

Notice of meeting and agenda

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

6.00pm, Wednesday, 27 February 2019

Leith Community Centre

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1. Order of business

- 1.1 Welcome and introduction by the Convener. Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 Board Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3. Business

- 3.1 Welcome and apologies
- 3.2 Minutes of 3 December 2018
- approval
- 3.3 Neighbourhood Environment Programme (Reports to follow)
- Housing.
 - Transport.
- 3.4 Leith Chooses Steering Group Verbal Update
- 3.5 Social Connectedness in Leith: Old's Cool- Citadel Youth Centre
- 3.6 Leith Small Area Plan Verbal Update
- 3.7 Edinburgh Partnership Review (Background paper circulated:- NE Locality EP Review Session Feedback Report)
- 3.8 Review of Locality Committees (Background paper circulated:- Next Steps- Neighbourhood Partnerships & Locality Committees by Strategy & Communications)

Lawrence Rockey
Head of Strategy and Insight

Committee Members

Councillors:

Susan Rae (Convener), Amy McNeese-Mechan (Vice Convener) Gordon Munro, Lewis Ritchie, Chas Booth, Adam McVey

Service Partners:

Keith Anderson (Port of Leith Housing Association), Willy Barr (Voluntary Organisations in Leith Together), Vacancy (Voluntary Organisations in Leith Together), William Pollard (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Andrew Johnston (Police Scotland), Ray Clark (Forth Ports Plc), Angela Lindsay (NHS Lothian)

Community Partners:

Jim Scanlon (Leith Links Community Council), Vacancy (Leith Links Community Council), Charlotte Encombe (Leith Central Community Council), Vacancy (Leith Central Community Council), Douglas Tharby (Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council), Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council (Vacancy)

Information about Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership is an Advisory Committee to the City of Edinburgh Council. It meets the requirement of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 to form a Community Planning Partnership. The Partnership makes sure that people and communities are genuinely engaged in decisions on services. Members are committed to working together in providing better services.

Further information

If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Caroline Lamond, Lifelong Learning Service Manager, North East Locality Team, East Neighbourhood Centre, 101 Niddrie Mains Road, EH16 4DS.

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Minutes

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

6.30pm, Thursday, 3 December 2018

Nelson Hall, McDonald Road Library

PRESENT

Partnership Members

Cllr Susan Rae
Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan
William Pollard
Angela Lindsay
Claire Ironside
Douglas Tharby
Alan Carson

City of Edinburgh Council (Convener)
City of Edinburgh Council
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
NHS Lothian
PoLHA
Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council
Police Scotland

Supporting Officers & Officials

Evelyn Kilmurry
Lauren Browne-Islam
Marianne McAra
Scott Neill
Michele Mulvaney

North East Locality Manager
Health & Social Care Partnership
Glasgow School of Art
Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Strategy Manager (Communities)

Apologies

Cllr Marion Donaldson
Cllr Chas Booth
Cllr Adam McVey
Cllr Gordon Munro
John Tibbitt
Charlotte Encombe
Deirdre Brock

City of Edinburgh Council
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Leith Links Community Council
Leith Central Community Centre
MP



1. Order of Business

- 1.1 The Convener welcomed everyone to the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 No financial or non-financial interests were declared by Partnership members.

3. Deputations

- 3.1 None.

4. Minute of Meeting held on 27 September 2018

- 4.1 The minutes of 27 September 2018 were approved, with minor amendments as a correct record.

5. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

5.1 New Convener and Vice Convener Appointments

The Convener confirmed that Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan has taken up the position of Vice Convener.

5.2 Edinburgh Partnership Review and Consultation of Governance and Community Planning Arrangements

Michele Mulvaney (MM) provided an overview of the Edinburgh Partnership Review and governance arrangements to date, noting that the circulated report and consultation findings were approved by the Edinburgh Partnership on 30 October 2018. The model going forward for further consideration and development will be as follows;

- **Strategic/ City level** – 4 partnerships, reducing the current 11 partnerships and advisory groups. New groups will report to the Edinburgh Partnership. Remit and membership for these groups still has to be decided.
- **Locality/ Neighbourhood Level** – Creation of 4 new Locality Community Planning Partnerships responsible for leading, delivering and progressing the Locality Improvement Plans. The remits have still to be finalised.
- **Neighbourhood Networks** – New Neighbourhood Networks will be based around the existing Neighbourhood Partnership boundaries subject to local consideration and agreement of the Edinburgh Partnership Board. The remits and membership of the Networks have still to be decided.

