

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Delivering the Plan for Child Poverty 2016-2019
Committee: Cabinet
Date: 11 October 2016
Cabinet Member: Councillor Downie, Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities
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Ref:
Key Decision: No
Part: 1

Purpose of the report:

- On 8 March 2016 Cabinet formally agreed the Plan for Child Poverty 2016-2019;
- Cabinet requested to review the delivery plans for the Plan for Child Poverty 2016-2019 when developed
- The delivery plan activities will enable progress towards addressing the four child poverty priority areas over the next three years;
 1. Families on low income- key activities in this theme will support low income families to find routes out of poverty through the maximisation of their income.
 2. Narrowing the gap in attainment – key activities will reduce the attainment gap at Key stage 2 and 4, and increase the number of children who are able to read and write by the time they leave school.
 3. Support for parents – key activities within this theme will support parents at risk of poverty by enabling them to be more engaged with their child’s learning; obtain better qualifications and gain more sustainable employment, and have access to mental health support.
 4. Poor dental health – key activities within this theme will mean that by 2019, the dental health of children under the age of 16 will have improved, with a reduction in the number of children having teeth removed.

The Council Corporate Plan 2016/19:

The key activities to deliver the Plan for Child Poverty will provide a renewed focus for where the city’s attention and resources should be directed to ensure that we achieve in our four priority areas. We will also look to explore further the use of Voluntary and Community Sector in the development and delivery of this plan. This will ensure we have the most impact on our most vulnerable families who are most likely to be experiencing poverty.

There are currently a number of key actions within both the Plymouth Plan and Corporate Plan that directly contribute towards tackling child poverty. These include:

- Caring Plymouth – Many of the key activities identified within the Plan for Child Poverty 2016-2019 directly contribute to the achievement of a Caring Plymouth, particularly those that focus on early intervention and prevention and reducing health inequalities.
- Growing Plymouth- Key activities in the Plan for Child Poverty 2016-2019 will directly contribute to the delivery of Growing Plymouth, specifically around quality jobs and valuable skills.

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

The nature of this plan means it threads through most of the councils resources. Delivery of the plan will be resourced through existing revenue and grant funding within the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Plymouth City Council will also engage with key city partners to source additional funding where appropriate.

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

The key activities to deliver the Plan for Child Poverty 2016-2019 will inherently bring long-term good to the city and complement citywide efforts to tackle child poverty, as outlined in the Plymouth Plan, specifically those in Healthy City.

Equality and Diversity:

The Plan for Child Poverty 2016-2019 sits within the Plymouth Plan, and the impact for equality and diversity has been considered at length in the development of the Plymouth Plan. The delivery plan will have a positive impact on reducing the inequalities that children experience as a result of poverty.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

Cabinet notes the delivery plan for the Plan for Child Poverty 2016 - 2019

Alternative options considered and rejected:

N/A

Published work / information:

[Plan for Poverty 2016-2019](#)

Background papers:

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Originating SMT Member: Judith Harwood													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													