

Report of the Director of People / Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty

Council – 4 November 2014

TACKLING POVERTY STRATEGY

Purpose:	To provide Council with the final Tackling Poverty Strategy which has taken into account feedback from the consultation
Policy Framework:	Single Integrated Plan; One Swansea Delivery Framework.
Reason for Decision:	To recognise the consultation feedback and approve the final tackling poverty strategy.
Consultation:	Legal, finance and access to services, and a full public consultation from 14 August to the 29 September 2014.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Council approve the final Tackling poverty strategy 2) Council note the consultation responses
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 As outlined in the Council report on the 14 August 2014 Poverty is the Council's and the cities number one priority and issue. The draft tackling poverty strategy was presented to Council, along with a process for consultation.

2.0 Tackling Poverty Strategy – consultation process

2.1 The paper which went to Council proposed that the Council consults on the draft tackling poverty strategy and welcomes all feedback on it.

2.2 The consultation process for the draft tackling poverty strategy ran from 14 August 2014 through to the 29th September 2014. Responses have

been compiled by the Access to Services team by using survey monkey and through the receipt of emails.

- 2.3 The draft strategy outlines the Council's proposed approach to tackling poverty. It contains the main strategy document, action plan, performance management framework, and the poverty profile.
- 2.4 The outcomes of the consultation process have been used to inform the development of this final tackling poverty strategy.
- 2.5 Senior officers presented the strategy to all Ward Members on September 2014.
- 2.6 Communities First cluster teams engaged residents, and SCVS sent it out through their networks.

3.0 Consultation feedback and analysis

- 3.1 28 formal responses were received during the consultation period from a range of people including; individual residents, third sector organisations and Council staff.
- 3.2 A full set of responses is contained within Appendix 1, along with a breakdown of the Equalities information for the respondents.
- 3.3 The responses have been looked at a broken down into themes contained within the table in Appendix 2. Against each response in the table it states whether or not the strategy has changed as a result of their comment or suggestion. These are then reflected in the final strategy attached in Appendix 3.

4.0 Equality and Engagement Implications

Attached in Appendix 4 is a draft Equality Impact Assessment report. This has been informed throughout the consultation process and is being finalised alongside the final tackling poverty strategy being considered by Council. At the time of writing, the EIA itself is undergoing the corporate quality assurance process and any amendments will be made with the advice and support of the Access to Services Team.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 Whilst there are no immediate financial implications arising from this report, acceptance of this strategy policy could result in additional expenditure or opportunity costs at a future time. There could be indirect costs or opportunity costs arising from the proposed action plans flowing from the strategy. It has been agreed as these are more fully developed the financial implications will be revisited and re-assessed.

5.2 Acceptance of the strategy does not mean that additional resources will be made available and it should be assumed that future spending needs will need to be contained within existing budget provision.

6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Background Papers: One Swansea Delivery Framework

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Consultation responses
Appendix 2 – Consultation analysis and feedback
Appendix 3 – Poverty strategy and supporting documents
Appendix 4 – Draft Equality Impact Assessment