



## Report of the Cabinet Members for Supporting Communities

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 November 2021

# Report on the Delivery of the Corporate Priority of Tackling Poverty

<b>Purpose</b>	To provide a briefing to the Scrutiny Programme Committee on the delivery of the Council's Corporate Priority of Tackling Poverty.
<b>Content</b>	The report provides an overview and context of the 'Report on the delivery of the Corporate Priority of Tackling Poverty'.
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	Consider the report, to give their views and make recommendations to the Cabinet Members as necessary
<b>Lead Councillor</b>	Councillors Alyson Pugh and Louise Gibbard, Cabinet Members for Supporting Communities.
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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Swansea Council's Corporate Plan sets out six key council priorities, one of which is Tackling Poverty – so that every person in Swansea can achieve their potential.
- 1.2 Poverty is caused by things that reduce resources, or increase needs and the costs of meeting those needs. Causes of poverty can also be consequences which can then create a cycle known as the poverty trap. Common triggers of poverty are often life changing events or changes in circumstances such as becoming sick, bereavement, redundancy or relationship breakdown.

## **2. Content**

2.1 The report prepared for the Scrutiny Programme Committee is structured to consider:

- Aims and objectives of the Tackling Poverty Corporate Priority
- A comparative assessment of poverty in Swansea
- An outline of key plans and priorities
- Available resources
- An overview of delivery and performance
- Examples of the difference made
- The current challenges and risks
- Future priorities

## **3. Context**

3.1 The Covid-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted low income households, pushing more people into poverty and those experiencing it, further into poverty resulting in an increase in demand for services including crisis support services and increased complexities for those in need.

3.2 Swansea Council's ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic in relation to mitigating the impacts of poverty and meeting demand, continues to shape new ways of working.

3.3 Recommendations from the Scrutiny Programme Committee will contribute to the further development of priorities and plans for recovery.

## **4. Legal implications**

4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report other than those set out in the body of the report.

## **5. Finance Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**Background papers:** *None*

**Appendices:** Appendix A – Report on the delivery of the Corporate Priority of Tackling Poverty