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| **Theme** | Action | Leads | Milestones | Timescale | Measures of success | Issues to consider |
| **Community Councils – a shared understanding** | Establish a written concordat between the Edinburgh Partnership/City of Edinburgh Council and the EACC based on mutual respect and recognising Community Councils unique legal democratic role in community representation and planning. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support the re-establishment of the ‘Association of Community Councils’, a national Community Council body ahead of Local Authority elections. Such a body can reflect on national issues that have a profound effect on Scotland’s communities such as the ‘National Care Service’. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Engagement &**  **Empowerment** | Neighbourhood Networks and Locality Planning Partnerships are not working everywhere for everyone. A transparent review to be conduct of all Partnerships and Networks showing how often they have met, who was involved in the meetings and current and planned work. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conduct a rationalisation of bodies other than the Networks. This will avoid duplication of effort including support staff time, provide unity of purpose and ensure that the Networks are dynamic as first envisaged. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Empowerment for Community Councils is collaborating with the City Council and partners on policy development and implementation, not consultation after a decision has been reached. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Advocacy & Governance** | Elections - Move to a fixed date in May (next elections on 3 May 2024?); undertake a marketing campaign aimed at raising awareness of Community Councils, demonstrating impact, and increasing Community Council membership; and explore options to increase nominations and voter participation such as postal voting. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boundary Review – to address growth in Community Council areas and potential corelation with City Council wards. |  |  |  |  |  |
| To make Community Councils more representative of diverse groups and perspectives the number of members and associate bodies should be increased and the criteria for who can join should be widened. |  |  |  |  |  |
| A compensation scheme to support community councillors with accessibility, travel, caring responsibilities, and even loss of earnings. Otherwise, the system is not genuinely open to young people, single parents, disabled people, carers, low paid workers and the self-employed. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Establish the EACC as an Executive for Community Councils - in the model of EVOC as a source of information and support for Community Councils and a regular point of contact for local authorities and other agencies. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Undertake a Best Practice Review of Community Councils utilising international case studies. |  |  |  |  |  |