

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee
DATE	20 March 2024
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Aberdeen Cyrenians Visit
REPORT NUMBER	CUS/24/085
DIRECTOR	Andy MacDonald
CHIEF OFFICER	Jacqui McKenzie
REPORT AUTHOR	Paul Tytler
TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a report following the Committee visit to Aberdeen Cyrenians on 31 January 2024.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Notes this report with information provided by Aberdeen Cyrenians; and
- 2.2 Thank all those at Aberdeen Cyrenians, including the many staff and volunteers, who welcomed the Committee and provided an informative and interesting visit.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 On 31 January 2024, the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee visited Aberdeen Cyrenians as part of the programme of visits to key organisations. Information provided by the Cyrenians following the visit includes:
- Information on [services](#) offered
 - 2022/23 [annual report](#)
 - The [presentation](#) shared with the committee during the visit



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3.2 A number of issues were raised during the visit and a follow-up session with the Committee took place on 12 March 2024. The following actions have been undertaken as a result of the visit and follow-up session:

- The Cyrenians Digital and Financial Inclusion team have been introduced to the Council's Financial Inclusion Team (FIT), to ensure effective contacts and referrals, and consider possible support that can be provided by the FIT team.
- Connection has been made with the Health Determinants Research Collaborative and Food Poverty Action Aberdeen, to ensure that Aberdeen Cyrenian's food insecurity data is included in the research work to explore improvements to City-wide food poverty data.
- To support the Cyrenians expansion of their growing spaces, a link will be made with the Council's environmental services team.
- The data shared by Aberdeen Cyrenians during the presentation highlighted the issues of in-work poverty, and the high proportion of males seeking cost of living support. The external advisers to the committee have been asked to

consider this data and advise on what further work is required to address these issues.

- To explore their property options, a meeting is being arranged with the Corporate Landlord team.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendation in 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

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2023</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement <u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	There is no proposal in this report
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26</u>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	There is no proposal in this report
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	There is no proposal in this report
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	There is no proposal in this report
Regional and City Strategies	There is no proposal in this report

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	No assessment required. I confirm this has been discussed and agreed with Jacqui McKenzie, Chief Officer Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, on 13 March 2024.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	N/A

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

11.1 N/A

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