

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject:	Draft Child Poverty Action Plan
Committee:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	13 March 2013
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Penberthy
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Key Decision:	Yes
Part:	I

Purpose of the report:

Following extensive consultation, this draft three year action plan outlines a proposed citywide approach to tackling the causes and impact of child poverty under four major themes:

- Financial Support and Independence
- Family Life and Children's Life Chances
- Communities and Neighbourhoods
- Child Poverty is Everyone's Business.

Corporate Plan 2012-2015:

The Council has committed to developing ways of effectively addressing child poverty as part of its overarching commitment to becoming a Co-operative Council.

Tackling child poverty is identified as a level I performance indicator within the Corporate Plan which supports the delivery of one of the city and Council's four priorities – reducing inequalities.

Reducing child poverty is considered as integral to addressing medium term issues to address the financial and external challenges faced by the Council and to move forward on its long-term vision and priorities. It is identified as an area where it is critical that we work successfully across the whole council and city partnership.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

Costing of the strategy and action plan is currently underway. Effective delivery of the child poverty strategy is highly dependent on having a comprehensive understanding of how resources are currently being commissioned against child poverty outcomes across Plymouth City Council and its partners. In addition the strategy will identify areas and opportunities where further pooling and alignment of resources may be required around common outcomes, for example within the early intervention and prevention strategy commissioning processes.

For existing plans and strategies, is it expected that commissioning of services to support child

poverty outcomes will take place based on agreed priorities within approved budgets and resources.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

An Equality Impact Assessment is being undertaken to identify if the action plan will have any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics. If this is found to be the case then further work will need to be carried out to mitigate as far as possible the issues identified.

Equality and Diversity

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? Pending

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are asked to:

- Check that the I I draft objectives outlined within the report are the right ones to focus attention on.
- Make recommendations on a future governance structure for the delivery of the child poverty action plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

It is a statutory requirement to produce a child poverty needs assessment and action plan.

Published work / information:

Background papers:

- Draft Child Poverty Action Plan 2013-2016
- Final report: Engagement and consultation feedback

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member: Pam Marsden													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the contents of the report? Yes													