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Report to:	Enterprise Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2016
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Tackling Poverty Programme 2016/2017
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek approval for the proposed Community and Enterprise Resources' Tackling Poverty Programme for 2016/2017

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the proposed Community and Enterprise Resources' Tackling Poverty Programme for 2016/2017 summarised at Appendix 1 and totalling £3.16m, be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. The conclusion of the Fairer Scotland Fund Programme in March 2011 ended the period of identified funding through the Scottish Government to address the symptoms and root causes of poverty. The final year of the £24.491 million programme saw ring-fencing removed and the funds incorporated within the Council's Grant Aided Expenditure (GAE).
- 3.2. The Council subsequently agreed the need for continuing support to tackle poverty in South Lanarkshire, and the Tackling Poverty Programme has been in place since April 2011.
- 3.3. The Programme is overseen by the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Partnership Board and Regeneration Services is responsible for providing monitoring reports, including quarterly updates, a six month report on progress against targets and a full annual report.
- 3.4. Following changes made last year, Council Resources delivering projects receive a direct allocation and are responsible for the management of Resource specific services. The mainstreaming of budgets was to remove bureaucracy and duplication and allow the individual Resources to have certainty regarding future funding streams and to include these areas of activity as part of their mainstream activities. Targets and progress performance reports will continue to be provided to Regeneration Services in order that a corporate report can be considered by the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Board.

- 3.5. This paper seeks approval for the elements of the Tackling Poverty Programme managed by Regeneration Services within Community and Enterprise Resources - a programme totalling £3,160,290 as detailed in Appendix 1.

4. Proposed Programme for 2016/2017

- 4.1. The programme continues to focus on the following areas which reflect the Partnership Improvement Plan (PIP) priorities identified by the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Board
- ◆ Early intervention and prevention
 - ◆ Employability
 - ◆ Support for vulnerable families
 - ◆ Financial Inclusion
 - ◆ Health Improvement
 - ◆ Community engagement
- 4.2. In addition, for the majority of programmes there will be a focus on the 15% most deprived datazones (SIMD), in some cases with emphasis on the 5% most deprived.
- 4.3. On approval of the programme, Regeneration Services staff will agree programme challenging targets with the delivery partner leads which will be presented to the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Partnership Board early in 2016/2017.
- 4.4. The Tackling Poverty budget continues to make a significant contribution towards agreed corporate and partnership priorities. It has enabled a number of partners to secure match funding from sources such as the Big Lottery, in turn increasing the level and range of services and supports available in South Lanarkshire which will improve outcomes including the most vulnerable individuals and groups.
- 4.5. Recent analysis has indicated that the Tackling Poverty Programme levered in £3.5m additional funding to the area over the period 2014/2015.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications for the Council.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The £3,160,290 is budgeted from existing resources held under the Community and Enterprise budget for 2016/2017.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. Potential risk associated with overspend risk has been assessed as low given that there are well established budget management processes in place for the budgets detailed in this report. The risk is managed through four weekly budget monitoring meetings at which any variance is analysed. In addition, the probable outturn exercise ensures early warning for corrective action to be taken where appropriate.
- 7.2. There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. Full consultation will take place with all stakeholders as appropriate.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- ◆ Improve services for older people
- ◆ Tackle disadvantage and deprivation
- ◆ Support the local economy
- ◆ Strengthen partnership working, community leadership and engagement

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee 11 March 2015

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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Appendix 1

Proposed Tackling Poverty Programme 2016/2017

Programme Theme	Award and Purpose	Allocation 2016/2017
Supporting Employability	Award to Community and Enterprise Resources. This funding, required as match for European Structural funds, supports Regeneration Services Employability programme.	£1,596,097
Improving Rural Transport	Award to the Rural Development Trust to enable the continued provision of additional transport routes in Clydesdale linking residents to services and opportunities.	£15,839
Youth Diversion	Award to RegenFX Youth Trust to support the continuation of a wide range of youth diversion activities targeting vulnerable young people. Includes school holiday, weekend, and evening provision across South Lanarkshire with a focus on areas with higher levels of youth related anti social behaviour. Includes training and supporting volunteer adult and Youth Leaders to run local youth clubs.	£422,830
Healthy Living Initiatives	Award to Healthy n Happy Development Trust to deliver a Confident Kids Healthy Choices programme - supports vulnerable children and their parents in Cambuslang and Rutherglen. The award also supports parent cafes in Whitlawburn and Burnhill targeting parents with very young children and providing social, emotional and parenting peer support.	£50,400
	Award to Healthy Valleys to enable them to continue to deliver community led health initiatives which focus on supporting the health and wellbeing of vulnerable families. This includes the Time Out programme supporting young people experiencing mental ill health, helping them to self manage and prevent more serious issues developing and a new Rural Cafe providing hot meals and support to vulnerable families. Significant volunteer input.	£36,395

Child Health and Wellbeing Early Intervention	Award to NHS Lanarkshire will enable the continuation of a new NHS/Education Resources Partnership Early Years Home Link programme which commenced late 2014 and which provides targeted support to vulnerable families (identified at entry to nursery to support early learning and development.)	£201,945
Financial Inclusion Support	Awards to the 4 CABs to continue to provide outreach money/welfare advice and support in disadvantaged communities	£81,376
	Award to the Financial Inclusion Network - to develop services to support those in hardship including re-print of When Money is Tight booklet, to go to families via schools and via network members.	£29,658
Community Engagement Support and Delivery	Awards to Healthy N Happy Development Trust to enable them to continue targeted capacity building activity in 3 of South Lanarkshire's most deprived communities.	£46,333
	Award to Community Links for continued support for a range of community engagement and support activity including targeted capacity building support in 5 areas; production of Community Matters newspaper and development of SELECT Community Hubs (providing critical online access and support in communities via trained local volunteers).	£150,667
	Award to VALSLAN to develop and maintain LOCATOR information portal.	£15,000
	Award to Regeneration Services to manage and deliver small scale Pride of Place Environmental Improvement projects and to a small community engagement budget	£40,000 £3,750
Programme Support and delivery	Budget transfer to Community and Enterprise Resources – contribution to Regeneration and Inclusion Staffing budget	£470,000
2016/2017 Total Programme managed by Community and Enterprise Resources		£3,160,290