

**LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN DELIVERY GROUP**

Tuesday 21 July 2020: 13.00 – 15.00 hours

By MS Teams

**MINUTE**

Members present

Richard Thomas (RT, Chair)  
Frank Beattie (FB)  
Julie Coyle (JC)  
Elin Williamson (EW)  
Sylvia Baikie (SB)  
Rona Hunter (RH)  
Chris Adams (CA)  
Jan-Bert van den Berg (JB)  
Peter O'Brien (PO)  
Euan Hamilton (EH)  
Martin Higgins (MH)  
David Cooper (DC)

Police Scotland  
Scottish Enterprise  
Skills Development Scotland  
City of Edinburgh Council  
NHS Lothian  
Capital City Partnership  
City of Edinburgh Council  
COMPACT Partnership  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Equalities and Rights Network  
NHS Lothian  
City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance

Michele Mulvaney (MM, Lead Officer)  
Michael Pears (MP)  
Linda Gibb (LG)  
Claire Ironside (CI)  
Neil Wilson (NW, minute)

City of Edinburgh Council  
DWP  
DWP  
Manor Estates  
Police Scotland

Apologies

Nick Croft (Vice Chair)  
Hugo Clark

Edinburgh College  
MoD, Army, Edinburgh Garrison

**1 Welcome / Apologies**

The Chair noted apologies and welcomed all attendees.

**2 Review of Previous Minute**

Members agreed the Minute of 19 February 2020.

**3 Review Progress on Decisions**

Actions reviewed and log updated accordingly.

**4 LOIP Priorities Progress Update**

*Priority 1 – Enough money to live on*

MH provided an overview of the current position highlighting the significant impact of COVID-19 and underlining the need for coordination of service provision going forward in light of withdrawal of emergency funding and furlough scheme and the anticipated economic impacts of the pandemic.

SB furnished an overview of ongoing work, emphasising the need for simple messaging and accessible support pathways. The Flu vaccination programme has been identified as a potential conduit for information provision and will enable targeting of the 55+ demographic.

RT underlined the need for cogent and considered repurposing of Scottish Government funds, where necessary, to ensure emerging challenges are effectively addressed.

A general discussion ensued in respect of the current service provision, gaps and desired future state. Various aspects were considered including role of third sector and the City Regional Deal.

*Priority 2 - Access to work, learning and training*

RH underlined the anticipated scale of the economic impact was likely to result in a highly competitive jobs market with the power balance very much tipped in the favour of employers and the likelihood of employees having to be flexible and willing to reskill to adapt to the rapidly changing landscape.

JC highlighted that follow-up would be undertaken with every school leaver in 2020.

SB pointed out that the delay of the '1140 free early learning and child care provision' would have an impact.

MM agreed to establish the position with regards to early year uplift and report back the group.

*Priority 3 – Good place to live*

RT reflected that the working from home requirement of the current situation would have an impact on this priority, including travel and the environment, with other issues being brought into sharp focus such as homelessness. He emphasised the need to ‘design in’ social capital which would, in turn, reduce crime, deprivation and isolation.

MH commented that the City Plan 2030 will provide the medium to long term steer on the direction of travel.

FB intimated Scottish Enterprise’s commitment to delivering against the strategic framework.

DC queried whether a refocusing was required in light of the potential for the changes made during the pandemic to impact e.g. physical distancing requirements increasing construction costs and the move to home working decreasing demand for office space.

**Decision**

- 1) Position with regard to early year uplift to be established (MM).

**5 Edinburgh Partnership Board Update**

MM summarised that the EPB was undertaken in June and focused on recovery planning, in particular homeless provision with consideration given to the Poverty Commission’s interim findings. There remains a commitment to collaborative delivery of solutions, the Board will reconvene in September.

**6 Agency recovery plans and opportunities for joint engagement**

RH provided that, whilst provision for families is well covered, there may be potential gaps for prison leavers and care experienced young people.

RT outlined the ‘North East Pledge’, an initiative to support care experienced young people interested in pursuing a career in the police and queried whether such an approach could be applied in other professions/industries.

CA underlined that the current situation heralded an opportunity to challenge the status quo and consider fundamental changes to mode of operation. Examples offered included:

- How to fund the third sector in a more coordinated way
- How to procure more strategically to secure best value

- How to improve culture

MH echoed the sentiment underlining the need to strip out duplication in partnership structures.

LG highlighted a pilot programme ongoing between DWP and Streetwork to support and stabilise those temporarily accommodated as a result of the current situation.

MM referenced work ongoing with EVOG to rationalise third sector funding.

## **7 Poverty Commission recommendations post COVID-19**

Not further discussion as covered elsewhere.

## **8 Agreement of priority action for reporting to EPB in September**

General group discussion around level of focus for LOIP DG.

CA underlined his view that the group should focus on influencing strategic direction and suggested the LOIP DG should convene a Poverty Working Subgroup.

RT queried whether there was a place for both strategic influencing and delivery against substantial issues.

CA concurred that the two need not be mutually exclusive and the group could add value through both approaches.

Following general discussion, the group agreed to explore this suggestion further through a meeting with key members and to report back to the full membership with proposals prior to the EPB in September.

### **Decision**

- 2) Key members to meet, discuss and draft proposals for EPB and present to full membership for agreement prior to EPB meeting in September (Chair).

## **9 AOB**

Not applicable.

**10 Date of next meeting**

TBC.