

Bradford District Partnership

Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG)



Draft: Terms of Reference

1. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG) will provide policy direction and oversight to reduce poverty as part of the delivery of the District Plan outcomes. The APCG will also ensure that this work is prioritised by partners both as individual organisations and through their work within the Strategic Delivery Partnerships, sub groups and networks.

The APCG will do this by:

- Developing and implementing a delivery plan which focuses on gaps in services and includes commitments from key partner agencies.
- Providing policy challenge, steer, direction and oversight of thematic areas of work.
- Championing campaigns to promote anti-poverty related activity.
- Identifying and removing any barriers which may impede progress and solutions.
- Ensuring that any delivery plans developed address the specific needs of the District's vulnerable and socially excluded groups who are more likely to experience poverty and deprivation.
- Ensuring that work to mitigate the impact of poverty on residents is collaborative and well co-ordinated and has maximum impact.
- Providing recommendations for prioritisation of resources to BDP Board and partner organisations.
- Overseeing the development of an effective impact assessment and monitoring system (Performance Management Framework) which helps demonstrate the effectiveness of interventions and the difference made on the lives of residents of Bradford District.

2. APPROACH

Our approach will be built around the following:

- Evidence-based, needs-led intervention;
- Maximisation of external funding/resource options.
- Holistic, person-centred approach, consistent across services in Bradford.
- Collaborative working.
- Responsive and flexible to the unique needs of individuals and families, able to adapt and evolve to assist and support the pathways of people.
- Break existing cycles of poverty, deprivation and social exclusion in order to provide long-term improvements in quality of life for people.
- Help people to develop their own solutions, using accessible, high quality public, private and voluntary sector services, as required.
- Celebrate diversity and actively challenge prejudice and discrimination.

- Safeguard and enhance outcomes.
- Be proactive for foreseeable future challenges e.g. Housing requirements - impact of climate change and energy costs on, affordable warmth.

3. DELIVERY OUTCOMES:

The Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG) will oversee the implementation of our shared interventions as outlined in Bradford District Anti-Poverty Framework and associated delivery plan.

4. REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS:

The Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG) will report to the Bradford District Partnership Board and the Council's Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress and developments.

5. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Anti-Poverty Coordination Group (APCG) will consist of named representatives from the Council and Partner organisations. In order to ensure effective working, the membership of the Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG) needs to be kept to a manageable number. Consistency of representation is also vital, to enable the group to develop a shared understanding and commitment to the project.

Members of the group are expected to:

- make policy and service delivery related decisions on behalf their respective organisations
- Provide leadership (champion / sponsor) and direction for thematic areas of work and key activities
- Facilitate linking with partners who are working towards similar objectives and/or with similar client groups
- Assess the feasibility of proposed interventions
- Make resources available for priority areas of work
- Share information and data about service provision and performance in relation to agreed objectives to reduce inequalities

Members will include representation from the following partners:

- Council Executive member – Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport - Chair
- Council Member Champion
- Bradford Council – Senior Officer representative x4 (One of these to be the nominated officer champion)
- Voluntary Sector: one representative to be appointed by the District Assembly
- Businesses / Employers representative
- Clinical Commissioning Group representative
- Department of Work and Pensions representative
- Housing representative (Social sector landlord representative)

- Faith Group representative
- Protected characteristics groups representative
- Migrant/refugee groups representative

6. CHAIR

The Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG) Board will be chaired by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport.

7. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The group will meet on a quarterly basis. Additional meetings will be called at the Chair's discretion.

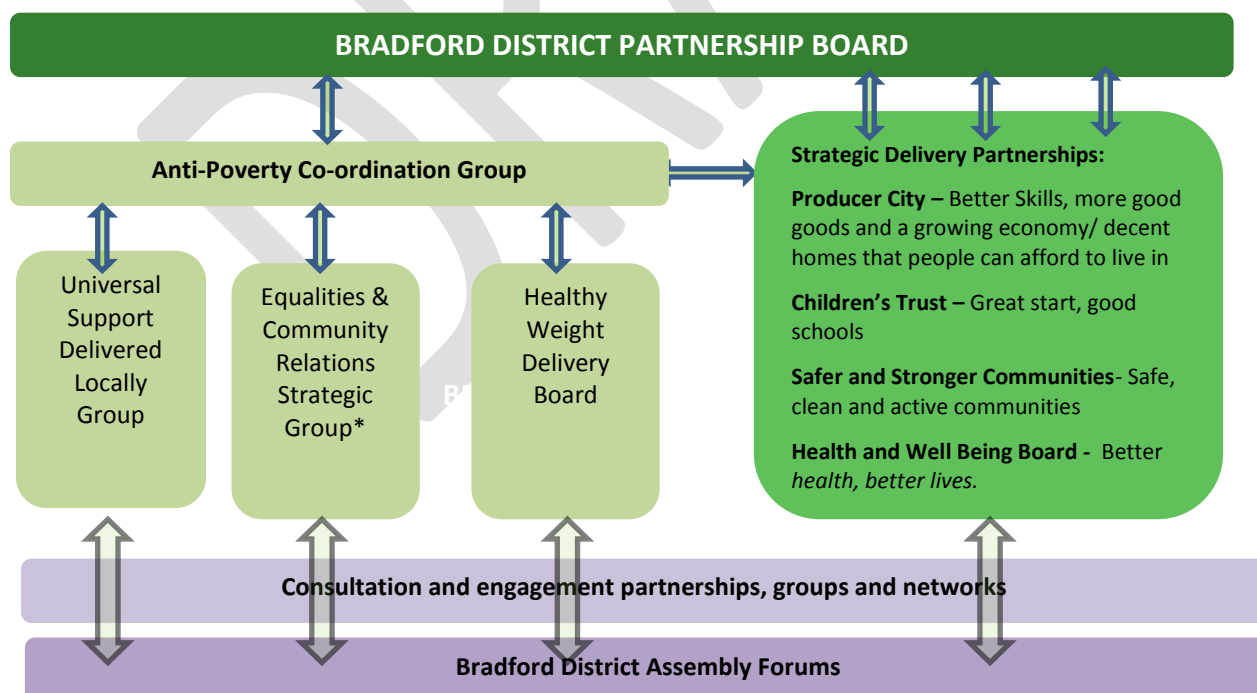
8. SUPPORT

The Anti -Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG) will work closely with Strategic Delivery Partnerships and their sub groups to ensure delivery of key actions and to provide a platform for escalating issues for policy steer or the removal of barriers and blockages. The APCG will also when required commission the set up of specific task and finish groups. These groups will inform the work of the APCG and will provide regular updates and escalate issues when required.

Programme management support to the Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group (APCG) will be provided by the Council's Office of the Chief Executive, with other support arrangements from Partners when necessary.

9. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The group will report s directly to the BDP Board.



*Sub group of Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership