

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Anti-Poverty Action Plan Report

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1. Purpose of Report

To update the Health & Wellbeing Board on Anti-Poverty Delivery Group developments and present the Anti-Poverty Action Plan for consideration and comments.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-

- Approve the Anti-Poverty Action Plan

3. Introduction/ Background

3.1 The Anti Poverty Needs Evidence Base and Key Findings reports https://www2.barnsley.gov.uk/media/3774175/pnakey_findings.pdf identified local needs associated with poverty.

This includes activity to discharge the LA and partner responsibilities under the Act which includes the commissioning of a local Child Poverty Needs Assessment. In Barnsley this is incorporated into the Poverty needs Assessment Evidence Base and Key Findings Report.

3.2 This evidence alongside local insight helps us to better understand what living and growing up in poverty in Barnsley is like today for our residents, a workshop of Anti-Poverty members and associated colleagues came together to develop the attached Anti-Poverty Action Plan.

3.3 This includes activity to discharge the LA and partner responsibilities under the Act which includes the commissioning of a local Child Poverty Needs Assessment. In Barnsley this is incorporated into the Poverty needs Assessment Evidence Base and Key Findings Report.

The Act also requires that any amendment to a LA Child Poverty Strategy includes consultation with families as stakeholders. This activity is referenced in the Action Plan.

4. Anti-Poverty Action Plan 2015 - 2018

4.1 A draft Action Plan has been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on September 1st, SMT on 14th September 2015, SSDG on 21st September 2015 and at the Anti-Poverty Delivery Group most recently on 11th January 2016. The action points raised in these have been incorporated into the final Action Plan attached.

4.2 This practical, task oriented action plan sets out the next stage of joint council and partner activity to combat and tackle poverty in Barnsley. The action plan is a live document detailing activity for the first of the next three years under four key challenge areas. It will be updated regularly to reflect progress and include next actions and milestones as the work develops.

4.3 The four challenge areas are to:

1. To increase early take up of financial advice & support for skills and employability, to help Barnsley people to make the most of the money that they have and improve their potential income.
2. To reduce child poverty, to help Barnsley parents to give their children the best start in life.
3. To the Poverty Challenge, to ensure that our strategies and plans are poverty proof.
4. To evaluate our joint impact, to understand if we are getting the results we expected.

5. Governances of this plan

5.1 Within the auspices of the Stronger Communities Partnership an Anti-Poverty Delivery Group has now been established with an initial meeting on 23rd November 2015.

5.2 Representation from key partners ensures that where applicable they each bring the delivery of their own strategies, plans and services to bear against the objectives of the Anti-Poverty Action Plan to combat and tackle poverty in Barnsley.

5.2 In doing so each partner is challenged to ensure that where their activities align to the challenge areas, they take account of, and respond to the needs of those resident groups and communities most affected by poverty and low income.

5.3 The Performance Measures are also attached for information however it is to note that these are still being refined with our partners.

5.4 The Plan is scheduled for further consultation and formal approval processes via

Cabinet on 10th February 2016.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report as the plan seeks to utilise the total resource currently in the system to best effect.

7. Consultation with stakeholders

7.2 Many partner agencies have been involved in the production of this plan and will continue to be involved in delivering the outcomes.

8. Appendices

8.1 Barnsley Anti-Poverty action Plan

8.2 Potential Performance Measures

9. Background Papers

9.1 Anti-Poverty Delivery Group Terms of Reference

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