorities as city partner in matters of historic city management, by continuing to: • Provide practical, expert advice on targeted pre-application and planning consultations • Attend and contribute to the Urban Design Panel • Advise on key city strategies • Provide practical advice to support city priorities via established interdisciplinary groups • Commit EWH staff and provide direct support through the secondment of our Head of Conservation (Public Realm) to CEC for two days per week to provide expert input in relation to public realm and streetscape initiatives
3. Grants and Support (WHS Management Plan actions 2, 3)	CEC HES Residents of ONTE WHS	EWH will deliver the Conservation Funding Programme. EWH's key priorities for the 2018/21 HES funding period are: • Tenements • Shopfronts • The Twelve Closes programme Criteria for applicants include areas of social deprivation. EWH also expects to be involved in a number of World Heritage Site projects	Since CEC capital funding for this ceased in 2015, HES has provided 100% of the capital costs, as well as most (90%) of the operational costs. EWH requires CEC's active engagement and appropriate internal coordination to support delivery.	The resourcing required to deliver this is (CEC funding will contribute 7% operational costs only): • Head of Conservation (Buildings) (0.2 FTE) • Conservation Programme Officer (0.1 FTE)	• Number of Tenements • Number of Shopfronts • Implementation of the Twelve Closes programme	There is benefit to the communities who own or occupy these buildings and there is wider benefit to the wider community in enjoying a quality built environment. All works are carried out using traditional building methods and materials in order to meet the best standards of conservation; there is a benefit to those working and training in traditional skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver the Conservation Funding Programme, prioritising tenements, shopfronts and the Twelve Closes programme including: - completion of four tenement projects involving a total of 28 owners - two feasibility study grants for shopfronts, focussing on conservation and energy efficiency - completion of five other conservation projects including St Mary's Cathedral and Deaf Action's headquarters at 49-51 Albany Street development of pipeline of projects including 2 major projects involved 112 residential properties (c 80 owners) 10 grants for public realm projects, such as Greyfriars Kirkyard, Edinburgh Art Festival commission of public sculpture, Twelve Closes, Covenanters' Memorial promotion of Neighbourhood Focus approach to increase impact of EWH grants/advice and better support community needs and CEC aspirations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver the Conservation Funding Programme, prioritising tenements, shopfronts and other projects of high social value Continue to deliver our proactive public realm projects, including statues, monuments, artwork, lighting, community-led initiatives, interpretation, kirkyards and the Twelve Closes programme Maximise the heritage, social and economic impact of the above programmes by focussing our work on areas of greatest need in/around the World Heritage Site through Neighbourhood Focus Review and update CFP methodology to ensure that it meets the needs of applicants and aligns with Neighbourhood Focus priorities
4. Maintenance (WHS Management Plan action 1)	CEC HES Residents of ONTE WHS	As part of the Conservation Funding Programme, EWH will: • Provide support to owners and communities on maintenance issues • Provide educational events and materials • Deliver training events	EWH will continue to work with partners including: • Edinburgh ADAPTS • Community groups	The resourcing required to deliver this is (CEC funding will contribute 7% operational costs only): • Head of Conservation (Buildings) (0.2 FTE) • Conservation Programme Officer (0.1 FTE)		There is benefit to the local residents of the WHS who engage with the expert advice and guidance produced to support building maintenance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance programme reviewed and partnership agreed with EHB and Developing Young Workforce to provide schools programme and community events from spring 2023 Social media campaign run in partnership with SPAB to promote Building Maintenance Week (6000+ reach) Social media campaign to promote maintenance and climate emergency grants (23000 reach) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support to owners and communities on maintenance issues, including educational / training events and materials