MM Noted that the model offers consistency across different levels, whilst allowing a degree of local flexibility in recognition of area needs. A further programme of engagement with stakeholders involved in the current arrangements is taking place between November 2018 and January 2019.

General discussion followed with concerns expressed that this potential model could serve to create more management layers, while potentially excluding community involvement in participatory decision making such as participatory

budgeting. Questions were also raised about the relatively low level of community involvement in the development of the new model.

MM noted that the aspiration for the new model was to strengthen community participation and engagement in community planning in its broadest sense. She advised that the consultation was robustly carried out in a two-phase process with key stakeholders responding and 80 responses recorded from groups/ individuals. The model developed aimed to simplify and show transparency in decision making to assist community representatives to remain part of the advisory process.

After further discussion the Convener requested a short paper outlining key areas of this proposed new structure, noting remits and membership of the various groups discussed, including the Edinburgh Partnership. This was agreed, with the time line set at between March/ April 2019 when the paper will be produced.

Decision

1. MM to return to the Partnership with a paper as described above.
2. The Partnership will reconsider further information provided and hold further discussion at the next meeting in February 2019.
3. Evelyn Kilmurry to update the overview paper she previously produced and recirculate.

5.3 Health Inequalities in Leith

5.31 **Old's Cool** – The Convener advised the Board that this item would be carried over to the next meeting in 2019.

5.3.2 Social Connectedness in North East Edinburgh: Person & Place

Marianne McAra provided an overview of the work on Social Connectedness undertaken using a workshop format based around the Monopoly board game. The work is part of a series of actions being undertaken by partners in the North-East Locality to tackle social isolation and loneliness as part of the Locality Improvement Plan work. The workshop replaced the traditional game content with real community data from participants, focusing on social capital. The questions to be answered were: *How do we engage constituents within North East Edinburgh and how do we engage people in co-design around the topic of Social Isolation?*

The Headlines for Leith were;

- Strong sense of identity
- A range of championed businesses, services, and organisations
- A broad range of population groups making up the residential profile in the area

The participants included;

- Citadel Youth Centre
- Milan Senior Welfare Organisation,
- NE Edinburgh Older Men's Health and Wellbeing Group
- The Leith Time Bank

Challenges raised included;

- Area gentrification
- Participatory budgeting
- Cuts to services

Angela Lindsay noted that the work was undertaken with a small group however, it could be scaled up to meet community needs complimenting engagement activities.

5.3.3 Overprovision of Alcohol in Leith – Lauren Browne-Islam provided the Board with an update on the recent decision by the Council's Licensing Board to declare four areas of over provision of alcohol in Edinburgh which did not include Leith. Discussion followed considering the reasons why this decision was reached within the context of the information recently presented to the Partnership by David Williams from the Edinburgh Drug and Alcohol Partnership. LBI noted that the next steps would be the Scottish Government providing more guidance to assist Local Authority Licensing Boards. The Convener proposed the Partnership write to the Licencing Board for an explanation of this decision. Agreed by the Board

Decision – Convener to write on behalf of the Partnership, to the Licencing Board Convener, requesting an explanation on the decision reached not to include Leith as an area of overprovision and to reconsider the decision.

5.4 Leith Chooses

Sally Millar reported to the Board that this was the ninth year of the PB project and that Leith are considered pioneers in the field. One fundamental thing the PB Steering Group had upheld was to thoroughly evaluate success each year and make the necessary changes to keep the project fresh and interesting. Project position at present;

- One grant application form, maximum award £5K
- Two broad themes;
 - Food & drink
 - Supporting vulnerable people in the community
- Currently inviting applications with a closing date set at 21 January 2019
- Applicants will be offered support session.
- Addressing noted concerns on previous awards to BME community, by giving qualifying applications a voting boost on voting day to increase potential award success.
- There will be no online voting this year.
- Actual voting day will be 23 February 2019 to allow sufficient time to scrutinise all application to ensure they meet the funding criteria

6. Dates of next meetings

6.1 Next meeting now confirmed 27 February 2019, Leith Community Centre

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

A summary and introduction to the:

- **Neighbourhood Partnership**
- **Edinburgh Partnership Review**
- **Locality Committee**
- **Locality Improvement Plan**

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) are Advisory Committees of the Council and provide the vehicle for co-ordinating local community planning activity. Members of the NP for Leith include Councillors, Police, NHS, Fire and Rescue Service, the voluntary sector and community representatives from the three local Community Councils (Leith Links, Leith Central and Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Councils). Port of Leith Housing Association and Forth Ports are also members of the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership.

