

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Public Protection Committee
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REPORT TITLE	Assurance on Child Poverty Action Plan
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.4

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide assurance to the Committee that the Child Poverty Action Plan 2019-22 has been agreed by Operational Delivery Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Committee:-

- 2.1 Notes that Operational Delivery Committee has approved the Local Outcome Improvement Plan as the Child Poverty Action Plan for 2019-22.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (the Act) received Royal Assent on the 17th December 2017. The Act sets out steps required by the Scottish Government, Local Authorities and Health Boards to tackle child poverty.

- 3.2 Section 1 of the Act sets out targets that the Scottish Ministers must meet by 2030. These are that, of children living in households in Scotland:

(a) less than 10% fall within relative poverty

(b) less than 5% fall within absolute poverty

(c) less than 5% fall within section 5 combined low income and material deprivation

(d) less than 5% fall within section 6 persistent poverty

- 3.3 To achieve these targets, The Scottish Government's Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2018-22: Every Child, Every Chance, a legal requirement under Section 9 of the Act, was published on the 28th March 2018, and is aimed at increasing family incomes through a variety of measures.
- 3.4 The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (the Act) requires each Local Authority and NHS Board to publish a Child Poverty Action Report (CPAR) and undertake annual monitoring and reporting to demonstrate progress against agreed targets.
- 3.5 The most recent Population Needs Assessment identifies that around 5500 children in Aberdeen are living in poverty. A standard definition of child poverty means growing up in families without the resources to 'obtain the type of diet, participate in the activities and have the living conditions and amenities' which are the norm in 21st century Scotland.
- 3.6 Existing strategies to tackle poverty in Aberdeen include 'Towards a Fairer Aberdeen that Prospers for All 2017-2020'. This identifies a number of priorities that we have been tackling along with partners, placing an emphasis on a partnership approach..
- 3.7 On the 17th September 2019, Operational Delivery Committee approved the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-2026 as the Child Poverty Action Plan 2019/22

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	Risk relates to non-achievement of targets long term, and failing to reduce demand through early intervention in key	M	Community Planning Aberdeen scrutiny of progress on outcomes at regular intervals;

	drivers. Failure to achieve the outcomes desired will mean residents requiring support from public agencies for longer.		commissioning intentions approved by Council
Legal	Risk relates to failure to comply with statutory requirements.	L	Provision of the LOIP as Aberdeen City Child Poverty Action Plan
Employee	None.	L	
Customer	Failure to meet statutory targets as outlined above.	L	This work will improve outcomes for children and families across the City.
Environment	Risk as opportunity.	L	Meeting the LOIP outcomes will improve the environment for children.
Technology	None.	L	
Reputational	Risk relates to failure to meet the statutory targets.	L	Meeting the LOIP outcomes.

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	This report proposes to use the LOIP as the CPAR, meaning that all measures included in the LOIP under this heading are relevant and will have a direct, positive impact on those living in the City.
Prosperous People	This report proposes to use the LOIP as the CPAR, meaning that all measures included in the LOIP under this heading are relevant and will have a direct, positive impact on those living in the City.
Prosperous Place	This report proposes to use the LOIP as the CPAR, meaning that all measures included in the LOIP under this heading are relevant and will have a direct, positive impact on those living in the City.
Enabling Technology	This report proposes to use the LOIP as the CPAR, meaning that all measures included in the LOIP under this heading are relevant and will have a direct, positive impact on those living in the City.

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Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	This report places children at the heart of service planning and design. Children are our current and future customers and improvement made here will impact on their whole lives.
Organisational Design	The TOM design allows for work on child poverty to be delivered in a number of Clusters, as well as through strategic work such as the LOIP, Local Development Plan and Local Housing Plan. There is a focus on Early Intervention in tackling poverty and this is likely to be most evident in Early Intervention and Community Empowerment; Integrated Children and Family Services and Place Planning.
Governance	This relates to the tracking of the outcomes, which will be undertaken through existing scrutiny of the LOIP, and through Council governance structures at annual intervals.
Workforce	As we move to the final Target Operating Model in March 2020, roles and responsibilities will be checked to ensure work around poverty is relevant.
Process Design	As new methods of undertaking work are identified processes will be updated and normalised to ensure children and families in poverty benefit.
Technology	As new methods of undertaking work are identified processes will be updated and normalised to ensure children and families in poverty benefit.
Partnerships and Alliances	As we are presenting the LOIP as the Child Poverty Action Plan, we are confident that partners across the City have been involved in the creation of this plan, and will be involved in delivering the outcomes identified.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	<p>This will impact positively upon protected characteristics of age in that it will improve outcomes for children.</p> <p>A full EHRIA is not requested. The report seeks to notify the Committee that Operational Delivery Committee has approved the Local Outcome Improvement Plan as the Child Poverty Action Plan for 2019-22.</p> <p>A Full EHRIA has been carried out on the LOIP and it showed a positive impact on Age and intersectionality as it will improve outcomes for All children.</p>

Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Agreeing the use of the LOIP to act as the CPAR will be a positive move in addressing socio-economic disadvantage. There is no disadvantage foreseen to any protected characteristics, and the aim of the LOIP is to improve outcomes for all.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Operational Delivery Committee Report – Agenda Item 11 September 2019

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

None

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