

Report of the Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty and Communities

Cabinet – 16 March 2017

A REVISED TACKLING POVERTY STRATEGY FOR SWANSEA

Purpose:	The report presents the revised tackling poverty strategy for Swansea, setting out the City and County's approach to tackling poverty for people in Swansea
Policy Framework:	The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015), Social Services and Well Being Act (2014)
Reason for Decision:	The Statutory Guidance for Part 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 outlines the collective role for public service boards. The Statutory Duties which can be discharged via a Local Well-being Plan are outlined in Annex A. The revised tackling poverty strategy supports the City and County of Swansea in meeting its Well-being Goals.
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Services, Corporate Management Team, Poverty Forum, People Management Group.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The revised draft tackling poverty strategy for Swansea be approved subject to wider consultation.
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Statutory Guidance for Part 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 outlines the collective role for public service boards. Annex A outlines the Statutory Duties which can be discharged via a Local Well-being Plan.
- 1.2 The development of a Revised Tackling Poverty Strategy will feed into and support the development of the Local Well-Being Plan.
- 1.3 As outlined in the Revised Tackling Poverty Strategy for Swansea, an action plan has been compiled to assess the work undertaken and the way the strategy will be implemented across the Partnership along with its resultant impact on reducing poverty.

2.0 The revised tackling poverty strategy for Swansea

- 2.1 The revised tackling poverty strategy for Swansea can be found at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The revised tackling poverty delivery plan can be found at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The revised tackling poverty strategy for Swansea covers;
 - Swansea's overarching corporate and partnership approach to tackling poverty.
 - Swansea's definition of poverty and our vision.
 - Strategic context.
 - Why we intervene
 - Tackling poverty through early intervention and prevention, Swansea's delivery history in this area and early successes.
 - Shared leadership and shared resourcing
 - Our approach
 - Expected outcomes
 - Governance
- 2.4 The Delivery Plan outlining our planned delivery activities, timescales and accountabilities can be found under Appendix 2.

3.0 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 The activities of the revised tackling poverty strategy for Swansea have equalities at their heart.
- 3.2 An EIA screening has been undertaken and a full EIA is required for the Strategy. This will be opened as soon as possible and will be progressed during and after the consultation period.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Whilst there are no immediate financial implications arising from this report, it should be assumed that any resultant future spending needs will need be contained within existing budget provision and have full and due regard to the budget principles set out in 'Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future', the medium term financial plan and the likely levels of future budgets.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications over and above those contained in Annex A of the Statutory Guidance on the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Background papers:

EIA Screening Report

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – A revised tackling poverty strategy for Swansea.

Appendix 2 – The revised tackling poverty strategy for Swansea Delivery Plan.