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5. Traditional Skills (WHS Management Plan action 22)	CEC HES Residents Visitors	EWH will promote and create opportunities to support traditional skills, supporting employability and the skills pipeline, as part of the Conservation Funding Programme and through events such as the Traditional Building Festival	EWH will work with partners including HES, CEC, the Traditional Building Forum and apprentices	The resourcing required to deliver this is covered by item 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of traditional skills activities Number of people engaged Number of apprentices working on projects 	There is a benefit to the local residents and visitors to the WHS who engage with practical workshops and demonstrations of traditional skills through the Traditional Buildings Festival. There is a benefit to the community of traditional tradespeople employed to develop their own skills and those of apprentices in their craft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 traditional tradespeople have been employed across Conservation Funding Programme funded projects, this included stonemasons, slaters and leadworkers 3 apprentices have worked on our grant-aided projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employ traditional tradespeople, including apprentices, across our Conservation Funding Programme funded tenement projects Collaborate with existing traditional craft skills delivery organisations from across UK to assess effective means to encourage contractors to upskill their workforce in best practice building conservation skills Support the Traditional Building Festival in August 2023
6. Energy efficiency (WHS Management Plan action 11)	CEC HES Residents	EWH will engage with communities and other stakeholders to deliver a Climate Action Plan that contributes to achieving CEC's 2030 Strategy, through building on the successful methodology developed for the Basil Spence Canongate Project in implementing integrated conservation work and climate action on historic buildings	EWH requires CEC's continued active engagement and appropriate internal coordination to support delivery.	The resourcing required to deliver this is (CEC funding will contribute 7% operational costs only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Climate Change (0.2 FTE) Energy Efficiency Retrofit Specialist (0.1 FTE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of successful project Engagement with owners and community 	The benefit here is to the immediate community that owns/occupies these buildings. The wider benefit will be felt across the city where lessons learned from these projects can be taken forward and adapted for other buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHS Climate Action Plan developed and implemented, and integrated within the developing WHS Management Plan Development of Climate Emergency Grant programme to study conservation and energy efficiency interventions specifically as they are applied to building typologies in the WHS Development of Historic Shops Conservation and Energy Efficiency Project leading to production of conservation statements for two shops Engagement with Scottish Veterans Residences to explore potential for large-scale climate emergency project, including advice on net-zero technologies Flood risk study piloted with CEC using modelling software to understand areas at risk within the WHS and to inform future public realm projects & management planning including rainwater management strategy, policies and adaptation works EWH contributed to final draft of report summarising the methodology and learning from application of the CVI to the WHS EWH presented CCRA project results and participated in meetings organised by Energy Efficiency Public Buildings Partnership and the Edinburgh Adaptation Partnership EWH responded to the consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment as part of CEC's 2030 Climate Strategy EWH collaborated with CEC and the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland on issues relating to climate change the transition to net zero, including a review of CEC updated Listed Buildings Guidance Draft of updated, comprehensive and accessible guidance on adaptation and mitigation measures sensitive to the WHS (planned publication date Mar 23) Engagement with residents, buildings owners and community groups to provide advice on energy efficiency and climate change adaptation issues, including site visits and over 20 helpdesk responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue using the CCRA, CVI and other work further implement the Climate Action Plan to support CEC 2030 targets Continue and refine our advocacy programme - focusing on local residents, professionals and decision makers - to mainstream principles and guidance for climate action and align EWH conservation-led approach based on best practice Continue representation on key city cross-organisational working groups, presentations and strategic engagement Develop an informed understanding of the optimal Climate Emergency approach for key Edinburgh historic building types and public realm within the WHS Produce and disseminate at least one case study on targeted climate change adaptation interventions Produce Edinburgh-specific guidance on interventions, providing a 'clear path to adaptation' for Edinburgh's most common historic building types Work with owners and partners to develop and implement integrated conservation work and climate action projects

