

## APPENDIX 1

### Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty

#### 1. Portfolio priorities / objectives

Anti-Poverty Portfolio Objectives	Indicators for success	Updated information						
<p>PO 1) The effective running of the Communities First Programme – Welsh Government’s tackling poverty programme in communities</p>	<p>1. The funding allocation is spent appropriately within the financial year – with minimal underspend 2. The Programme is delivering its targets and achieving the required outcomes 3. The programme is actively engaging the residents of each of the cluster areas in activities</p>	<p>1. The total grant in 2014/15 was £2,844,812. Reducing the amount of underspend being returned to the Welsh Government has been a high priority. The total amounts being returned have been reducing dramatically.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 150px;">2013/14</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£558,418</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014/15</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£204,689</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015/16</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£159,472 (latest estimate)</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. 2015/16 Performance measures are generally on or ahead of target for the whole of the Communities First Programme. Targets for projects under the PDG Match Fund will show progress mainly in quarters 3 and 4 due to the alignment with school terms. All Cluster Delivery Plans have been reviewed with the Head of Tackling Poverty, Compliance Officer and Cluster Managers to ensure that plans stay current, that targets are revised if necessary with agreement of the Welsh Government.</p> <p>3. The Communities First Programme works closely with its partners and communities. Recent engagement with the Job Centre Plus has influenced how people are referred to the Communities First programme resulting in a referral mechanism which ensures that people are referred appropriately and timely so they receive effective support from the programme and that the programme is targeting the most marginalised members of the community.</p> <p>Each Communities First Cluster undertakes a range of engagement activities from newsletters to street meets, door knocking and Community Meetings to ensure that we are supporting people and families to engage with the programme and their communities.</p>	2013/14	£558,418	2014/15	£204,689	2015/16	£159,472 (latest estimate)
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<p>PO 2) To deliver the poverty strategies main actions over the next 12 months ensuring the Council is progressing towards delivering the targets for 2017.</p>	<p>1. The Tackling poverty action plan milestones and activities are achieved 2. The performance management framework targets are being achieved</p>	<p>1. These actions have been completed: 1. ASK of Welsh Government 2. Change to job descriptions</p> <p>These actions are underway: 3. Review of the tackling poverty strategy 4. Embed community development in Ward Member's roles 5. Strategy for the use of community buildings – assets strand of Sustainable Swansea 6. Tackling poverty training 7. Employee Pledge for volunteering</p> <p>These actions have proposals developed for delivery: 8. Neighbourhood Working – assignment of HoS/Directors, redirection of resources into target areas – part of the commissioning reviews 9. Develop a community action learning programmes 10. Incentives for staff 11. Introduction of a poverty challenge</p> <p>These are not actions which will all be completed over a 12-18 month period. The life of the strategy and its delivery needs to be seen over a 5-10 year + period. The poverty strategy action plan is available on request, along with the performance management framework.</p>
<p>PO3) Mitigating against the impact of Welfare Reform – particularly the introduction of Universal Credit</p>	<p>1. Production and implementation of a Local Delivery Framework/action plan for Universal Credit 2. Effective partnerships with other public and third sector providers supporting the roll out of Universal Credit and other reforms.</p>	<p>1. Local delivery plan for Universal Credit is being delivered</p> <p>2. There is a very effective Financial Inclusion Steering Group including partners within the public and third sectors.</p> <p>The FISG action plan can be made available on request.</p>

## **Other areas of responsibility:**

### **Third Sector Funding (Swansea Change Fund) and Community Action Transformation Fund**

Swansea Change Fund is the City and County of Swansea's Major Third Sector Grant fund. It is a mix of Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and Grants awarded in an open competition round. The Fund is currently in its 5<sup>th</sup> Year.

Community Action Transformation Fund (CATF) - The Fund was created in 2014 to support the delivery of the aims of the Community Action strand, There have been 3 rounds to date. In particular, funding will be aimed at proposals from community groups to:

- Develop proposals to run Council services locally and/or
- Facilitate the transfer of community assets.

### **Grow Local**

Budget for 2015-16 - £20k.

8 applications received to date, total amount requested £12968. The panel met early December and made 6 awards, to the value of £9.4k. Two applications have been deferred and are pending.

Further applications are expected and it is anticipated that the £20k budget will be spent by the end of March 2016.

### **Homelessness Prevention**

The Council has long had statutory duties relating to homelessness. Swansea has always taken a proactive approach to homelessness with prevention being an integral part of helping persons presenting to us.

In April 2015 we saw the enactment of the Housing Act (Wales) 2014. This introduced additional duties on the Council including a duty to take 'reasonable steps' to prevent and alleviate homelessness.

In 2014/15 there were nearly 3200 homelessness presentations. Figures have consistently been 2500-3000 in recent years but rises are expected in the future due to issues such as Welfare Reform. Importantly 63% of cases presenting in 2014/15 were prevented or found not homeless.

The national performance management and reporting framework for homelessness in 2015/16 is still in development to take account of the new legislation. We continue to work with partners in the statutory and voluntary sector to maintain and improve our homelessness prevention services. A key area of focus for the next 12 months is development of the private rented sector locally to offer good quality affordable accommodation as a housing solution to those who need it.