

# **Terms of Reference for the Community Learning and Development Partnership (CLDP)**

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 The Community Learning and Development Partnership (CLDP) is a strategic group responsible for co-ordinating a multi-agency response to promote Community Learning and Development (CLD) which supports primarily disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and individuals to engage in learning, personal development and active citizenship, bringing about changes in their lives and communities.

1.2 Effective CLD depends on a complex, multi-agency and multi-sector approach to the delivery of a wide range of both universal and specialist services.

1.3 The governance arrangements of the CLDP comprise a CLDP Board and CLDP Delivery Group.

## **2. CLD's specific focus is:**

2.1 Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship

2.2 Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.

## **3. Plan**

3.1 The City of Edinburgh Council has a statutory obligation to produce a three-year plan, outlining priorities for, and how it will secure 'adequate and efficient' provision of, CLD across Edinburgh.

3.2 The Council has worked with partner organisations to create a refreshed CLD Partnership. This CLDP has produced a three-year plan, reflecting city priorities and a shared ambition to make a positive difference for local people.

## **4. Priorities**

4.1 The focus of the partnership is to deliver priorities in the CLD Plan 2018-2021:

- Planning for Improvement – this will include creating a culture of self-evaluation and improvement, and improved use of data.

- Improving life chances for people of all ages – this will include workforce development for CLD staff.
- Building stronger, more resilient communities – this will include improved engagement with people and communities
- Monitoring and reporting – this will include a better understanding of the impact of CLD

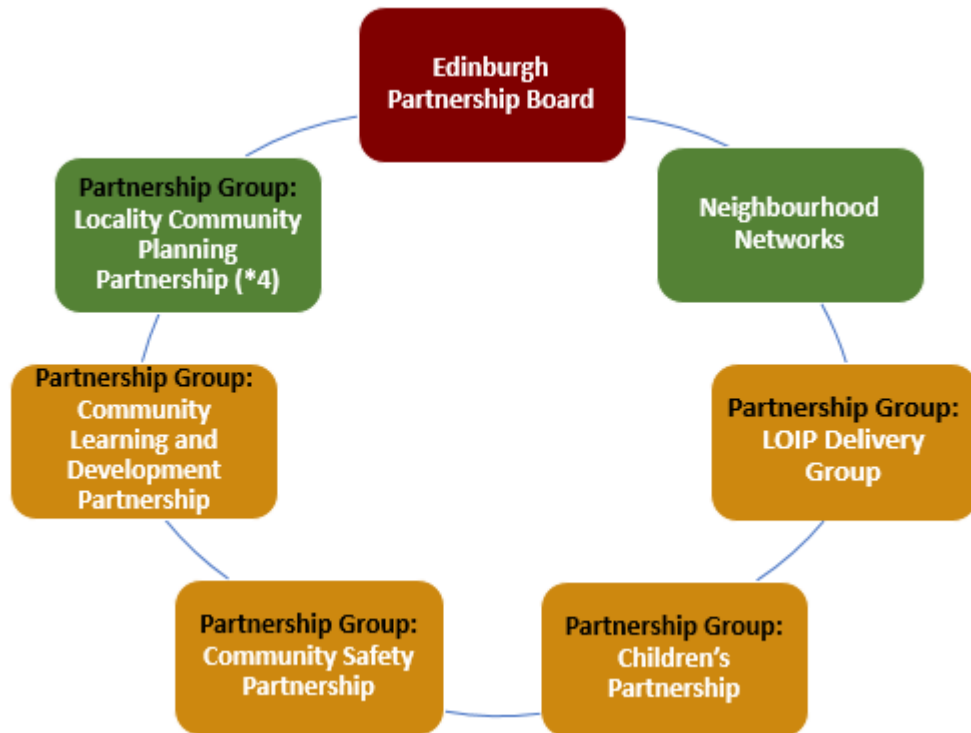
## **5. Remit of the CLDP Board**

In relation to developing and improving CLD, the purpose of the Board is to:

- Develop, implement and deliver the CLD Plan for the Edinburgh Partnership
- Put in place delivery group arrangements to support the delivery of the role and remit as appropriate, recognising and utilising existing partnership working arrangements to maximise opportunities whilst minimising the additional resource requirements placed on partners.
- Identify, agree and contribute the resources needed to achieve shared outcomes
- Hold each other to account for the delivery of outcomes through constructive challenge and effective performance reporting
- Analyse service gaps, duplication and overlap to ensure priorities are addressed as efficiently as possible
- Ensure that strategic priorities are aligned with other strategic plans.
- Agree priorities for service development and seek, where appropriate, funding opportunities to progress priorities
- Ensure the participation of communities in relation to planning and delivering community learning and development
- Ensure the effective management of performance and risk in relation to the delivery of the CLD Plan and report progress to the Edinburgh Partnership.
- Identify and share examples of best practice

