

CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN 2019-22

Cabinet



Date:	11 June 2019
Title of Report:	Child Poverty Action Plan 2019-22
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

In Plymouth, one in five of our children are living in poverty. They are likely to remain in poverty and so will their children unless we address the fundamental causes that make thousands of our children have the worst start in life.

The current 2016-19 Child Poverty Action Plan runs until the end of 2019, however, the cross party Child Poverty Working Group has met and is seeking to fundamentally change the plan before then. The revised Action Plan 2019-22 is attached to this report and takes the form of a Plan on a Page setting out 4 key themes (Education and Transitions, Health, Income and Employment and Partnerships). The themes have been derived from the Child Poverty Needs Assessment. Complementing the Plan on a Page is a focused Action Plan setting out priorities for each theme with the activities needed to deliver impact.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Cabinet approve the proposed Child Poverty Action Plan for 2019-22 and the actions therein

Alternative options considered and rejected

None

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Fighting child poverty is a key priority for Plymouth as set out in the Plymouth Plan. Ending child poverty means tackling a wide range of complex issues to improve children's chances in life and empowering families to move themselves out of poverty for good.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

All deliverables, from a Plymouth City Council perspective are inherent in business plans and any costs are inclusive. The Action Plan 2019-22 does rely on both private sector and voluntary sector funding contributions which are currently being secured.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Taking people out of poverty enables them to make better lifestyle choices e.g. in relation to housing and heating their homes. Over the past five years, heating a home in the UK has become 63 per cent

more expensive, while real wages have declined. A greater number of poor households spend more than 10 per cent of their income on energy, becoming 'energy poor'. This category now covers 17 per cent of all British households, many of which will include children. In Plymouth we have schemes which help households to install central heating which can be much more cost effective, thus saving them money whilst reducing their carbon footprint, e.g. the difference between running an electric heater(s) compared to an efficient boiler.

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

Child Poverty is the principle focus of this report which seeks to put in place a plan of action to help address some of the key issues in Plymouth.

Appendices

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	Child Poverty Action Plan Cabinet Report							
B	Child Poverty Action Plan 2019-22							
C	Equalities Impact Assessment							

Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Child Poverty Needs Assessment 2018							

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt											

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 03/06/2019

Cabinet Member signature of approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy – approved by E Mail

Date: 03/06/2019