

Midlothian *Moving Forward*

Community Planning for Midlothian

Community Planning Board

via MS Teams

Thurs 27 January 2022

PRESENT:

Lesley Kelly (Chair)	Midlothian Voluntary Action/Third Sector Interface
Annette Lang	Community Planning MLC
Kevin Anderson	Executive Director, Place
Ann Stewart-Kmicha	Federation of Community Councils
Rebekah Sullivan	Community Planning Development Officer
Jim Sherval	NHS Lothian
Lawrence Wyper	Scottish Enterprise
Roddy Henry	Principal and Chief Executive
Garry Clark	Federation of Small Businesses
Fatim Lakha	NHS Lothian
George Archibald	Chamber of Commerce
Lt Col Campbell	Armed Forces Representative
Greig Robson	Skills Development Scotland
Stephen Hazlett	Police Scotland
Carolyn Hirst	NHS Lothian
Dona Milne	Public Health NHS Lothian
Craig Sheerin	DWP
Mairi Simpson	Health and Social Care

APOLOGIES:

Grace Vickers	Chief Executive Midlothian Council
Jim Muirhead	Depute Leader (Elected Member) Midlothian Council
Arron Clinscales	Police Scotland
Audrey Cumberland	Edinburgh College
Dave McCallum	Skills Development Scotland
Fiona Robertson	Executive Director MLC
Janet Lay-Douglas	Elected Member MLC
Joan Tranent	Children's Services MLC
Kirsty MacDiarmid	Public Protection Team Manager
Lynsey Davidson	Skills Dev Scotland
Mark McMullen	Scotent
Hilary Sangster	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Agenda		Action
	Welcome	
	<p>LK welcomed everyone, with introductions of new board members and Rebekah Sullivan as the new Community Planning Development Officer.</p> <p>GC informed the meeting know of the sad passing of Gordon Henderson, Regional Development Manager Scotland for FSB. The board reflected on the support provided by Gordon over a significant number of years to community planning in Midlothian. The Board's thoughts are with Gordon's family at this sad time. If Board members wish to make a donation in recognition, there is a collection organised by the family for the RNLI here</p>	
	<p>Apologies</p> <p>As noted above.</p>	
	<p>Action Note of Previous Meeting</p> <p>This was agreed as a true record.</p>	
	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Grant Ballantyne is looking for 2 volunteers for the Climate Group. Annette to clarify what volunteers he requires.</p> <p>LLE Business Surgery launches March/April.</p>	AL/ALL
	<p>Action Register</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Review, will be replaced by the revised approach to localised LOIPs.</p> <p>The SMP H2 report covering Oct 21 – March 22 will be ready for review by the board in April.</p> <p>Midlothian Profile is almost complete and will be on the website soon.</p> <p>The Strategic Assessment – taken a new approach, it has been agreed to be combined with the SMP. The assessment will now be within the text and each thematic lead will comment on data.</p> <p>Citizen's Panel Survey – a decision will need to be made as to whether there will be a Spring Survey. Could possibly be a single focus question or could be cancelled. Seek confirmation from Jim</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL/RS</p>

	<p>Sherval to ensure Health and Social Care/Public Health do not require this.</p> <p>Community Planning Risk Register – to be reviewed at next meeting</p> <p>Undertaking analysis of attendance at CP board annually – work with improvement service</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>
	<p>Reducing Poverty</p> <p>Legislative requirement to make more detailed plan for communities with poorer outcomes.</p> <p>AL outlined the potential options with regard to producing LOIP plans. The options could be either to produce poverty reduction plans, or wider plans covering people, place, planet and wellbeing, or community wealth building plans. The reducing poverty plans or community wealth building plans will make a Midlothian wide offer with enhanced services in targeted areas. In addition the CPWG has asked the board to consider the 3 items below</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) should we secure a champion 2) cross party strategic working group 3) focused community wealth building plan <p>The board took the decision to approve DM as a champion for poverty. It agreed to a strategic group being set up for poverty and preferred community wealth building plans to reducing poverty plans. These decisions will be reflected in the SMP 2022/23. AL to review with Chief Executive and JM on the best way, format and timing on creating a strategic working group.</p>	<p>AL</p>
	<p>Covid 19/Omicron Updates</p> <p>The easing of restrictions has been cautious. It's getting more difficult to track covid stats in each individual community due to the change in the guidance, as people are able to do LFT instead of PCR and self-report results. There has been a reduction in hospitalisation and ICU. We are still not back to pre-Omicron levels. There are still staffing pressures being experienced over a number of service and business areas.</p>	
	<p>Kindness Approach</p> <p>We had a tiered approach in place to support those experiencing covid related issues for a number of months under the kindness approach. This is working well and there are only a small number of support requests per week.</p>	

