

ANTI-POVERTY AND INEQUALITY COMMITTEE

12 JUNE 2024

The Committee had before it a report prepared by the Locality Manager on Accessing Money Advice Services.

The Executive Director, Corporate Services introduced the report and responded to questions from Members.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee note the recommendations at 3.12 of the report to support the development of access to money advice services in Aberdeen.

The Convener moved, seconded by Councillor Hutchison:-
that the Committee:

- (1) Instruct the Executive Director – Corporate Services to bring a report to a future committee to consider with partners the provisions of other advisory services in the city; and
- (2) otherwise approve the recommendation.

Councillor Tissera, seconded by Councillor Watson, moved as an amendment:-
that the Committee:

- (1) agree the recommendation contained within the report;
- (2) agree the SNP gives a whole new meaning to dither, delay and defer given the Committee instructed a report on 30th August 2023, with the report due no later than summer 2024, noting that there are no specific recommendations contained within the report on the actual issues faced by people in poverty in relation to accessing advice services and financial services and the impact this had; on the services available in Aberdeen; on the unmet need; and no specific recommendations for council services and other organisations to address this unmet need; and
- (3) instruct the Executive Director – Corporate Services to bring a report to the next committee detailing exactly what was asked for on 30 August 2023 in order to give confidence to those who may need help in this matter.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (5) – the Convener, and Councillors Davidson, Henrickson, Hutchison and Mennie; for the amendment (4) – Councillors Brooks, Kusznr, Tissera and Watson.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the motion.

In terms of Standing Order 34.1, Councillor Kusznr intimated that he would like this matter to be referred to Full Council. Councillor Kusznr was supported by Councillors Brooks, Tissera and Watson.