

## The Impact on Networks and Forums in the Third Sector due to new Locality Working in Edinburgh.

### 1. Challenge

This document sets out to assist in the challenge for the Third Sector to look at the current networks and forums and the information flow around these and to ensure that they reflect and support the new locality working, and maximise information flow. This sits within the context of Community Planning Structures.

### 2. Situation

From 1<sup>st</sup> of April there will be four localities in Edinburgh and partnership work will be encouraged within these localities. Some services will still be organised centrally but exactly how is not fully understood yet.

- Four Executive Directors of the Council will also be a “Locality Lead” for one of the localities and work with a “locality leadership team” made up of senior managers from all the services and partners.
- Four Locality Managers have been appointed by the Council to manage locality based services. Four Locality Managers have been appointed to manage health and social care services in each locality.
- Police Scotland and Lothian Fire and Rescue Service are (we believe) structured to work in localities already

The first leadership team meetings for the Localities will take place at the end of February.

It will take time for Locality working to become embedded fully however moves towards this start from the end of January with the City of Edinburgh Council holding Locality Roadshows for their staff and partners, and then the first Locality Leadership team meetings being scheduled for the end of February. The formal launch for the City of Edinburgh Council, Health and Social Care Partnership, Police Scotland and the Lothian Fire and Rescue Service is the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

Each locality leadership team will develop the structures required to support their locality, current thinking is that structures will be the same for each locality and priorities will reflect locality needs.

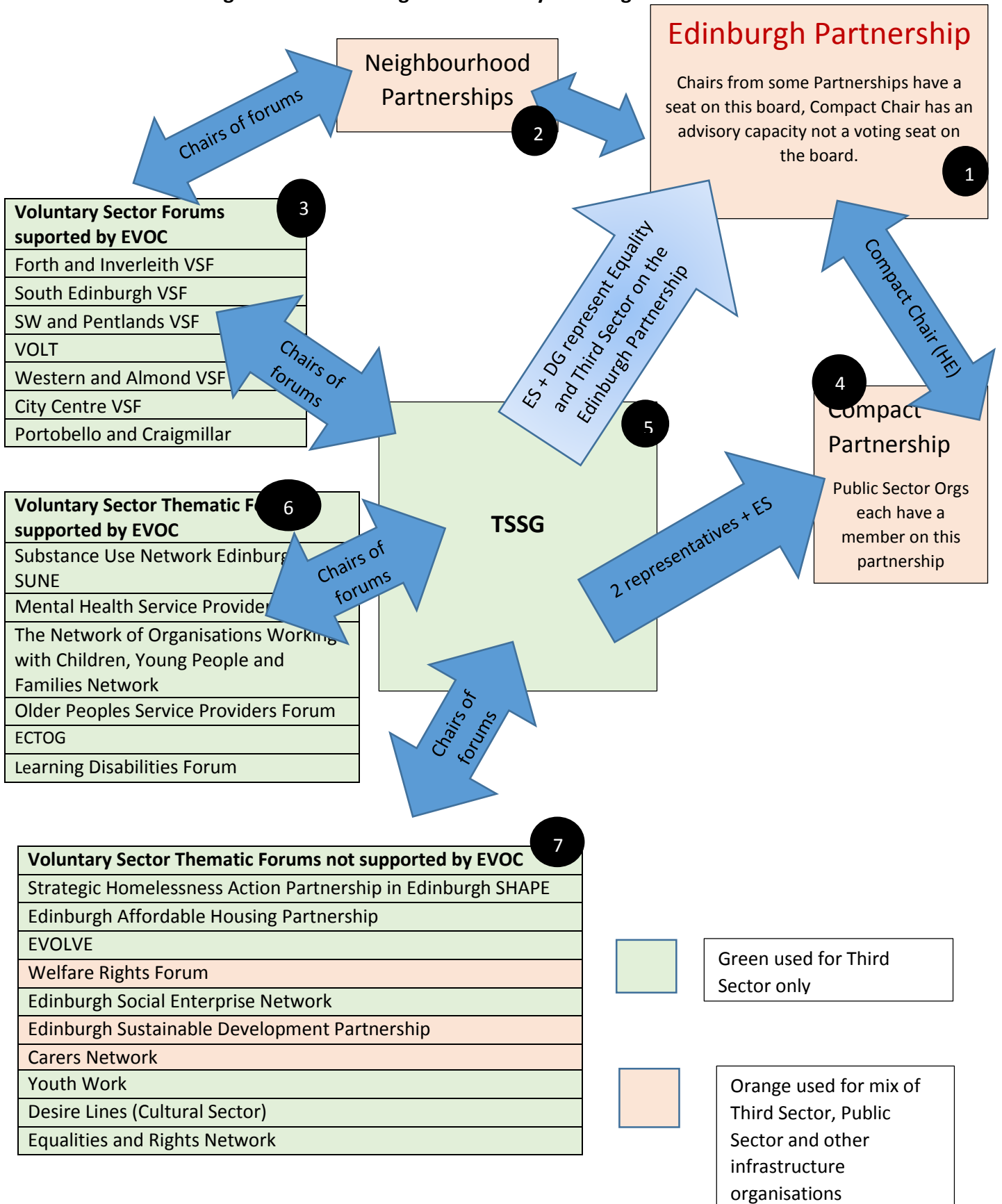
The four localities are; North West, South West, North East and South Central / South East

