

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Anti-Poverty and Inequality
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<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2023
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the 2023 Population Needs Assessment for Aberdeen City. The Population Needs Assessment is a key source of evidence which informs the key priorities for Community Planning Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Council and provides an updated evidence base for the next refresh of the 2016 Local Outcome Improvement Plan. It includes demographic information on child poverty, in-work poverty and other forms of poverty in the city.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 notes the Population Needs Assessment 2023 as contained at appendix 1.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The revised Population Needs Assessment is a key source of evidence which informs the priorities for Community Planning Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Council. The Population Needs Assessment was approved by the Community Planning Aberdeen Board on 6 September 2023 and will be considered by Council on 11 October 2023.
- 3.2 The Population Needs Assessment revised for 2023 provides an updated evidence base for the next refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans due in April 2024. The document provides an overview of the situation at this point in time which the Community Planning Partnership's Outcome Improvement Groups will now use to consider whether the priorities within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans remain relevant and focussed on addressing the City's areas of greatest need. The data sets included in the Population Needs Assessment are monitored on an ongoing basis through our online [Outcomes Framework](#) and any new data released between now and April 2024 will be flagged and also considered as part of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plan refresh process. For example, the Population Needs Assessment includes Scotland's Census 2022 rounded population estimates published on 14 September 2023 but further data is scheduled to be released in spring 2024.

- 3.3 As in previous years, the Population Needs Assessment has been aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals . The Sustainable Development Goals recognise that ending poverty must go hand in hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality and support economic growth in a way which does not compromise the climate and nature. These are issues at the core of our Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- 3.4 A new addition to the Population Needs Assessment for 2023 is the inclusion of a population health commentary, provided by colleagues from Public Health, NHS Grampian. This commentary provides a helpful summary of the Population Needs Assessment findings, drawing out key points and issues to be considered fully as part of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan refresh process.
- 3.5 Some key points identified within the Population Needs Assessment through the lens of poverty include:
- Children in Low income families: Provisional data for 2021/22 estimates that 6,818 children in Aberdeen City are living in Relative Low Income families - up from 6,172 in 2019/20. Almost two-thirds (62.7%) of children living in relative low income families are in working families and 27% are under 5 years old. Over half (55.6%) of children living in relative low income families are in lone parent families.
  - Across four main organisations providing emergency food, almost 62,000 emergency food parcels were distributed in 2022/23, averaging over 5,000 parcels every month.
  - In 2022-23, the Trussel Trust reported that ‘No Recourse to Public Funds’ was the 9th highest reason for referral across all food bank referrals in Scotland. In Aberdeen, it was the second highest.
  - In December 2022, almost a third (32%) of respondents to the City Voice survey reported being worried they would not be able to heat their home – up from 10% in August 2021. Over a quarter of respondents (27.3%) said that paying for heating meant missing out on other activities (compared to 11.8% in 2021)
- 3.6 The Population Needs Assessment is being considered by Community Planning Aberdeen’s Outcome Improvement Groups as part of the refresh process for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans. This includes the Anti-Poverty Outcome Improvement Group which is responsible for delivering the current Local Outcome Improvement Plan stretch outcome that by 2026 no one will suffer due to poverty.
- 3.7 The Population Needs Assessment is a key source of data for all partners to utilise in their own organisations to consider whether the key findings have an impact on their individual strategic plans. For example, the Council’s Corporate Delivery Plan.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation of 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 direct environmental implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

#### 7. RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Strategic Risk			
Compliance			
Operational			
Financial			
Reputational	There is a risk that the Population Needs Assessment does not accurately reflect the needs of the population which may have a negative impact on the public's perception of the Council and Partnership working.	L	Colleagues across the Community Planning Partnership have contributed to the development of this Population Needs Assessment. It has been signed off by the Community Planning Partnership Outcome Improvement Groups and CPA Management Group as an accurate reflection of needs across the City based on the data currently available.
Environment / Climate			

## 8. OUTCOMES

<u><b>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</b></u>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>	The Population Needs Assessment is a key source of evidence to understand the needs of the population and informs the key priorities for Community Planning Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Council. Alleviating poverty in Aberdeen is central to the vision of the LOIP and Locality Plans.
<b>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</b>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and potential identification of new priorities under this theme.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and potential identification of new priorities under this theme.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and potential identification of new priorities under this theme.
<b>Regional and City Strategies</b>	
	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and can be utilised by Partners when reviewing regional and city strategies.
<b>UK and Scottish Legislative and Policy Programmes</b>	
	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and aligns to the requirements placed upon the Partnership by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (“CEA”).

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	Stage 1 Assessment has been completed.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Other</b>	N/A

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2021

10.2 Online Outcomes Framework

<https://communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/outcomesframework/>

## 11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 Population Needs Assessment 2023

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