Edinburgh Partnership- Review of Governance and Partnership Working Arrangements

The Edinburgh Partnership (EP), the community planning partnership for Edinburgh, agreed to carry out a review of the community planning governance arrangements in the city; as part of this it considered community planning at both a citywide and local level. The new arrangements agreed by the Edinburgh Partnership in October and at Council in November are designed to provide greater accountability and strengthen the way public, voluntary and business sector bodies work in partnership with the community.

From April 2019 the partnership will be made up of the following:

- Board
- Local Outcome Improvement Plan Delivery Group
- Children's Partnership
- Community Safety Partnership
- Community Learning and Development Partnership
- Four Locality Community Planning Partnerships (one for the North East Locality along with the other 3 Localities)
- Neighbourhood Networks.

To support the move to this new model of working the Edinburgh Partnership Board will also strengthen its approach to communication and community participation.

In agreeing these new arrangements, the Edinburgh Partnership Board identified that further work is required. This will include getting more views from the stakeholders involved in the current arrangements, including Neighbourhood Partnerships, on what the membership and remits of the partnerships and networks could be. Work will also be

carried out to identify the resources needed to make the arrangements work. This will be carried out from November 2018 to February 2019.

The final governance framework and resources needed will be presented for the agreement of the Edinburgh Partnership Board by March 2019, allowing for the new arrangements to be in place from April 2019.

Neighbourhood Partnerships will continue in their current form as community planning bodies whilst the membership, boundaries and remit of the new neighbourhood networks is considered. This work will aim to build on the successes of the Neighbourhood Partnerships while considering areas for improvement taking on board feedback from the review and consultation. The future of Neighbourhood Partnerships in their role as advisory committees of the Council, will be considered separately as part of the Council's governance review in February 2019.

Locality Committees

The Council agreed at its meeting on 26 October 2017 to establish 4 Locality Committees. These are Committees of the Council and the membership is made up of the 15 local Councillors across the 4 wards in North East:

- Leith
- Leith Walk
- Craightinny & Duddingston
- Portobello & Craigmillar

The remit for Locality Committees was agreed at Council on 23 November 2017. Locality Committees are not a replacement for NPs. They do not have partner or community members on the Committee. The Locality Committee remit includes; monitor and scrutinise delivery of local services; scrutinise and oversee the delivery of Council services in the Locality Improvement Plan; facilitate and encourage public engagement, consultation, participation and feedback.

Included within the Locality Committee's remit is "To decide whether Neighbourhood Partnerships or their equivalent should continue within their locality as advisory groups on local issues and spending priorities". The NE Locality Committee agreed that it would continue to consider the views of the NPs in local matters being considered by the Committee. For clarity, the Locality Committee cannot decide if NPs in the NE of the city should continue to exist as Advisory Committees of the Council; this decision must be taken at Council.

Cllr Maureen Child was appointed as Convener of the Committee and Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan as Vice Convener. The North-East Locality Committee has met throughout 2018, with the next meeting to be held on the 31 January 2019. The meetings are all webcast and both the papers and webcast of the meetings can be found at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol search under North East Locality Committee.

Locality Improvement Plans

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a requirement on Community Planning Partnerships to produce Locality Improvement Plans to improve outcomes for local communities, and specifically those individuals and communities experiencing the greatest inequality.

The North-East Locality Improvement Plan was approved by the Edinburgh Partnership and agreed at Council Committee. The Plan is a partnership plan to tackle poverty and inequality and includes a focus on early intervention and preventative partnership approaches to tackling challenges. Throughout 2017 over 2,000 people and groups were engaged across the locality to determine the priorities in the Plan. The priorities are set out around 5 themes:

- Place
- Children, Families and Young People
- Economy and Employability
- Health and Wellbeing
- Community Safety

It also sets out plans for 3 smaller geographical areas within North East:

- Lochend, Loganlea, Craigtinny
- Areas within Leith
- Greater Craigmillar- Bingham, Magdalene, Niddrie and The Christians,

Council officers, partners, voluntary sector organisations and communities have developed detailed Action Plans and continue to work together to deliver against the commitments in the Plan. The full plan and summary can be viewed at:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localityimprovementplans

Updated: December 2018

Environment Budget
Briefing Note 27/02/2019

The Neighbourhood Partnership is provided with an annual Capital Budget of £50,000. At the start of financial year 2018/19 the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership budget sat at a total of £292,929. This money was an accumulation of several years underspend. However, The Neighbourhood Partnership agreed the projects shown in the table below in financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19. The total cost of these projects was estimated to be £296,916. This was resulting in an estimated overspend of £3,987.