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Develop policies, strategies and projects for park, greenspace, biodiversity and landscape improvements in the city and the wider region. Landowners.	In partnership with CEC and other stakeholders, including Scottish Wildlife Trust, Nature Scot, University of Edinburgh, NHS Lothian, Scottish Forestry, Scottish Enterprise and other	Contribute to and partner in wider initiatives which help Edinburgh deliver its policies and commitments, including Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan, Edinburgh Living Landscape, Central Scotland Green Network, Pentland Hills Regional Park and Sustainable Edinburgh 2020.	There is buy in from stakeholder organisations.	Chief Executive, Head of Operations	Strategic development of green infrastructure. Source matching funding for greenspace improvements. Development of biodiversity and landscape improvement projects. Development and delivery of Tree Time as part of the Million Tree Cities Initiative.	Bringing added value to Local Authority projects through match funding. Sponsorship and funding for tree planting through Tree Time. Using local SME consultants to develop landscape designs and management plans.	Helped to deliver the Thriving Greenspaces Initiative, the EBAP & ELL actions. Engaged with the PHRP for the development of access improvements. Feasibility study produced for Burdiehouse Burn with SEPA. Developed strategic projects with NatureScot for Pentland to Portobello through Nature Restoration. Helped to deliver on the Million Tree City Initiative through Tree Time, Wee Forests and at Silverknowes Tree Planting	Help deliver the Thriving Greenspaces Initiative, the EBAP & ELL actions. Engage with the Woodland Strategy. Engage with the PHRP for the development of a funding bid for path improvements and woodland creation. Project development for the Burdiehouse Burn with SEPA. Development of strategic projects with NatureScot. Help to deliver on the Million Tree City Initiative through, Tree Planting, Tree Time and Wee Forests
Create more biodiverse and healthy quality environments to mitigate against climate change through green infrastructure.	In partnership with CEC and other local stakeholders.	Deliver a programme of greenspace improvements across Edinburgh to aid the Locality Improvement Plans.	Better quality greenspaces encourage more people to use them.	Head of Operations	Deliver improvements to greenspace amenities. Develop and produce management plans and landscape designs. Delivery of biodiversity and landscape improvement projects. Develop and deliver WIAT projects.	Using local SME contractors to deliver greenspace projects. Using local suppliers for the seeds, plants and trees.	Greenspace improvements at Little France Park, including 550 tree saplings and 65 tree standards. Planted 82 trees at Leith Links arboretum. Planted 56 tree standards at West Pilton Park and Wardie Recreation Ground. Planted 46 trees as part of Tree Time. Created 4 new Wee Forests at Peacocktail Close, West Pilton Park, Colinton Mains Park and Hailes Quarry Park which involved planting 2,400 trees. Planted 298 m of hedging and created 6 hectares of wildflower meadow at Craigmillar Castle Park. Planted 104m of hedge at Campbell Park. Delivered a new play facility at Figgate Park. Delivered greenspace improvements at Huntershall Park as part of the Pentland to Portobello NatureScot Restoration Project. We have undertaken greenspace improvement designs for Gypsy Brae, Silverknowes Park, Silverknowes Golf Course, Redbraes Park, Victoria Park, Wardie Recreation Ground, West Pilton Park, East Pilton Park, Pentland View Park, and Braid Hills. Improved access to the Cammo wet meadow area with a board walk.	Greenspace improvements at Little France Park including additional arboretum trees in collaboration with the Edinburgh Botanics. Develop and deliver 2 new Wee Forests across the city. Plant 90 street trees as part of Tree Time. Develop new play facilities at Montgomery Park including green infrastructure improvements. Greenspace improvements along the Pentlands to Portobello route as part of the Nature Restoration project.
Increase access to greenspaces through off road active travel routes that bring benefits in terms of reduced carbon emissions and greater rates of physical activity..	CEC Active Travel Team, cycling groups, Local communities	Develop and deliver new and improved active travel off road routes.	If there are more routes then more people will use them.	Head of Operations	Increase the use of off road active travel routes through the creation and upgrading of active travel paths. Overcome some of the obstacles that people face which prevent them from choosing active ways of travelling within the city through improved navigation. information.	Using local SME consultants to develop designs for new active travel routes. Using local SME to design and print new maps. Using local SME providers to deliver the bike club sessions.	Upgraded 4km of the NCN route 75 along the Water of Leith. Developed and delivered active travel programmes in Moredund and Dumbiedykes. Promoted the new quiet route 61 at Bioquarter. Upgraded a 100m path in the Pentland Hills at Swanton.	Upgrade 8km active travel path along the NCN water of Leith. Develop and deliver active travel programmes of activity in deprived communities. Upgrade a 100m active travel path at Huntershall Park.