The Third Sector in Edinburgh has been kept informed of the change to Locality Working and has input to the project team through EVOG staff, working with the local voluntary sector forums working with the Third Sector Strategy Group and through a ThinkSpace event.

### 3. Definition of Community Planning

Community planning is about councils and other public bodies like the police, the fire and rescue service and the NHS working with local communities, businesses, charities and voluntary groups. Together they plan and deliver better services to improve the lives of local people.

4. Diagram of Current Formal Information Flow between Third Sector and Public Sector Organisations Relating to Community Planning.



## Explanatory Notes on Above Diagram (referring to numbers on diagram)

- 1) **Edinburgh Partnership and Edinburgh Partnership Family** – mix of Third Sector, Public Sector and other infrastructure bodies

### What it does

The Edinburgh Partnership has a board and several other types of partnership called strategic, advisory groups and neighbourhood partnerships. The partnerships work together on the city's big social, economic and environmental issues, considering the whole of the City.

<b>Strategic Partnerships</b>
Economic Development Strategic Partnership
Joint Board for Health and Social Care
Edinburgh Children's Partnership
Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Edinburgh Community Learning and Development Partnership
Community Safety Partnership
Compact Partnership Harriet
Sustainable Development Partnership
Reoffending Strategic Group
<b>Advisory Groups</b>
Edinburgh Collaborative Asset Management Group
Edinburgh Partnership Support
EP Lead Officer Group
Poverty and Inequality Partnership
Prevention Strategy Steering Group
Public Protection Chief Officers' Group
Total Craigmoynton
Edinburgh Transport Forum
<b>12 Neighbourhood Partnerships</b>

### How does it do this?

- The Edinburgh Partnership Board is the strategic decision making body for the Partnership with representatives from the partner organisations.
- There is also an advisory Board member for equality and rights and one for the Third Sector.

- The Board has overall responsibility for:
  - the Community Plan
  - monitoring progress and directing change
  - major service and infrastructure projects
  - key community planning funding streams.
- Edinburgh Partnership Board meetings are held quarterly.
- The other partnerships and advisory boards meet prior to these Partnership Board Meetings in order to feed into them.

## 2) **Neighbourhood Partnerships – mix of Third Sector, Public Sector and other infrastructure bodies**

### **What they do**

There are 12 Neighbourhood Partnership Boards across the city, geographically based. Neighbourhood Partnerships are Edinburgh's local community planning; providing a way for citizens to have a say and make a difference in their neighbourhood.

### **How do they do it?**

- Each NP develops their Local Community Plan through local engagement.
- The identified priorities in the plans support the delivery of the EP's Community Plan.
- Communities are represented on the board (through Community Councils) and work as equal partner and in collaboration with Police Scotland, NHS Lothian, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the voluntary sector.
- There are a range of sub groups run by each NP depending on the areas requirements.
- Each NP board is convened by a local elected member and as Advisory Committees of the Council

## 3) **Voluntary Sector Forums** - Third Sector Organisations only

### **What they do**

Voluntary Sector Forums facilitate communication and planning among the voluntary sector organisations that operate within each local area. They fit within and feed back into the Neighbourhood Partnership structure.