Description	Location	Cost estimate	Actual Cost	Status
Upgraded Play Park	Leith Links	£200,000		In Progress
Resurfacing works in Play area	Dalmeny Street	£10,000	16385.82	Complete
Upgrade playground	Henderson Street	£60,000		In Progress
Bridge Environmental Project - Cycle link over bridge	Lindsay Road	£10,000		In Progress
Redbraes park	play equipment	£11,000	£10,530	Complete

Since the above projects have been agreed, through further investigations by Officers, the bridge linking North Fort Street and Lindsay Road is to be removed due to concerns about the structure. It is anticipated that this will happen this financial year. As such that project can no longer be taken forward. Once plans have been further developed for removal of the bridge there will be consultation with Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council.

We have been successful in securing WREN funding to the value of £99,954.93 to support the delivery of the Leith Links play park. A Contractor, MW Groundworks, has been awarded the contract to deliver this work. The full estimated cost of delivering this project, including third party payments, archaeological costs, Quantity Surveyors costs etc is £299,534.40, against a total budget of £299,954.93. However, it is anticipated that there may be some savings that can be made through the archaeology costs.

Officers are now working with the Contractor to establish a construction programme. It is anticipated that there will be an 8-week lead in time for the procurement of the play equipment and that the project will be complete for the summer.

Plans are currently being developed to allow the Consultation for Henderson Street play park to commence. It is anticipated that this will begin within the next 4 weeks.

If all projects are delivered for their estimated costs, and with the removal of the cycle link project, the remaining Neighbourhood Partnership budget is £6,987.

Darren Ryan

North East Transport & Environment Manager

Edinburgh Partnership Review and Consultation of Governance and Community Planning Arrangements Update February 2019.

Summary of North East group session

An engagement session was held on Tuesday 15 January to allow community stakeholders an opportunity for further discussion on the proposals around Locality Community Planning Partnerships and Neighbourhood Networks. Members of both Neighbourhood Partnerships and Locality Leadership Teams were invited.

This report gives a summary of topics discussed as well as the more detailed write ups of the separate table discussions.

Section A: Citywide overview

Locality Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs)

This discussion was focused on three questions: draft remit, links to other groups and membership.

Remit

People agreed that the core remit of this group should be development and delivery of the Locality Improvement Plans (LIPs) but other suggestions were:

- listen to community and identify emerging issues and then act on them
- gather intelligence and use it so decision making is evidence based
- participate in developing the community participation strategy
- communicate effectively was seen as a key responsibility for the LCPP, particularly to community groups.

Links to other groups

While it was agreed that good links are needed between the LCPP and the Edinburgh Partnership Board, the links with community groups were discussed most. These links should:

- be inclusive and connect the wider community into the work of the LCPP and so increase their participation and influence
- be flexible so that different community groups can be involved at different times depending on areas of interest

Membership

While specific groups were identified as possible members, the main issue discussed was that groups should have an agreed number of places on the LCPP but that groups should be allowed to identify amongst themselves who would be their representatives. This would give a balance between community groups being represented but ensure the LCPP membership was not too large to be workable.

Neighbourhood Networks (NNs)

This discussion was focused around three aspects of the Neighbourhood Networks: draft responsibilities, membership, and links to other groups.

Responsibilities

People agreed that this group should be responsible for meaningful community participation, but other ideas were:

- responsible for engaging with the wider community particularly focusing on areas of the community that were not currently engaging
- involved in making decisions about small budgets for community projects

Who should be involved

While specific groups were identified as possible members, the main issue discussed was that the membership needed to represent the whole community.

Links to other groups

The use of different methods of linking different community groups was raised as was the need for clarity about how NN would be represented on the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

Other topics

Two other topics raised were that there should be joint resourcing between partners, particularly to support community involvement, and the need for good communication by all groups in the new governance structure.

