



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Poverty Reduction Policy
Development Committee**

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

Monday, 2 March 2020 at 3.30 pm

Present: M Sherwood (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
C R Doyle

Councillor(s)
P K Jones

Councillor(s)
L V Walton

Co-opted Member(s)

Officer(s)

Amy Hawkins

Tackling Poverty Service Manager

Allison Lowe

Democratic Services Officer

Joanne Portwood

Strategy and Policy Officer

Anthony Richards

Poverty and Prevention Strategy and Development
Manager

Lyndsay Thomas

Principal Lawyer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): K M Roberts

Co-Opted Member(s): Andrew Davies

30 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea no interests were declared.

31 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Poverty Reduction Policy Development Committee held on 16 December 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

32 Presentation - The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019.

Anthony Richards, Poverty and Prevention Strategy and Development Manager accompanied by Amy Hawkins, Tackling Poverty Service Manager provided a presentation on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019.

The latest Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD 2019) had been published by the Welsh Government on 27 November 2019. WIMD was the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in Wales. This was the first new index for five years and superseded the WIMD 2014.

WIMD used the Office for National Statistics 'Lower Super Output Area' (LSOA) geography as its reporting unit, which sub-divides into 1,909 separate geographical areas with an average population of 1,600. There were currently 149 LSOs within Swansea, most of which fall within Swansea's 36 Electoral Divisions or Wards.

WIMB was made up of eight separate domains (or types) of deprivation: income, employment, health, education, access to services, housing, community safety and physical environment. Each domain was compiled from a range of different indicators.

Further information could be found on the following websites:

Welsh Government:

<https://llyw.cymru/mynegai-amddifadedd-lluosog-cymru-diweddariad-llawn-ir-mynegai-gyda-graddfeydd-2019>
<https://gov.wales/welsh-index-multiple-deprivation-full-index-update-ranks-2019>

Interactive Map:

<https://wimd.gov.wales/geography/la/W06000011?lang=cy#&min=0&max=10&domain=overall>
<https://wimd.gov.wales/geography/la/W06000011?lang=en#&min=0&max=10&domain=overall>

Swansea Council:

<https://www.abertawe.gov.uk/mallic2019>
<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/wimd2019>

The Committee asked various questions, which the officers responded to accordingly. They noted that the WIMD was one of a number of tools used by the Authority and other local organisations to inform service delivery, resource allocation, funding bids and decision making.

The Chair thanked the officers for the informative presentation.

33 Work Plan 2019-2020.

The Chair presented the Work Plan 'for information'.

The meeting ended at 4.16 pm

Chair