

# **Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 2 February 2017.**

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## **Subject:**

**Bradford Poverty Scrutiny Review and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations progress report**

## **Summary statement:**

**The report provides a progress update on implementation of the recommendations made by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the 29 June 2016 and Executive of the 19 July 2016 that followed the Bradford Poverty Scrutiny Review.**

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## **Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

Corporate



## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report provides a progress update on implementation of the recommendations made by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the 29 June 2016 and Executive of the 19 July 2016 that followed the Bradford Poverty Scrutiny Review.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Following the presentation of several reports, during the 2013/14 municipal year, to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee concerning welfare reform, the Committee agreed, at its meeting of the 17 July 2014, to review poverty across Bradford District.
- 2.2 The review considered the causes, impact, and extent of poverty across the District alongside evaluating approaches to address these issues by the Council and its partners.
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Poverty Review report was presented to Committee on 29 June 2016. The meeting approved the review report and recommended that:
  - 2.3.1 Executive instructs Bradford Council to develop a comprehensive Anti-Poverty Strategy addressing the multiple factors related to poverty including but not limited to: food, health, housing, children, energy and employment. The Anti-Poverty Strategy should include key actions monitored through a delivery plan and its development should involve a review of existing, subject specific poverty strategies to ensure efficiency and possible mergers to ensure a lack of duplication
  - 2.3.2 Further work to be undertaken reviewing how approaches in employment, education and skills can help reduce the number of people in poverty.
  - 2.3.3 A further progress report to be presented to this Committee in six months' time.
- 2.4 The Committee also agreed all of the Review report's 22 recommendations. An update on progress against these recommendations is provided at **Appendix A: Scrutiny Poverty Review recommendations – Progress against implementation.**
- 2.5 At the Executive of the 19 July 2016, on receiving the recommendation from Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the 29 June 2016, the Leader requested the Strategic Director Regeneration to review the recommendation in consultation with the Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder with a view to it being taken forward.
- 2.6 Following the recent Council top management restructure, the former Departments of Regeneration and of Environment & Sport have been replaced by the Department of Place. Responsibility for implementing Council Executive's request has now passed to the Strategic Director of Place.

### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Bradford District Partnership's governance review suggested there was a need for multi-agency work around poverty and fairness. A multi-agency Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group was agreed by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and the Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder as the approach to address this requirement. The group would oversee, develop, and report on work to address the 22 recommendations made by the Scrutiny Poverty Review
- 3.2 During 2016, a cross-discipline and multi-agency working group met and developed terms of reference for this group along with a draft delivery framework.
- 3.3 The draft terms of reference (ToR) and draft delivery framework for the multi-agency Group was agreed by Council Management Team (CMT) on the 16 September 2016. These documents are subject to amendment when the Group meets for the first time in mid-February.
- 3.4 The draft ToR included membership of the group which would be drawn from the Council, other public sector and voluntary and community services partners and from the private sector. Please find these draft documents at:
- **Appendix B:** Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group draft terms of reference.
  - **Appendix C:** Draft delivery framework.
- 3.5 The Group will report directly to the Bradford District Partnership Board. As appropriate it will present reports to Council Executive and to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.6 While there has been a delay in forming the multi-agency Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group in order to secure proper partner input, work to address existing poverty strategies was taking place prior to the review and work has been taking place to implement the review recommendations since those recommendations were made, see Appendix A.
- 3.7 A role of the multi-agency Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group will be to ensure the implementation of these recommendations. Proposed action will be described in the Group's work programme.
- 3.8 Executive will shortly be presented with a report outlining proposed actions to mitigate against the impact of welfare changes on the poorest families in the district and how parents can be supported to access employment. This follows a request made at full Council of the 13 December 2016.



**4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

There are none arising from this report.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

There are none arising from this report

**6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

There are none arising from this report

**7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

7.1.1 The Poverty Scrutiny Review highlighted a number of equality and diversity related issues. Research has also highlighted similar issues, such as a link to poorer health, lower educational outcomes etc.

7.1.2 The Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group will consider equality and diversity issues in relation to its work.

7.1.3 Key Performance Indicators will be used to evidence overall outcomes of anti-poverty work across the district as well as the impact on individuals, groups and communities with protected equality characteristics.

**7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

**7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

There are none arising from this report.

**7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

There are none arising from this report.

**7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

There are none arising from this report.

## **7.6 TRADE UNION**

There are none arising from this report.

## **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

There are none arising from this report but the work of the Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group should have some impact on all wards

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

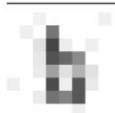
In considering this report the Committee may wish to:

- 9.1 Accept the progress made to implement the recommendations from the Scrutiny Poverty Review and the request made by the Council Leader to progress the recommendations made by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. .
- 9.2 Suggest additional action that could be taken to implement the recommendations from the Scrutiny Poverty Review and the request made by the Council Leader to progress the recommendations made by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 9.3 Both of the above options.
- 9.4 Forward their recommendations to the Executive, Council and or other appropriate bodies.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 10.1 Accept the progress made to date against the recommendations of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the 29 June 2016 and Executive of the 19 July 2016.
- 10.2 Suggest other action the Committee believes the Council and or its partners should or could be taking to make a positive impact against poverty in the District.



**11. APPENDICES**

**Appendix A:** Scrutiny Poverty Review recommendations – Progress against implementation

**Appendix B:** Anti-Poverty Co-ordination Group draft terms of reference.

**Appendix C:** draft delivery framework.

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

[Scrutiny Poverty Review report 2016](#)

[Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee 29 June 2016](#)

[Council Executive 19 July 2016](#)