Section B: Table discussion summarises

Discussion Group Notes 1

Topics for discussion

- Locality Community Planning Partnership
 - 1. Beyond the LIP is there any other partnership activity that the LCPP could be responsible for?**
 - Members felt that the LCPP should be focused on evidence collection and have the analytical capability to use information gathered effectively to deliver planned changes and improvements to people's lives.
 - That information is presented correctly to assist decision making, based on need and impact.
 - The relationship this group forms with both the Edinburgh Partnership Board and the Community Network.
 - The LIP has to be the main focus, if other pieces of work from other partnerships compliment LIP outcomes they should be incorporated as and when required. This will involve an annual discussion between all areas of governance structure
 - 2. How do we ensure effective links between the LCPPs and the city-wide community planning partnerships?**
 - Development of Group is critical to draw in people (community and voluntary orgs input), particularly around communication and time lines for short pieces of work. This provision would allow community representatives and partners (voluntary & third sector) to dip in and out of workstreams and actions. This approach could deliver.
 - Improved community intelligence
 - Focused on outcomes
 - Create a 'can do' dynamic to deliver improved design and delivery of services influenced by the community.
 - Community empowerment has to be expressed to the wider community as not just a myth but a reality of harnessing power and influence to change culture and improve lives. Not just about consultation – it's about action & empowerment.
 - Clear performance goals, that are meaningful and can demonstrate partnership improvements and changes affecting local people.
 - 3. Who should be involved in the LCPP? –**
 - There are 7 community council's (CC's) in NE Locality, all should be encouraged to participate, however there should be only 2-3 seats on this group for CC reps, agreed by the 7 CC's which reps who would be attending. This also encourages cross CC working. If the seats available were rotating the business of the meeting or session would possibly dictate which CC's should be in attendance. If the EACC were working better then this could be the nomination place to assist in identifying the 2-3 reps for the LCPP?
 - Community activism not always apparent at time, this could open avenue to consider not only statutory and recognised groups, but also consideration at times groups of interest? If not for the LCPP group, perhaps the wider Neighbourhood Network Groups, to retain the interest and local community intelligence.

- One councillor for each ward should be present, again it would be decided by the councillors in each ward who would attend. This would offer four places to the elected members in total.
 - Voluntary sector not all represented by EVOC, however there are recognised voluntary forums in each of the three partnership areas. This could be considered offering three places.
- **Neighbourhood Networks**
 1. **Beyond having a responsibility for meaningful community engagement is there anything else the network could be responsible for?**
 - Responsible for communication to the wider community network particularly areas of the community not engaging.
 - Encourage wider community involvement and where possible representation based on defined need. This could involve key services areas highlighting a number of issues in a local community and asking the residents to prioritise response. This approach allows more flexible agile response to identified need.
 - (I.e. Police Scotland (PS) a number of years ago working with community councils to tackle local service priorities asking local people to identify the main issue PS resources would address at that time. The term used was resource in kind).
 - All work tackled by these groups should be short life working groups. This format would allow local people for a short period to participate in action steps as they are needed. The NN broad remit should be based around flexibility to chop and change reps at community level dependant on issues being addressed, freedom to challenge partners (within reason) if evidence is not showing desired change, focus purely on interest of communities they represent.
 - Encourage other methods of engagement (i.e. C&D NP Pop-up Funding events)
 - Ensuring there is a partnership approach to all activities.
 - Yearly schedule of meetings provided in advance linking in the LCCP etc.
 - Real activity/ decision-making e.g. NEPs – attractive for involvement as having a direct impact.
 2. **Who should be involved to ensure the different community voices are heard?**
 - Wider membership to perhaps include friend's groups, RTO's, School Parent Council's, Community growing groups, BME representation as well as groups of interest.
 - Concern would be potential size of group, but that could be countered by having a small strategic group with a number of short working groups focusing on key community needs in different areas of locality and linking directly to the LIP work/ actions required to be taken forward,
 - Requirement for good lines of communication to wider community, reporting of plans and successes, on a regular basis to retain involvement and increase participation.
 3. **How should the networks link to the LCPPs?**
 - Bi yearly meetings between groups with an annual review would create the links with all groups in the new governance model. The key has to be a partnership approach all aware of each other role and needs.

