

Derby Child and Poverty Strategy - Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Derby Child and Family Poverty Strategy (DCFPS) is a partnership strategy owned by the Derby Child and Family Poverty Commission (DCFPC) and aims to tackle the causes of poverty in the city by taking action across three themes...
1. Mitigate – addressing the immediate causes of poverty and the short term impact on children and families.
 2. Movement – moving people out of poverty.
 3. Breaking the cycle – addressing the causes of inter-generational poverty.
- 1.2 The focus of the DCFPC's work to date has been in areas that come under the Mitigate and Movement themes. This is because there are already strategies in place in the city to tackle the areas of action under the Breaking the Cycle theme including Early Years Support and Intervention, Inspiring Young People – Raising Attainment Levels and Improving Work Readiness of Young People. Inspiring Young People and Raising Attainment Levels and Improving Work Readiness are a priority for the Derby City and Neighbourhood Partnership as set out in the Derby Plan and the focus of the Leadership Board; in conjunction with the Derby Renaissance Board and the Children, Families and Learners Board.
- 1.3 Since it was established in March 2013, the DCFPC has made significant progress and had an impact in a number of areas for action. These are set out in detail in the report and include:
- extending the food bank donation network
 - Derby City Council adopting a minimum income level
 - the introduction of the iChoose energy scheme
 - successfully bidding for funding for a joint working initiative between credit unions/NHS in baby clinics.
 - a co-located multi agency partnership advice hub in the Council House bringing together relevant advice and support.
- 1.4 The DCFPC will soon commence two new work streams...
- A review of child care provision in the city.
 - Developing a Financial Inclusion Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the progress the DCFPC has made in implementing the DCFPS.
- 2.2 To note the action the DCFPC is planning to take to tackle the causes of poverty in the city.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that the Council and named partners are effectively taking action to tackle the causes of child and family poverty in Derby.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Derby Child and Family Poverty Strategy (DCFPS) is a partnership strategy owned by the Derby Child and Family Poverty Commission (DCFPC) and aims to tackle the causes of poverty in the city by taking action across three themes...
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 3. Breaking the cycle – addressing the causes of inter-generational poverty.
- 4.2 The DCFPC recognises that in many of its priority areas, effective action is already being taken by a range of agencies and partnerships in Derby. Therefore no further action is required except for monitoring the overall impact on levels of poverty in the city. The action in the strategy has been selected on the following bases...
 - There are few or no new resources available to partners.
 - Effective action is not already being taken in the city.
 - New or further action is required in a particular area.
 - The action will have a significant impact on mitigating the effects of poverty, moving people out of poverty or breaking the cycle of poverty.
 - The Commission has the necessary influence to ensure that partners take the required action.

- 4.3 Consequently, the focus of the DCFPC's work to date has been in areas that come under the Mitigate and Movement Themes. This is because there are already strategies in place in the city to tackle the areas of action under the Breaking the Cycle theme including early Years Support and Intervention, Inspiring Young People – Raising Attainment Levels and Improving Work Readiness of Young People. Inspiring Young People and Raising Attainment Levels and Improving Work readiness are a priority for the Derby City and Neighbourhood Partnership as set out in the Derby Plan and a focus of the Leadership Board; in conjunction with the Derby Renaissance Board and the Children Families and Learners Board.
- 4.4 Since it was established in March 2013, the DCFPC has made significant progress and had an impact in a number of areas for action and these are set out below.

Area for Action	Progress
Income Deprivation/ Low Pay	✓ Adoption of a minimum income level by Derby City Council.
Food Poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Expansion of the food bank donation network to Derby City Council and Derby University. ✓ Creation of a Food Bank Development Group to strategically co-ordinate activity and new initiatives. ✓ Explored the establishment of a Community Shop and developed a relationship with the Community Shop organisation. ✓ Support for food banks to expand their services through the Local Assistance Scheme.
Fuel Poverty	✓ The iChoose energy scheme has been rolled out and there have been two application rounds.
Digital Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Subsidised broadband in targeted areas and communities. ✓ Commitment to promoting digital inclusion via the Local Support Services Framework through assistance with and promotion of self service and digital training.

Financial Inclusion/Increasing the Availability of Affordable Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Development of a Credit Union Development Strategy. ✓ Continuing to explore trial with Erewash Credit Union for a basic payment card that they can link to their Jam Jar account. ✓ Funding received for joint working initiative between credit unions/NHS in baby clinics - pilot in the Osmaston/Allenton area with NHS Health Visitors to deliver financial services and build capacity in the community through volunteering and training.
Joining Up Advice and Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derby has been successful in a bid to become an official trial to deliver local support in helping our citizens get ready for Universal Credit. The trial, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), began on 1 September 2014. Derby's trial includes the following elements... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A co-located multi agency partnership advice hub in the Council House bringing together relevant advice and support. ✓ Improved, secure case management across the partnership through the use of an innovative digital cloud system. ✓ A standardised triage process for partners, enabling us to gather a detailed picture of what support is required by individuals and families.

4.5 Two new work streams the DCFPC is due to commence shortly are:

- Childcare - a review of childcare provision in the city and its sufficiency
- Financial Inclusion - Development of a Financial Inclusion Strategy for Derby.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None – the Council and named partners have a statutory duty under the Child Poverty Act 2010 to tackle the causes of poverty in the city.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Head of Service Legal Director of Finance and Procurement Head of HR and OD N/A Director of Strategic Services and Transformation Director of Customer Management
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from the report.

Legal

- 2.1 The Council and named partners have a statutory duty to publish a Child Poverty Needs Assessment and a Child Poverty Strategy, which is set out in the Child Poverty Act 2010. The Child Poverty Strategy is a Derby City and Neighbourhood Partnerships Strategy that was endorsed by Council Cabinet in May 2013, when a commitment was made to integrating the areas for action into Council policy. Both are accessible on the Council's web page.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from the report.

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- 4.1 None arising directly from the report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Some groups with protected characteristics are susceptible to the causes of poverty and therefore all action to tackle child and family poverty in the city will reduce the potential disadvantage faced by these groups.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising directly from the report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising directly from the report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from the report.

Risk Management

9.1 None arising directly from the report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The delivery of the Child and Family Poverty Strategy will support the following corporate objectives...

- Better outcomes for our communities.