



City and County of Swansea

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

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Monday, 22 November 2021 at 3.30 pm

Present: Councillor P Downing (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C R Doyle
L R Jones

Councillor(s)

D W Helliwell
K M Roberts

Councillor(s)

P K Jones
L V Walton

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden
Anthony Richards

Democratic Services Officer
Poverty and Prevention Strategy and Development
Manager

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C Richards

23 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

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

24 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Poverty Reduction Policy Development Committee held on 25 October 2021 were approved as correct record.

25 Community Food Growing Policy.

Anthony Richards gave a verbal update to the Committee on the current position relating to the progress of the Community Food Growing Policy.

He outlined that the policy is in draft form but needs further work and discussion with other departments and third sector partners before it can put out for public consultation. The consultation would be for a minimum of 4 weeks and would be advertised on the council's website, via its social media platforms and all Members would be encouraged to promote the draft policy to local groups and organisations within their wards and communities.

Following the consultation exercise and collation of any comments and feedback, an Integrated Impact Assessment would be completed and submitted to the Access to Services Team for approval.

Following this, the report would then be brought back to the PDC for discussion and approval, before being referred to the Cabinet Member.

26 Corporate Debt Policy.

Anthony Richards gave a verbal update to the Committee on the current position relating to the progress of the Corporate Debt Policy.

He outlined that the workshop held in October with Members and staff from Housing Rents and Council Tax had proved very useful. The draft policy will need further refining and input from other departments before it can put out for public consultation.

As per the discussion on the previous item, the consultation again would be for a minimum of 4 weeks and would be advertised on the council's website, via its social media platforms and all Members would again be encouraged to promote the consultation. Following the consultation period and collation of any comments and feedback, an Integrated Impact Assessment would be completed and submitted to the Access to Services Team for approval.

Again, the report would then be brought back to the PDC for discussion and approval, before being referred to the Cabinet Member.

27 Work Plan 2021-2022.

The Chair verbally presented an updated Work Plan 2021-2022.

He outlined that the two reports originally scheduled for the December meeting may now need to be rescheduled in the New Year, and indicated that a report on the Draft Promoting Affordable Credit Policy would now be brought forward to the next meeting instead for discussion.

Resolved that the amended contents of the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 3.51 pm

Chair