

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Anti-Poverty and Inequality
DATE	11 June 2025
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Mapping of Aberdeen City Council Anti-Poverty and Inequality Services and Support
REPORT NUMBER	CORS/25/134
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Andy MacDonald
CHIEF OFFICER	Isla Newcombe
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1, 3.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents a high level overview of anti-poverty and inequality services and supports being delivered by the Council, and in partnership with public services, third sector and community organisations across Aberdeen.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

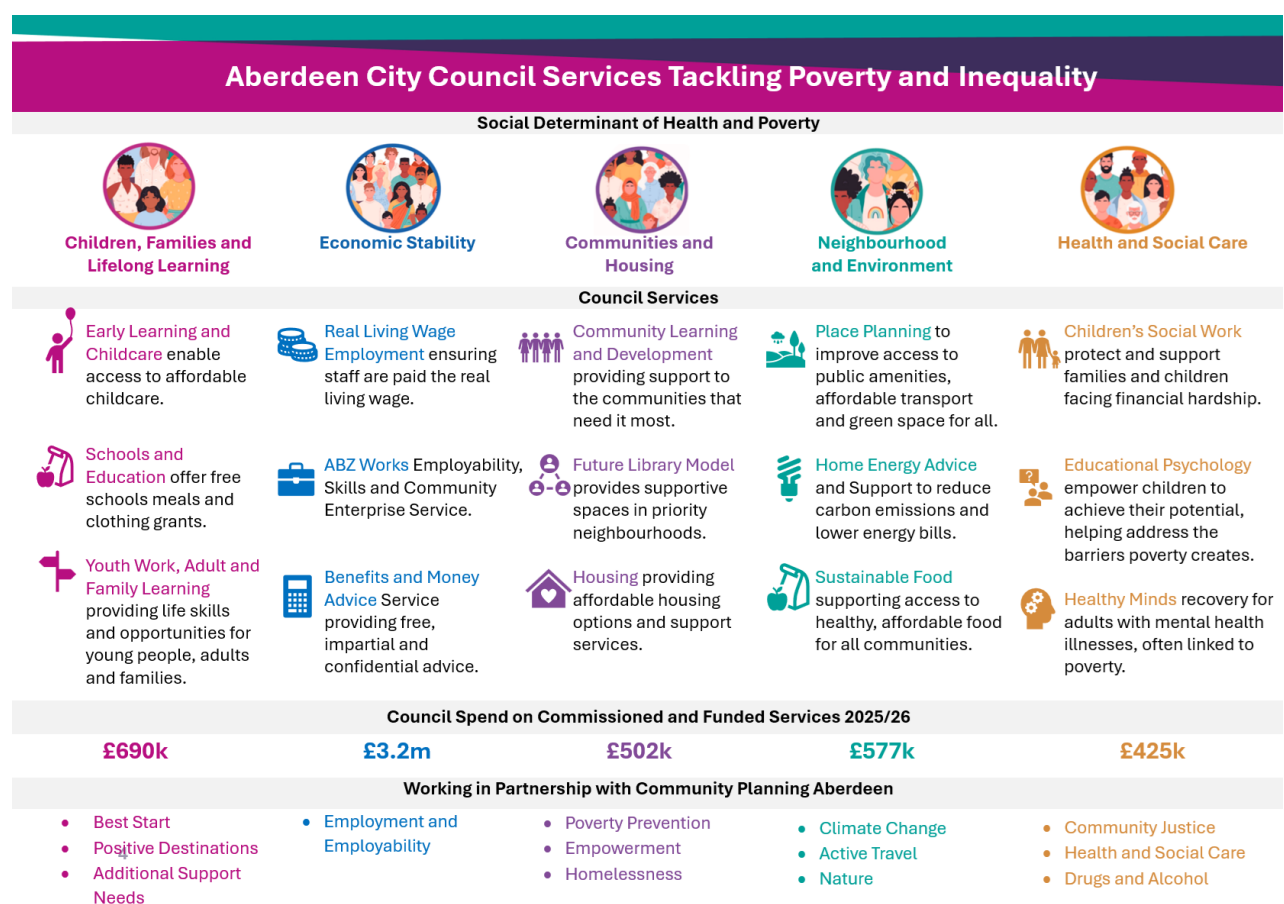
That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Notes the breadth of anti-poverty and inequality services and supports currently available from the Council and partner organisations to people in need across Aberdeen.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 Tackling poverty and inequality is Aberdeen City Council's greatest priority, influencing all aspects of how we plan, design and deliver services to ensure fairness and inclusion for all citizens, especially those facing poverty and other inequalities. This includes prioritising resources for poverty prevention and reduction initiatives and ensuring equitable access to services.
- 3.2 During the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee Visit to AberNecessities on 29 January 2025, there was a discussion about the importance of the Council working together with the third sector to provide wrap around support for people in poverty. An action agreed following the visit was that a mapping of services delivered by the Council, and funded/ commissioned organisations, which support the prevention of poverty would be undertaken in order to understand the breadth of support available from Aberdeen City Council.
- 3.3 The document included in Appendix 1 provides a high level overview of the key services being delivered by the Council, and in partnership with public services, third sector and community organisations across Aberdeen, to support low income and marginalised communities and families. This includes organisations being commissioned or funded during 2025/26 via the Council's Common Good Fund, Cost of Living Fund, Fairer Aberdeen Fund, Local Environmental Action Fund, Scottish Government Free Period Products Fund, No One Left Behind Fund, Air Quality Action Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