### **How do they do this?**

- Open and inclusive forums for any Voluntary Sector organisation in the neighbourhood partnership area run quarterly

- Chairs of VSFs attend Neighbourhood Partnership (where a chair is in place)
- Chairs of VSFs invited to TSSG
- Supported by EVOG

#### **4) Compact Partnership – mix of Third Sector, Public Sector and other partnerships**

##### **What it does**

The Compact Partnership provides a forum for the Third Sector and Public Sector to jointly consider strategic issues, and feeds into the Edinburgh Partnership board. There is a Strategic Framework and an action plan (2015-2020) for the Compact Partnership. The Compact Partnership has strategic priorities for which it is responsible for in the Community Plan.

##### **How does it do this?**

- Compact Partnership brings together key people from the public sector, 2 representatives from TSSG and the TSI members to consider matters of strategic importance at quarterly meetings.
- There is a Compact Strategic Framework and Action Plan for the next 5 years.
- Compact Partnership has a place on the Edinburgh Partnership board
- Supported by EVOG

#### **5) Third Sector Strategy Group (TSSG) –Third Sector Organisations only**

##### **What it does**

- The TSSG speak up for the interests of Edinburgh's Third Sector, articulating a shared vision and a common voice.

##### **How does it do this?**

- TSSG brings together a range of people from Edinburgh's Third Sector to consider matters of strategic importance at quarterly meetings. This will often involve key changes to PS organisations and the effect on the Third Sector (such as Transformations, H&SC partnership)
- TSSG enables knowledge and intelligence to flow from thematic or geographical networks to City level conversations, via its representatives on Edinburgh Compact Partnership and in its own right.
- All Chairs of forums and networks are invited to the TSSG. TSSG is an open and inclusive Forum – and people are encouraged to participate as much as they wish to.
- Supported by EVOG

#### **6) Thematic Forums supported by EVOG– only Third Sector Organisations**

There are 6 Thematic Forums supported by EVOG

Substance Use Network Edinburgh SUNE
Mental Health Service Providers Forum
The Network of Organisations Working with Children, Young People and Families Network
ECTO
Older Peoples Service Providers Forum
Learning Disabilities Forum

### What they do

Thematic Forums facilitate communication and planning among voluntary sector organisations that operate within a theme.

### How do they do this?

- Open and inclusive forums for any Voluntary Sector organisation working in the thematic area, meeting frequency varies
- Chairs of Thematic Forums invited to TSSG
- Chairs of Thematic Forums may also attend other relevant Edinburgh Partnerships
- Supported by EVOG

## 7) Thematic Forums NOT supported by EVOG – only Third Sector Organisations

There are 11 Thematic Forums NOT supported by EVOG

	Co-ordinated by
Strategic Homelessness Action Partnership in Edinburgh SHAPE	Bethany
Edinburgh Affordable Housing Partnership – open to Housing Associations only	
Volunteer involving organisations network EVOLVE	Volunteer Edinburgh
Welfare Rights Forum	City of Edinburgh Council
Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network	ESEN
Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership	City of Edinburgh Council
Carers Network	City of Edinburgh Council
Youth Work	
Desire Lines	
Equalities and Rights Network EARN	Volunteer Edinburgh

### What they do

Thematic Forums facilitate communication and planning among voluntary sector organisations that operate within a theme.

### How do they do this?

- Open and inclusive forums for any Voluntary Sector organisation working in the thematic area (except for Edinburgh Affordable Housing Partnership which is Housing Associations and closed)

- meeting frequency varies
- Chairs of Thematic Forums invited to TSSG
- Chairs of Thematic Forums may also attend other relevant Edinburgh Partnerships

## **8. Challenge Reiterated**

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The diagram below reiterates the effect that Locality Working may have on the current structures.

**Effects of Locality Model  
(Not fully known) but will affect all**

Edinburgh Partnership family (of which Compact is one and Neighbourhoods is another)

