**FORTH & INVERLEITH VOLUNTARY SECTOR FORUM : 2ND DECEMBER 2016**

**FORTH & INVERLEITH PRIORITIES**

* Support for community organisations – five year plans, five year funding agreements
* Properly funded youth provision – commitment to after school activities for all children 5-16 inclusive (music, sport, art)
* Street cleaning & road maintenance to the same standard as Stockbridge or Barnton
* Increased funding to address mental health issues – delivered by professional NHS staff
* All organisations and agencies – public, private and voluntary sector to pay living wage
* Increase household income – set targets for the number of households
* Use imaginative ways to create well-paid service employment/maximise benefit take-up.
* Asset transfer – income generation
* Childcare – free, flexible, high quality (early years centres?)
* Social space for people to meet, make grow
* Mental health services for young people – accessible, flexible and more responsive

**CITYWIDE PRIORITIES**

* Anti-poverty measures implemented over a generation
* Transport improvements for older people – help getting access to community and voluntary services
* Decentralise all services out of central area
* Access to food for all
* Prevention, investment in general, including: homelessness, health, food, unemployment, employability, conflict
* Asset transfer from City of Edinburgh Council
* Get rid of arms length development corporations/companies
* Housing and homelessness prevention
* Lack of supply relative to population growth – issues with tight planning regulations, green belts, NIMBYism etc, private sector supply blocked from meeting demand, leading to high rents & inflated house prices. – Supply of Housing is a key issue citywide.
* Employment/economy
* Voluntary sector too stretched to provide a safety net in the face of council cutting services
* A genuine commitment to community engagement participation when developing community planning structures.

**HOLYROOD**

* Council tax bands poorly structured, no relation to land value
* Business rates too high, decreasing employment and business presence
* Decade long council tax freeze has cut council funding leading to reduction in services