

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – the Edinburgh TUC deputation

Des Loughney the Secretary of the Edinburgh Trade Union Council (ETUC) made this deputation to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board on Friday morning.

The EIJB had proposed making cuts of £4.5 million to their budget. This was wholly made up of payments to 60+ third sector organisations who carry out some of the vital work for people who need help whether they are young or old, disabled or sick. The list of bodies whose funding was put at risk is below. The EIJB is meeting on Friday to discuss ways of avoiding the cuts at this time.

Mr Loughney said: “I would like to thank the Board for agreeing to hear our deputation which will comment on items 7.1 and 7.2 on your agenda. There are three people on our deputation myself, Des Loughney, Secretary of Edinburgh TUC, Kathy Jenkins, a delegate to Edinburgh TUC and Liz Taylor, a delegate to Edinburgh TUC, who also works for a third sector social care provider.

“Given the time limits we will each make a few points and will call on the Board to reject the flawed Report that represents item 7.2. We hope that you will ask officials to think again.

“The first point I wish to make is that the financial context in which the Report was drafted has changed within the last

two days. We are informed by the Chancellor that:

“there will be an £1.5bn in extra spending for the Scottish government this year and an extra £3.4bn in the year leading up to the Holyrood election in 2026.”

“It is expected that some of these monies will be spent on services that are overseen by the EIJB.

“My second point is that I believe The Scottish Government (and the City Council) expect the EIJB to **manage change** properly in a way that is consistent with Scottish Government policies.

“These imply that before there is any major change there is consultation with the public, third sector providers, users and carer’s both paid and unpaid. There is supposed to be every attempt to avoid compulsory redundancies by consultation with the relevant trade unions. If the Report were to go ahead it is estimated that 150 people, who are skilled and experienced workers, will be paid off. There is no consideration given in the Report to the implications of disposing of such a skilled workforce.

A cost benefit analysis of such an action is a lot more complex than the Report makes out.”

LIST OF AFFECTED ORGANISATIONS

The first list is of organisations which get other funding from the EIJB.

1. Autism Initiatives: £76,594
2. Care for Carers: £66,967
3. Caring In Craigmillar: £89,921
4. Edinburgh Headway Group: £42,775
5. Edinburgh Leisure: £129,892
6. Eric Liddell Centre: £24,052

7. Hillcrest Futures: £87,588
8. Health In Mind: £12,053
9. Libertus Services: £138,348
10. Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living (LCIL): £18,788
11. Queensferry Churches Care in the Community: £41,072
12. Rowan Alba Limited: £46,742
13. The Broomhouse Centre The Beacon Club: £50,807
14. The Open Door Senior Men's Group: £5,586
15. VOCAL: £48,766
16. Waverley Care: £177,754
17. CHAI: £313,901
18. Citizens Advice Edinburgh: £313,897
19. Granton Information Centre Consortium: £313,904

The groups below do not receive any other funding from EIJB. These providers account for around 2% of the total third sector spend. And the report states that EIJB do not know "what other sources of funding these organisations receive from outside the EIJB".

1. ACE IT: £57,683
2. Art In Healthcare – Room for Art: £64,890
3. Bethany Christian Trust: £48,035
4. Bridgend Farmhouse: £23,155
5. Calton Welfare Services: £15,185
6. Changeworks: £52,189
7. Community One Stop Shop: £21,321
8. Community Renewal Trust: £45,482
9. Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland: £31,518
10. Cyrenians: £74,970
11. Drake Music Scotland: £16,686
12. Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust: £111,634
13. Edinburgh Community Food: £160,426
14. Edinburgh Community Health Forum: £49,763
15. Edinburgh Garden Partners: £23,968
16. Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre: £68,807

17. FAIR Ltd: £87,984
18. Feniks: £72,864
19. Fresh Start: £81,742
20. Health All Round: £185,548
21. Home-Start Edinburgh West and South West: £23,090
22. LGBT Health and Wellbeing: £91,310
23. MECOPP Jump Start: £29,149
24. MECOPP BME Carer Support: £60,062
25. Multi-Cultural Family Base: £15,563
26. Murrayfield Dementia Project: £50,814
27. Pilmeny Development Project: £68,504
28. Pilton Equalities Project Mental Health: £83,128
29. Pilton Equalities Project Day Care Services: £81,270
30. Portobello Monday Centre: £4,128
31. Portobello Older People's Project: £14,620
32. Positive Help: £45,576
33. Scottish Huntington's Association: £31,158
34. Sikh Sanjog: £22,612
35. South Edinburgh Amenities Group SEAG: £65,725
36. Support in Mind Scotland: £22,255
37. The Broomhouse Centre (Vintage Vibes Consortium):
£71,629
38. B Healthy together (The Broomhouse Health Strategy
Group): £52,800
39. The Dove Centre: £124,020
40. The Health Agency, Wester Hailes: £170,287
41. The Living Memory Association: £22,864
42. The Ripple Project: £87,703
43. The Welcoming Association: £14,219
44. Venture Scotland: £45,994