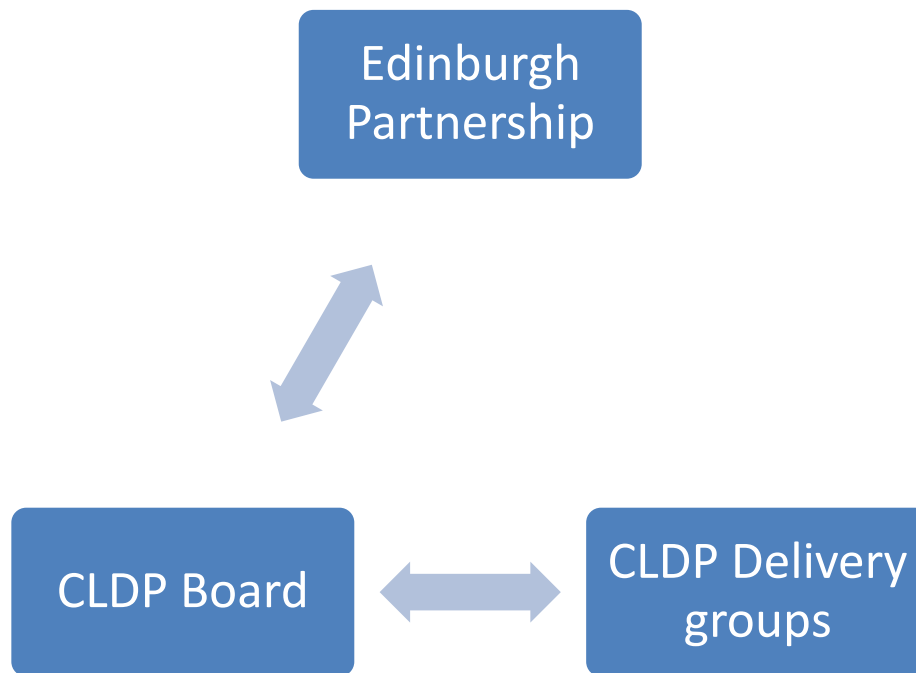
## 6. Governance and performance reporting arrangements

The diagram below sets out the governance arrangements for community planning in Edinburgh



The CLD Partnership is accountable to the Edinburgh Partnership in respect of leading, delivering and progress on the CLD Plan. It reports to the Edinburgh Partnership on the strategic priorities, reporting annually on Plan progress.

It will report annually on progress to the Council Education, Children and Families Committee and to other partner organisations as appropriate.



## 7. Delivery groups

7.1 The Partnership will establish delivery groups to support its work programme. The focus of these groups may change over time, in response to changing policy or service imperatives. Each delivery group will have an identified lead organisation.

7.2 The remit of the delivery groups:

- Develop and implement specific pieces of work to support the outcomes in the CLD Plan
- Involve stakeholders, partners, statutory and third sector organisations and individuals as appropriate in the work of the group
- Implement strategic direction and advice from the Board to address priorities/actions
- Report to the Board any barriers which could hinder completion of the work
- Report to the Board on progress and completion of the work
- Create, shape and actively contribute to the content of the CLD plan
- Organise learning and development opportunities to improve professional practice across partners

The delivery groups will report directly to the Board, which will guide their work.

## **8. CLDP Meetings and chairing arrangements**

8.1 The Partnership will meet quarterly.

8.2 Members will require to be nominated by their constituent organisation based on their authority and ability to fulfil the remit and to:

- represent the strategic views of their organisation;
- support the vision and aims of the CLDP; and
- contribute to the delivery of the outcomes of the CLDP as defined in its strategic plan

8.3 Changes to existing positions, and requests for new members, should be notified in writing to the Chair and will be considered at a Partnership meeting.

8.4 Each member is an equal partner. The values of shared priorities, collaborative action, collective responsibility and shared accountability apply to each member and all CLDP business.

8.5 CLDP will work towards achieving a consensus in making decisions. If this cannot be reached a vote of members in attendance will be taken. In an equal number of votes the Chair will have the casting vote. In the event of the Chair not using their casting vote, the decision will be reached by lot.

8.6 From time to time, individuals from other organisations and individuals may be invited to attend to address specific matters under discussion. They shall have no voting rights.

## **9. Chair and Vice Chair**

9.1 The roles of Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed from within the membership of the CLDP every two years. They can't both be from the same organisation.

## **10. Meetings**

10.1 The Partnership will meet a minimum of four times per year and agree an annual schedule of meeting dates and a forward work programme. Additional meetings will be arranged as required.

10.2 The quorum for the meetings is not less than one third of the membership and provided at least 3 partner organisations are present.

10.3 Every meeting of the Partnership will be minuted and these will be presented to the following meeting for approval.

10.4 Group members will declare an interest in items of business where appropriate. Declarations will be noted in the minutes of meetings.

10.5 The Board will provide reports to the Edinburgh Partnership on the delivery of the CLD Plan in accordance with the approved performance framework.

### **11. Membership:**

To be agreed

### **12. Documents, reports and minutes**

Papers will be published on the Edinburgh Partnership Website.

### **Supporting Officer**

The Lifelong Learning Strategic Manager (Community Learning & Development and Libraries) is responsible for planning the agenda in close cooperation with the chair and others as required. Meeting support to be identified from within the CLDP member organisations

### **CLDP Members**

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National Health Service Lothian, Edinburgh University, Edinburgh College, Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership, Scottish Fire and Rescue service, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council, Lothian Association of Youth Clubs, Edinburgh Leisure, Skills Development Scotland, Volunteer Edinburgh, Workers' Education Association, Council Lifelong Learning Service & Strategy and Insight teams.

### **Board members**

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Edinburgh College, Lifelong Learning Service, Workers' Educational Association, National Health Service Lothian, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council.