- 3.4 Note that this is not an exhaustive list, as Council services may provide further anti-poverty and inequality services through external organisations by way of commissioning or grant funding, in conjunction with the corporate funds included in this document.
- 3.5 The services and supports have been grouped by the social determinants of health, which are the wide range of social and environmental factors that influence a person's health and wellbeing. Poverty is a significant and intertwined element which directly impacts an individual's access to resources and opportunities, leading to poorer outcomes.
- 3.6 Viewing council services and supports through the lens of social determinants of health helps demonstrate how the Council is not only responding to the immediate needs of vulnerable people, but tackling the root causes of poverty and inequality to improve the overall wellbeing of our citizens, families and communities.
- 3.7 The graphic on page three of the document (see below) provides a one page summary of the key Services provided directly by the Council, along with the total investment made in supporting the third sector to deliver services through key Council funding, as well as partnership working with Community Planning Aberdeen on priority outcomes. Note that the inclusion of services funded by the Cost of Living Fund 2025/26 is subject to the approval of Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee of the proposed allocations on 11 June 2025.



- 3.8 The document is intended to be informative and raise awareness of elected members and staff of the breadth of current services that have a role in preventing and mitigating against the impacts of poverty.

3.9 Next Steps

- 3.9.1 The document will provide the basis for further public facing communications on the range of anti-poverty and inequality services available to people and communities across Aberdeen through the Council and commissioned or funded organisations.
- 3.9.2 The Anti-Poverty Group will continue to explore opportunities for raising awareness of the broader range of support available across the wider public, private and third sector in Aberdeen, as well as improving coordination between providers.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	None	None	L	Yes
Compliance	None	None	L	Yes
Operational	None	None	L	Yes
Financial	None	None	L	Yes
Reputational	None	None	L	Yes
Environment / Climate	None	None	L	Yes

8. OUTCOMES

Council Delivery Plan 2024	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement <u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	There is no proposal in this report

Local Outcome Improvement Plan	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	There is no proposal in this report
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	There is no proposal in this report

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Not required. I confirm this has been discussed and agreed with Isla Newcombe, Chief Officer People and Citizens Services on 15 May 2025.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required.
Other	N/A

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 [Aberneecessities Visit Jan 2025.pdf](#)

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 Anti-Poverty and Inequality Services and Support June 2025

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