Champion the role that greenspaces and the natural environment play in delivering positive social, economic and environmental benefits through placemaking activities.	Local Community organisations, housing providers, and residents groups.	Deliver local initiatives including landscaping and gardening projects. Contribute to Local Development Plans.	There is access to vacant and derelict land to make improvements.	Project Team	Greater investment in neighbourhoods through community engagement. Prioritising places and neighbourhoods which offer significant benefits in terms of improving people's visual surroundings.	Deliver nature-based educational and outreach events in local parks and greenspaces. Using local specialist sessional workers to deliver outdoor activities.	Delivered 84 community activities in Dumbiedykes, South Edinburgh, Westburn Woods, and Craigmillar for over 972 people.	Deliver 90 community development activities in Dumbiedykes, South Edinburgh, West Pilton and Craigmillar for over 500 people
Promote community safety and increase community cohesion through better maintained local greenspaces and woodlands.	Local communities, schools and community groups.	Run community events and activities with a focus on SIMD areas which include litter picks and outdoor learning.	Engaged local families and young people.	Community Project Officers	Reduction in anti-social incidents in local greenspaces. Deliver outdoor learning activities to encourage greater awareness and understanding of the value that the natural environment brings for the development of young people.	Outdoor learning sessions with schools across the city with a focus in areas of deprivation that help deliver the curriculum. Upskilling programme for excluded young people in areas of deprivation to help gain skills and to go onto further training or employment.	Ran 13 sessions of outdoor learning with 340 primary school pupils. Ran two 12 week upskilling programmes for 24 young people. Ran 35 sessions of youth activities in Moredund, Dumbiedykes and Craigmillar with 184 attendances.	Run three 12 week upskilling programmes for 36 young people. Run a programme of 40 youth activities with 200 attendances by young people in Dumbiedykes and Craigmillar.
Foster healthy lifestyles where more people value their greenspaces through greater appreciation of nature and being outdoors.	Local communities including community councils.	Run engagement projects and events including nature walks, physical activity programmes and woodland activities.	Increasing the value attached to greenspaces results in them being better respected and looked after.	Community Project Officers	More people using greenspaces which improve their health and wellbeing. Deliver opportunities for visiting and experiencing the natural environment.	Delivering community engagement activities using local community venues for events.	Ran over 248 community engagement and physical activity sessions including fitness sessions and nature walks for over 993 attendances to help people stay engaged and active. Delivered 131 woodland and conservation sessions with over 744 attendances through the Thrive Wellbeing Programme. Delivered 12 sessions with the gypsy and traveller community.	Run over 250 community engagement and physical activity sessions including fitness sessions and nature walks with over 1500 attendances to help them stay engaged and active. Deliver 150 woodland and conservation sessions with over 750 attendances through the Thrive Wellbeing Programme.

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Encourage greater community ownership of local open spaces through community engagement. Improving and developing local greenspaces, parks, woodlands and other outside spaces.	Local communities and volunteers.	Provide a wide range of opportunities to encourage ongoing maintenance and improvement through environmental enhancements and volunteering.	There is community buy in.	Community Project Officers	Supporting and empowering local communities to connect with nature by becoming actively involved in local greenspace projects. Improving access and enhancing green corridors through conservation activities.	Facilitating volunteering activities for small community groups. Supply voluntary staff support for the development of funding applications for community groups.	Supported Friends of Parks groups at Little France Park and Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park to help improve local greenspaces through environmental enhancement. Worked with 229 volunteers to carry out conservation activities which included the planting of over 3000 bulbs to help improve the local environment.	Support Friends of parks groups to help improve local greenspaces through conservation and environmental enhancement sessions with over 500 volunteers. Plant over 7000 bulbs and plants to help improve the local environment.
Monitoring and evaluation methodology		Number of sessions and participant recorded on engagement spreadsheet Production of an activity timetable.	Questionnaires sent out after the programme has been completed.	Regular board meeting. Team meeting and compiling of reports by Project Team, Project Manager and Communications Manager	Production of annual project programme and impact report.	Provide data to develop and help produce local community reports.	Provided a positive impact to communities through surveys to achieve 95% of participants feeling more connected to their local community and valuing their local greenspaces.	Ongoing evaluation and promotion of activities through surveys to aim to get 95% of participants to feel more connected to their local community and value their local greenspaces.