	<p>City Deal</p> <p>The City Deal is a collaboration of 6 local authorities along with education, private sector and public authorities. KA provided an update on progress since last meeting. It was proposed a more detailed update on the City Deal would be given at a future meeting.</p>	
	<p>Presentation of the SMP Conference and Evaluation 2021</p> <p>RS gave summary of the workshop action points, lessons learned and presented options for the 2022 conference.</p> <p>RS to create a conference planning working group which will be established. An invitation will be circulated to join the working group.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>RS</p>
	<p>H1/H2 Council Report SMP Performance</p> <p>A report has been prepared for council to cover H2 and H1 reflecting the score card approach used to present performance to the board previously.</p>	
	<p>Partnership Updates-:</p> <p>RH – Newbattle College will have an adult learning strategic meeting on the 10 May 2022.</p> <p>MS – The Strategic Plan for Health & Social Care is out for consultation.</p> <p>GR – The Regional Skills Assessment will be released in April 22.</p> <p>CS – The ‘Way to Work’ is supporting all jobseekers with health barriers, DWP will provide more information as it becomes available.</p> <p>CH – It would be beneficial if there could be a co-ordination of consultations and life spans of strategic and operational plans.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Distance Aware scheme is designed to help those worried about mixing with others as we adapt to living with COVID-19. Distance Aware badges and lanyards are for anyone who prefers others to take extra care around them, for any reason, and can be picked up from Midlothian Libraries.</p> <p>https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-distance-aware-scheme/</p> <p>Interlinked fire alarms are now law in Scotland. Please see briefing note attached.</p>	

	<p>Keith Fiskien would welcome comments on the SEStran draft Regional Transport Strategy (RTS). The draft Strategy and all supporting documents can be viewed by visiting the Virtual Engagement Hub and comments on the draft RTS would be welcomed by completing the Survey which is accessed via the hub. The consultation period closes at 5 p.m. on Friday 11 February.</p> <p>Link to Hub: https://virtual.engage.stantec.com/sestranrts/</p> <p>An easy read accessible version of the Engagement Hub is available and can be accessed by this link: https://sestran.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SEStran_RTS_accessible.pdf</p>	ALL
	Date of next meeting - Thursday 18th March 10am, MS Teams	

Fire and Smoke Alarms in Scottish Homes

A briefing note for locally elected members

The law on fire alarms is changing.

By February 2022, all Scottish homes will need to have interlinked alarms.

The legislation has been introduced by the Scottish Government following of the Grenfell Tower fire in London in 2017, and it applies to all Scottish homes.

Interlinked means if one goes off, they all go off, and it is the property owner's responsibility for meeting the new standard.

Guidance and further information can be found via the Scottish Government website

SFRS' role – Home Fire Safety Visits

To protect the most vulnerable, SFRS will only fit interlinked alarms into owner-occupied homes where the individual/household is assessed as "high risk" through our Home Fire Safety Visit assessment process.

If the individual / household does not meet these criteria, staff will provide safety advice, information and details of the revised legislation during the visit. Interim detection can also be supplied if the property has no detectors at present.

However, we can't recommend products or installers. To request a Home Fire Safety Visit, contact us on 0800 073199 or text "FIRE" to 80800

Further Information

What each home needs

By February 2022 every home must have:

- one smoke alarm in the living room or the room you use most
- one smoke alarm in every hallway or landing
- one heat alarm in the kitchen.

All smoke and heat alarms should be mounted on the ceiling and be interlinked.

If you have a carbon-fuelled appliance – like a boiler, fire, heater or flue – in any room, you must also have a carbon monoxide detector in that room, but this does not need to be linked to the fire alarms.

Help with costs

It is the property owner's responsibility for meeting the new standard.

If you are a private tenant, your landlord is responsible.

If you are a council or housing association tenant, work is ongoing to make sure your home meets the new standards.

Elderly or disabled people may be eligible for support to fit interlinked alarms from Care and Repair Scotland. They can be contacted via careandrepairsotland.co.uk or by calling 0141 221 9879.

Types of alarms

You can use either sealed battery alarms or mains-wired alarms.

Both types of alarm are interlinked by radio frequency and do not need Wifi.

There is no list of approved suppliers or fitters, and SFRS can't recommend these however each alarm must comply with the following standards:

- smoke alarms: BS EN14604:2005
- heat alarms: BS 5446-2:2003
- carbon monoxide detector: British Kitemark EN 50291-1

Further information is available via Scottish Government website.