

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Anti-Poverty and Inequality
<b>DATE</b>	11 March 2026
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Appointment of External Adviser to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	CORS/26/053
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Andy MacDonald
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b>	Michelle Crombie on behalf of Isla Newcombe
<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Matthew Lee, Anti-Poverty Officer
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	1.3

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report requests approval of the appointment of a new external adviser, representing lived experience, to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Approves the appointment of an external adviser, as named in this report, to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee in line with the Committee's Terms of Reference.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Aberdeen City Council Committee Terms of Reference for the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee provide as follows:

#### *EXTERNAL ADVISERS*

*Emphasising the close links with Community Planning Aberdeen's Anti-Poverty Group, the Committee will appoint advisers who are not members of the Council. These external advisers will be appointed by the Committee as follows:-*

- 1 resident of Aberdeen with lived experience of poverty;*
- Up to 2 people representing the charitable sector in Aberdeen;*
- 1 person representing higher and further education in Aberdeen;*
- 1 person representing key interest groups in Aberdeen (that maybe appointed for a defined period of time); and*
- 1 public health professional/practitioner who works in Aberdeen.*

3.2 A nomination was received for Natasha Franklin for appointment to the vacant external adviser role in respect of a person representing lived experience in Aberdeen. Natasha Franklin was a member of the Lived Experience Steering Group formed by the Scottish Women’s Budget Group as part of their study on gender poverty and inequality in Aberdeen.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation of 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?
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	No significant risk identified		L	Yes
<b>Compliance</b>	Risk of not complying with committee terms of reference	Appointment of external adviser will mitigate this risk	L	Yes
<b>Operational</b>	No significant risk identified		L	Yes
<b>Financial</b>	No significant risk identified		L	Yes
<b>Reputational</b>	No significant risk identified		L	Yes
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No significant risk identified		L	Yes

#### 8. OUTCOMES

<u><a href="#">COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2024</a></u>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>  <u><a href="#">Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</a></u>	The appointment of the external adviser will contribute to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Transparent, Accessible and Accountable Council - Aberdeen City Council works for the people of Aberdeen, and it is important that people can access, understand, and take part in the Council's democratic processes.</li> </ul>
<u><a href="#">Local Outcome Improvement Plan</a></u>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The appointment of the external adviser will support the work of the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee in contributing to stretch outcome 1 - No one will suffer due to poverty by 2026
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	There is no proposal in this report

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	No assessment is required. I confirm this has been discussed and agreed with Michelle Crombie, Strategic Lead, Prevent and Community Empowerment on 17 February 2026.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Other</b>	N/A

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 N/A

## 11. APPENDICES

11.1 N/A

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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