**EAST LOTHIAN PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE GROUP**

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**Note of Meeting 21 August 2019, CMT Meeting Room, John Muir House, Haddington**

**Present**

Jemiel Benison, STRiVE

Stephen Gourlay, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Angela Leitch, East Lothian Council

Alison MacDonald, East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership

Chief Inspector Neil Mitchell, Police Scotland

**In attendance**

Lynn Black, Police Scotland

Simon Davie, East Lothian Council

Claire Goodwin, East Lothian Council

Donald Grant, Fa’side Area Partnership

Claire McPherson, Scottish Government

David Milne, Scottish Government

Sharon Saunders, East Lothian Council

Paolo Vestri, East Lothian Council

Lawrence Wyper, Scottish Enterprise

**Apologies**

Audrey Cumberford, Edinburgh College

Susan Goldsmith, NHS Lothian

Elaine Morrison, Scottish Enterprise

**3. Fa’side Area Plan Update**

**Recommendations from Report – that the Governance Group:**

* It is recommended that the East Lothian Partnership Governance Group notes this DRAFT Area Plan 2019-23. As these are still in draft form, any comments will be taken on board as they are being finalised, before being designed and printed and then issued in September. The Area Plan will then be placed on the Area Partnership section of East Lothian Council’s website and a press release will be issued to raise awareness of the locally agreed priorities within the Plans to address inequalities and tackle the impacts of poverty in the area – **Noted**

**Discussion:**

* Donald Grant, Chair of the Fa’side Area Partnership, provided an overview of the Fa’side Area Plan, noting that the draft plan is based on extensive engagement with Area Partnership members and the wider Fa’side community
* DG also noted that a workshop had also taken place with local officers to help identify and agree on actions that they would be able to support – SS suggested that these sessions had been very productive
* Fa’side Area Partnership now has a number of subgroups including a funding / scrutiny and monitoring group, and hope to make further progress on developing a health & wellbeing sub group
* AL suggested that it would be useful to capture good practice from across Area Partnerships in relation to delivering the outcomes in the East Lothian Plan
* SS identified that each Area Partnership holds an annual general meeting where some of the Partnership’s key achievements are highlighted – key achievements are also captured in each Partnership’s end of year report – these will be reported to the Governance Group when available
* The importance of monitoring and evaluating projects and initiatives supported by Area Partnerships was agreed
* SS noted that an internal audit of Area Partnership spending had been positive, with no major issues or risks identified
* Discussion took place regarding connections across / between Area Partnerships – it was felt that this could be further developed, and that the Governance Group could play a role in relation to this
* LW asked whether there were issues with travel connectivity in Fa’side, and whether these should be reflected more in the Plan – SD suggested travel, and in particular active and sustainable travel were areas of focus
* AL commended the Plan, and thanked all those involved in the Fa’side Area Partnership for their work

**4. Poverty Plan Update**

* PV spoke to the report, indicating it was an interim update, and that a full report was being developed and would be presented to the November Governance Group meeting
* PV identified that much had been achieved already in delivering the actions in the Poverty Plan. He also noted that all six Area Plans had ‘tackling inequalities’ as a core principle
* Around half of the 50 actions in the Plan have been completed and most of the remaining actions are on track
* A Child Poverty Action Plan has also been developed - this will be merged with the original Poverty Plan to produce a combined Plan covering the period from 2020 to 2022. The new, combined Plan will be brought to the next Governance Group
* AL mentioned employability support provided by Fair Start and ‘No One Left Behind’ funding – PV identified that small working group is being set up in relation to this
* JB highlighted in-work poverty as an issue – PV suggested that this is a key focus of current and future work to address poverty
* Discussion took place regarding poverty and housing costs – an update report on the Local Housing Strategy will be brought to the November Governance Group

**5. Scottish Enterprise Strategic Plan**

* Lawrence Wyper presented the new Scottish Enterprise Strategic Framework, noting that it represented a significant shift in terms of Scottish Enterprise’s increased focus on wellbeing, inclusive growth, fair work and communities / place
* LW suggested that Scottish Enterprise’s support at a local level is being tailored to support local needs, and noted that Scottish Enterprise will actively participate in the new regional economic partnerships
* AL asked about Scottish Enterprise’s engagement with City Region Deals – LW suggested that engagement was underway, but that no decision had been made yet regarding whether there would be regional plans for each area
* AL mentioned her role in relation to the Executive Group for the Employability & Skills Programme element of the City Deal, and suggested that there were a number of areas where Scottish Enterprise’s involvement would be useful
* CMcP highlighted the Scottish Government’s work on the ‘wellbeing economy’ and looking beyond GDP as a measure of success

**6. Annual Review of East Lothian Plan**

* Due to time pressure, PV suggested that he circulate a paper on the review of the East Lothian Plan for comment – a refreshed version of the Plan, reflecting any additional comments from the Governance Group, will be brought to the November meeting - **Action CG**

**7. East Lothian Residents Survey**

* PV presented a report on the recent Residents Survey and suggested that further detail was available on the Council website
* Going forward, a Residents Survey will be carried out every two years, with the next one taking place in October 2021
* Findings from the survey are used in a number of ways, including in relation to indicators in the East Lothian Plan and Council Plan; and in the Ward profiles
* PV suggested that the findings were very positive in terms of residents’ satisfaction with living in East Lothian and with public services in the area
* PV noted that further analysis will be carried out and findings shared with various audiences, including the Community Planning Key Officers Group
* AMc welcomed the positive feedback regarding health provision – PV indicated that Ward level breakdowns will provide further useful information on this
* SS noted the positive findings regarding people’s sense of community and the suggestion that respondents would be willing to become even more involved in their local communities
* PV spoke about plans to produce a Welcome Pack for people moving to new properties in East Lothian, with the hope that this could contribute to further developing residents’ sense of community – a working group will develop this, and PV suggested that it would be useful to include a range of community planning partners
* NM welcomed the positive findings regarding community safety and said he would share these with Police Scotland’s performance unit
* PV identified that around 1,600 residents were interviewed for the survey, thus providing data with a high degree of reliability, he noted that for national surveys such as the Scottish Household Survey the numbers interviewed in East Lothian were much smaller

**9. Any other business**

* CG advised that the next East Lothian Partnership Forum will take place on Saturday the 5th October at Queen Margaret University, with the theme of ‘ Town & Country Placemaking’ – Governance Group members should have received a ‘save the date’ email in relation to this
* Jemiel Benison informed the Group that he will be moving to a new post in Edinburgh, so will no longer be able to be a member of the Governance Group. Angela Leitch, on behalf of the Governance Group, thanked Jemiel for his contribution to the East Lothian Partnership and wished him well in his future role

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 20 November 2019, 2pm – 4pm, CMT Meeting Room, John Muir House, Haddington**