

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY  
REVIEW BOARD**

**17 December 2018**

# ITEM 10



Derby City Council

Report sponsor: Councillor Sarah Russell, Chair  
of the Children and Young People Scrutiny  
Review Board

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## Topic Review 2018-19 – Child Poverty in Derby

### Purpose

- 1.1 The Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board agreed that Child Poverty in Derby form the basis of its topic review for the 2018/19 municipal year at its meeting on 9 July 2018.
- 1.2 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board have invited representatives from partner organisations to give evidence on how they are prioritising and supporting a reduction in child poverty in the city.
- 1.3 The Chair has also requested that the Board consider the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, following a recent visit to the United Kingdom.

The report covers a range of areas related to the Topic Review, including the impact of Universal Credit, cuts to public services and the impact of austerity on different social and minority groups.

### Recommendations

- 2.1 To note evidence from relevant external stakeholders to inform the Board's topic review on Child Poverty in Derby.
- 2.2 To note and discuss the contents of the statement of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights in relation to the Board's topic review on Child Poverty in Derby.

### Reasons

- 3.1 To ensure the Board gains a thorough and complete understanding of child poverty in Derby as part of its topic review, it is important for evidence to be gathered from a wide range of sources and stakeholders. This can include evidence from council officers, external partners and service users.

## **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The Chief Executive of Derby Homes has agreed to give evidence to the Board, to discuss the impact of poverty and its relationship to housing standards in the city.
- 4.2 The UN Special Rapporteur is an independent expert appointed by the Human Rights Council and undertakes the following tasks:
- Conducting research and analysis to be presented in separate thematic reports to the Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly
  - Undertaking country visits and reporting on the situation in those countries in relation to the concerns of the mandate
  - Sending letters to governments and other relevant entities in situations in which violations of human rights of people living in extreme poverty have alleged to have taken place.

## **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 The Children and Young People Topic Review 2018-19 has been developed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, in consultation with officers in People Services, the Performance and Intelligence division and Democratic Services.

## **Other options**

- 6.1 None.

## **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

## **Legal implications**

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

## **Other significant implications**

- 9.1 The content of this report underpins the priority commitment, Protecting vulnerable children, young people, adults and older people. Making sure that we take action to safeguard vulnerable adults and children that require higher levels of support including our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities. This will involve early intervention and prevention wherever possible.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	N/A	
Finance	N/A	
Service Director(s)	N/A	
Report sponsor	N/A	
Other(s)	Councillor Sarah Russell – Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board	5/12/2018
	David Walsh – Head of Democracy	3/12/2018

  

Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Statement on visit to the United Kingdom, by Professor Philip Alston, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, 16 November 2018