

Anti-Poverty Board: Note of meeting on 15 September 2014	Action in Action Log
<p>Present: Cllr Platts (Chair), Chris Armitage, Joanne Dearnley, Frances Foster, Dave Fullen, Andrea Hoyland, Jo Clark, Peter Francis, Carolyn Ellis, Sarah Cartwright, Liz Pitt, Michelle Kaye, Jasmine Waiters, Alan West</p>	
<p>In Attendance: Luz James (Notes)</p>	
<p>Apologies: Pat Heath, Tom Smith, Michele Tudor, Wendy Lowder, Angela Tracey, Paul Brannan, Gary Stott, Bob Kirton, Karen Kelly</p>	
<p><u>1. Notes of Meeting</u></p>	
<p>The notes of the last meeting were read and agreed as a true and accurate record</p>	
<p><u>2. Matters Arising</u></p>	
<p>There were no matters arising to discuss at this meeting</p>	
<p><u>3. Presentations</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Poverty AW gave a brief update on Public Health activities to help identify and address fuel poverty for the most vulnerable people across Barnsley. Discussions centred on how to target private landlords, especially those who are not complying to improve their property, eg, upgrading the boiler, installing double glazing etc. AW said that there is a new scheme targeting private landlords to improve their property in terms of more efficient heating. A query was raised on whether front line staff can use the pen portraits to mirror identification of those on fuel poverty. A suggestion was made to include signposting on the website. The issue of up-skilling the workforce to help them identify people on fuel poverty was also mentioned as well as ensuring that every contact counts. Cllr P suggested taking this to the Implementation Group. • Strategy Review presentation AH provided a review of the high level actions and next steps as originally agreed by the Board and published in the Anti-Poverty Strategy Action Plan. The presentation highlighted the outstanding activities, rationale for delays, suggested possible actions for consideration and decisions by the Board informed by the first meeting of the Implementation Task and Finish Group. The presentation is attached to offer the detail. Actions were agreed to progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Audit of current council & partner activities (supports PNA) ○ Poverty Impact Statement (Poverty Proofing) Further discussion/work is required to progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Poverty Pledge 	<p>√Imp group to discuss</p> <p>√ AH MK to progress</p> <p>√ AH MK to progress</p> <p>√Imp group to discuss</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder consultation (supports PNA) • Poverty Needs evidence base (supports PNA) • Poverty needs assessment (PNA) -audit, stakeholder consultation, evidence analysis and review of impact measures. There remain outstanding work to be undertaken to complete the full Poverty Needs Assessment (PNA) i.e. the service audit, stakeholder consultation, evidence analysis and review of impact measures. The publication date for the full PNA is subject to the approval of the Board. • Poverty Awareness Raising – Suggestion to link outstanding WFD element of this action to the wider /corporate workforce development strategy activity, FF suggested to contact Michael Potter <p>The board agreed to take an update on the actions agreed and suggestions/proposals on the outstanding actions from the Implementation Task & Finish group at the next meeting in order to inform any decisions required.</p>	<p>√Imp group to discuss</p> <p>√EP</p> <p>√Imp group to discuss</p> <p>√AH follow up</p> <p>√review at next Board</p>
<p>4. Anti-Poverty Strategy activity updates</p>	
<p>Poverty needs Assessment (PNA) Update:</p> <p>LP informed the attendees that there are 4 component chapters to the report dfor the Evidence base element of the PNA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Households affected by poverty, includes - housing, money& debt, employment, qualifications, health & lifestyle choices , food & fuel poverty • Child Poverty, includes –child poverty factors, short & long term impact and cumulative effect • Older people, includes - pensions, tax credit <p>The plan is to submit the draft to the Task and Finish Implementation Group on 24 Sep with a week to come back with comments. There are still gaps on data, e.g., getting up to date local information and localising national data adding case study quotes. Any relevant information to be forwarded to LP.</p> <p>Liz to present the PNA evidence base at the next meeting.</p> <p>BAN Update:</p> <p>Some benefit claims are taking up to 26 weeks to be sorted and some appeals are taking beyond the prescribed period of resolution due to some admin issues brought on by national changes. A few cases re bedroom tax go to Tribunal. The review of the BAN terms of the reference has been undertaken and the draft report will go to the BAN meeting later this month and to the APB after that. Service user survey will be completed from Sept (after holiday period) and results presented in Ban update to Board Dec 2014</p> <p>Report on DWP Flexible Fund supported Benefit Cap Project</p> <p>MK provided a report on this joint piece of work between CYPF Think Family & Supporting People which employed two Tenancy Support workers</p>	<p>√EP to progress & present at next Board</p>

<p>to work with the families utilising one off short term funds secured from DWP under Troubled Families Programme.</p> <p>The full cohort of affected households -64 families, identified by DWP in March/April 2014 have been contacted by letter &/ telephone &/ home visit. Of these, 55 were worked with in their homes and issues discussed and supported included rent, completing forms, barriers to work, health, money and debt management. Referrals were then made to appropriate agencies including for DHP. Supporting People have retained one of the Tenancy support workers beyond the funded period, and she is revisiting the families to monitor take up of support/longer term outcomes. The scheme has been successful in contacting these clients who did not respond to mail contact by DWP or Benefits & Taxation, and in the main were not known to services, and offering them earlier preventative support. As such is offers a successful model of early identification and intervention/prevention, however, in this case it needs to be noted that this was only a temporary solution to help families affected by the Benefit Cap and requires resource to upscale/embed.</p> <p>Local Support Service Framework & Task Group</p> <p>The universal credit national pilot went live last month. Locally we are acting as a critical friend to the national pilot and will benefit from specific DWP support but not funding. In terms of identifying our local delivery model we have a task & finish group with good partnership representation including LA, DWP, 3rd sector and partners. The group met this week and agreed to use data from the PNA, Mosaic and from other local services to identify target groups of those residents likely to be first affected by the Universal Credit roll out and to map out the hotspots across the borough in order to shape and apply our local scheme. Work is ongoing to refine this activity. MK to provide update at the next meeting.</p>	<p>√ MK to progress & present at next Board</p>
<p><u>7. Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK raised the issue of people starting paid employment but struggle financially in terms of bus fare, uniform, food, until they get paid. These people are saying that it would be better for them to go back on benefit than stay in paid employment. LWA crisis loan, food & fuel support can be and is being provided but the scheme was not set up for this purpose and this is not sustainable. <p>JD clarified that JCP's advice is that the DWP can provide bus fare (travel pass) and money for uniform but only before work starts.</p>	
<p><u>8. Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Anti-Poverty Board is on 27 October 2014 2pm Gateway Plaza, Level 4 Boardroom.</p>	

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Action No.	Board Date	Issue and Action point	Progress/ closed	Accountable Officer/Group	NEXT BOARD ACTION
1.	23.06.14	DF, MK, AH follow up meeting re processes/communications for earlier identification of residents needing support re housing and hardship (pre- eviction)	Feedback to next APB 27.10.14	AH MK DF	DF MK AH to Feedback
2.	23.06.14	Review of APB membership – follow up actions to complete re deputies	Awaiting confirmation from CCG, Schools & SY Probation	AH	AH follow up & feedback at next meeting
3.	12.05.14 23.06.14	BAN survey - await completion and report back to APB by Dec	Awaits completion Launch in September	PF	Agenda in Dec
4.	04.08.14	WL to identify appropriate ESF contact, and advise as to follow up re ESF/LEP funding for social inclusion	Check with Wendy L Also check if Tom S is link to this group	AH	AH feedback next meeting
5.	04.08.14	BAN TOR to be redrafted and brought to APB under BAN standing agenda item	BAN TOR update	PF	Under BAN standing agenda item when available
6.	15.09.14	Poverty Needs Assessment Evidence base presentation	To complete & present	EP	On agenda next meeting
7.	15.09.14	LSSF/ Universal credit local pilot	Provide update	MK	On agenda next meeting
8.	15.09.14	Implementation Task & Finish group to meet to discuss the review actions agreed (see meeting note)re the APS high level action plan to devise suggestions/proposals on the outstanding actions to inform the Board's decision process	Imp T&F group to meet, discuss & develop proposals	Imp T&F group	On agenda next meeting
9.	15.09.14	Poverty Awareness Raising – Suggestion to link outstanding WFD element of this action to the wider /corporate workforce development strategy activity	AH to contact michael Potter & Angela Tracey	AH	AH feedback next meeting
10.	15.09.14	Circulate: Ben Cap report 2 Presentations from 15 th Sept	Done	AH	Closed
11.	12.05.14 23.06.14	Case Studies request –impact of poverty/welfare reform remains an open action for colleagues to submit cases if they arise	Remains open	All to AH/EP	Remain open