

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

ANTI-POVERTY AND INEQUALITY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	There was no Urgent Business.		
2	<u>Exempt Business</u>	There was no Exempt Business.		
3	<u>Declarations of Interest or Transparency Statements</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note that the Convener advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda items 9.1 (Child Poverty Action Plan Update Report), 9.2 (Development of an Anti-Poverty Strategy) and 9.4 (Demographic information on child poverty, in-work poverty and other forms of poverty in the city) as he was an appointed representative to Aberdeen Foyer, Community Food Initiatives North East (CFINE) Board and Grampian Regional Equality Council, however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the items;</p> <p>(ii) to note that Councillor Brooks advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda items 9.1 and 9.2 as he was founder and Chairman of the TLC Charity which was part of the Trussell Trust family of food banks however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would</p>		

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		<p>prevent him from participating in the discussion on the items; and</p> <p>(iii) to note the Dr John Bone advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda items 9.1 and 9.2 as he was a Board member of C-Fine however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the items.</p>		
4	<u>Minute of previous meeting of 11 January 2023</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.		
5	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note the Planner.	Governance	Clerk
6	<u>Child Poverty Action Plan Update Report - CUS/23/061</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> <p>(i) to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, to circulate the Integrated Impact Assessment in respect of the report;</p> <p>(ii) to note the progress in the half yearly report;</p> <p>(iii) to note the progress in submitting the annual report and refreshed Child Poverty Action Plan 2022-26 to Scottish Government; and</p> <p>(iv) to note the progress in establishing the Child Poverty sub-group of the Anti-Poverty Outcome Improvement Group.</p>	Customer	Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie
7	<u>Development of an Anti-Poverty Strategy - CUS/23/062</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> <p>(i) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, to circulate the report to the Operation Delivery Committee on 17 September 2019 Child Poverty (CUS/19/375) referred to at 3.2</p>	Customer	Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie

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		<p>Intervention and Community Empowerment to undertake further work with the External advisers and working group on poverty demographics in Aberdeen and report back to the Committee in September 2023;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to undertake further research into rates of poverty and ‘in work’ poverty in the rented and social housing sectors in Aberdeen and report back to the Committee at a future date;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Customer Experience following consultation with the Chief Officer – Data and Insights, to review how the Council records demographic information of residents, and report back to a future Committee with suggestions on how this data could be more effectively used to target key demographics with a higher risk of experiencing poverty;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to report back to the Committee on poverty demographics once the most recent census data was available;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Data and Insights to undertake a further survey through City Voice on poverty rates in Aberdeen and report back to a future Committee; and</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to include in the next six monthly Child Poverty Action Plan report analysis of work being done to support specific demographics outwith the six identified child poverty family groups.</p>	Customer	<p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p>

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10	<u>Equality Outcomes Progress Report 2021-2023 - CUS/23/051</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(v) to note the progress from 2021 – 2023 on the Corporate Equality Outcomes, Employer Equality Outcomes, Education Equality Outcomes and Licensing Board Outcomes as detailed in the Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Progress Report 2021- 2025;</p> <p>(vi) to note that the Staff Governance Committee, Education and Children’s Services Committee and Licensing Board would also consider the Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Progress Report for 2021-2023;</p> <p>(vii) to approve the ‘Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Progress Report for 2021-2023’ subject to any additional feedback from Staff Governance Committee, Education and Children’s Services Committee and Licensing Board;</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to publish the report on the Council’s website by 30 April 2023; and</p> <p>(ix) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment in consultation with the Chief Officer – Data and Insights and Chief Officer – Customer Experience to review how the Council records the characteristics of our customers in relation to the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Scottish Specific Duties, identify any improvements that could be made in this process in line with our business needs, and report back to the relevant committee at a future date.</p>	<p>Customer</p> <p>Customer</p>	<p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p>
11	<u>Formation of a working group to support</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u>		

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	<u>the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee - CUS/23/075</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the approach taken to obtaining nominations for the working group; (ii) to agree that all respondents be invited to an information session on the work of the Committee and that officers subsequently confirm the respondent's commitment for the initial twelve month period; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to thereafter appoint twelve of the respondents to the working group for an initial period of twelve months; (iv) to request that members of the working group identify a member to take the currently vacant position of external adviser to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee starting in May 2023, and (v) to request that the working group, with support from the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment and the External Advisers, submit a report to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee in June 2023 detailing their thoughts on anti-poverty and inequality issues in Aberdeen and making recommendations on actions believed necessary to tackle these issues. 	<p>Customer</p> <p>Customer</p> <p>Customer</p>	<p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p> <p>Derek McGowan/Jacqui McKenzie</p>
12	<u>Exempt/Confidential Business</u>	There was no Exempt Business.		

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