- Building on connectivity as key partners and third sector are on more than one governance group. Being clear about short, medium and long term actions and having the supporting research to justify direction of travel to ensure positive outcomes.
- Recognition of locality variations and different approaches to address community need.
- Learning from one another and highlighting best practice.

Discussion Group Notes 2

Locality Community Planning Partnerships (LCPP)

Beyond the LIP, is there any other partnership activity the LCPP could be responsible for?

- About unique things being done differently
- About the relationship with and between partners
- Need to be clear don't confuse an organisational issue with a partnership one
- Role in co-designing locality community participation strategy
- Responsibility for ensuring communications, promoting an understanding of what it is about, what can be expected from community planning
- Listening and acting on community issues
- Needs to be action focused and able to measure success to demonstrate difference it is making. This needs to be about numbers not just percentages.
- Needs to ensure community engagement is continuous process.
- Build in evidence, sharing of best practice, and continuous learning.
- Role in upskilling and building capacity.

How do we ensure effective links between the LCPPs and the city community planning partnerships?

- Need more openness and accountability to community – this applies across the whole governance structure

Who should be involved in the LCPP?

- Use Locality Leadership Teams as basis, reflecting city level membership

Neighbourhood Networks

Beyond having a responsibility for meaningful community engagement, is there anything else the network could be responsible for?

- Need to be clear about roles and accountability through a code/set of principles of participation and a way of dealing with conflict.
- Set of values and principles needs to be part of the NN development in addition to how it will operate.

Who should be involved to ensure the different community voices are heard?

- Tenants groups.
- Need to involve as many different community groups as possible.
- Need to involve young people, making it a place where they are comfortable and want to be part of.

- Needs to be representative of community in area, including community councils but not just them.
- Needs to be representative of area.
- Parent councils, community councils, youth groups and school representatives.
- Concern about ensuring don't create an imbalance of groups in terms of the area e.g. where an area does not have active community groups how do you ensure the views of residents in those areas are heard? Need to ensure there is a way to hear wider views.
- Community bodies are volunteers and this needs to be recognised. Create a reward scheme to encourage participation from organisations/community bodies to incentivise participation.

Other Issues/Comments

- Need a genuine joint approach to resourcing particularly to support community involvement and capacity building
- All partners need to take responsibility for promoting an understanding of what community planning is.
- Need good communication.
- Need to be clear who representatives are and how to contact them on the EP Board
- Community representation on EP could be a representative from EACC with other community council representation through an elected by community councils

Next Steps – Neighbourhood Partnerships and Locality Committees

Strategy and Communications

Neighbourhood Partnerships

- 1.1 The Council on 7 February 2019 agreed to dissolve Neighbourhood Partnerships on 1 April 2019.
- 1.2 This was a formal process as the Edinburgh Partnership had already agreed to take forward Neighbourhood Networks as the successor to Neighbourhood Partnerships.
- 1.3 The Edinburgh Partnership undertook a further programme of engagement with stakeholders on the make-up of Neighbourhood Networks and the result of this is expected to be presented to the Partnership Board in March 2019 to enable the Networks to be established from April 2019.
- 1.4 The Council noted the success that Neighbourhood Partnerships have had in promoting community influence in Council decision making and highlighted the community grants fund (CGF) and the Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) as examples.
- 1.5 The Council agreed that a report should be presented to Corporate, Policy and Strategy Committee in May 2019 which explored what Council powers could be delegated to enable the Neighbourhood Networks to influence decision making in the same way as Neighbourhood Partnerships. This will include the question of where the decision on the Community Grants Fund and Neighbourhood Environment Programme is taken.
- 1.6 Delegated approval remains with officers for the CGF and NEP and any urgent applications can be taken forward if necessary in the period between 1 April and the Council's agreed new arrangements in May.

Locality Committees

- 2.1. The Council on 7 February 2019 agreed to dissolve Locality Committees on 1 April 2019.
- 2.2. A paper will be considered at the last meeting of each locality committee that will look at how any existing business will be taken forward.
- 2.3. A report will be considered by the Council on 2 May that will look at the wider Council committee management system, this will also consider where police and fire scrutiny will take place.

- 2.4. Scrutiny of the Locality Improvement Plan will now take place by the Edinburgh Partnership at the newly established Locality Community Planning Partnerships. The Council in May will determine the Council's contribution to this oversight.

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