

## Appendix 3

### South Lanarkshire's Local Child Poverty Action Plan for 2022/2023

**Table 1: Actions and measures: Income from Benefits**

No.	Action	Measure(s)	Baseline 2019/20 (Unless otherwise stated)	Performance 2021/22	Target 2022/23	Lead Officer/ Reporting Officer
<b>1.1 Increase the uptake of benefits &amp; entitlements</b>	Deliver the Scottish Government funded financial health check to families via CAB	Number of financial health checks delivered	280	500 (40% increase since 2021/22, 79% increase since 2019/20)	Continue to target families and increase the number of FHC offered to this target group	CABs consolidated monitoring spreadsheet
		Number of families with children receiving benefits advice	85	233 (106% increase since 2021/22, 174% increase since 2019/20)	Continue to target families with children and increase the number receiving benefits advice	
	Midwives and Health Visitors will deliver a routine enquiry on financial wellbeing of families at key pregnancy and health visiting assessment visits and refer to Money Matters	Percentage of routine enquiries by midwives	76%	75% of women were asked about financial difficulties at booking (n= 4,676)  TAL referral data (based on % referral by NHS) 23% of TAL referrals from NHS Midwives	80%	NHS
	Monitor the impacts of COVID 19 and adapt MMAS service as needed	Percentage of and number of families engaging	1,005 / 77%	81.61%	Maintain above 70%	MMAS

		Total amount of benefits awarded	£2,590,075	£1,499,663.35 (The baseline figure of £2.59m was pre-COVID, and the service has been hit by the reduction in face to face contacts due to COVID-19 restrictions. This is reflected in the lower financial gains figures recorded against the target of +£2m plus for year 2021/22.)	Increase to £2,000,000	
		Number of referrals to the Royal Hospital for Children	323 (Lanarkshire figure)	NHSL RHC 38 referrals (SLC figure only)	Target not applicable, Services are demand led	
		Total benefits awarded	£270,271 (Lanarkshire figure)	NHSL RHC £106, 610	Target not applicable, Services are demand led	
	Social Security Scotland will continue to raise awareness and promote uptake of the Scottish Child Payment among staff and clients	Total Scottish Child Payments	New benefit, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21  New benefit, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	Applications received – 9,460 (December 2021)	New benefit, target to be established during 2021/22  No target applicable, figure is a cumulative total & will continually increase	Social Security Scotland
		Total amount of benefits awarded (Scottish Child Payment)		Value of payments made - £3,522,780 (December 2021)		
	The NHS Lanarkshire GP Community Link Worker Financial Wellbeing Advice Service will provide support to families referred by GPs	Number of new referrals made to Financial Wellbeing Providers (FWAs)	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	597	Target not applicable, Services are demand led	NHS
		Number of people who engage with a Financial Wellbeing Advisor appointment		As above= 597		

		Financial gain following engagement with Financial Wellbeing Assessment		£305,272		
	Money Matters Advice Service will deliver financial outreach support to parents through a video developed to be used with schools	Number of schools using the video	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	No data available due to restricted access to schools during 2021/22	9 schools	MMAS
		Number of enquiries made to MMAS		120	New programme, target to be established during 2021/22	
		Total financial gain for families		The total financial gain up to the period 18/02/2022 was £14,837.99.  The total debt dealt with was £35,304.92	New programme, target to be established during 2020/21	
<b>1.2 Families are more aware of changes in available benefits</b>	Partners will distribute updated benefits information to staff and families using a range of communication methods and social media platforms	Number of Best Start Grant applications and percentage approved	6,470/ 67% (June 2020)	19,995 / 70% (February 2022)	Increase percentage of applications approved	Social Security Scotland

**Table 2: Actions and measures: Cost of Living**

No.	Action	Measure(s)	Baseline 2019/20 (unless otherwise stated)	Performance 2021/22	Target 2022/23	Lead Officer/ Reporting Officer
<b>2.1 Increased uptake of funded and early learning and childcare entitlement for 2- and 3-year-olds</b>	Continue to work with a range of professionals and services who will have contact with eligible families and will promote free Early Learning and Childcare for 2-year-olds	Percentage uptake of funded 2-year-old places	15.5% for 2-year-old children with entitlement	24% of all 2-year-old children taking up entitlement	To maintain current level of funded places being available and accessed by eligible families.	SLC Education
<b>2.2 Reduction in financial barriers to education for school age children</b>	A South Lanarkshire Cost of the School Day Policy will be in place by the end of 2021/22 and all schools will refresh their position statement on Cost of the School Day during 2021/22	Percentage of schools with a CoSD position statement in place	100% of schools have a CoSD position statement in place (2020/21)	100% of schools have a COSD statement	60% of schools to have a COSD policy in place by June 2023	SLC Education
	All schools will contribute a minimum of 5% to participatory budgeting activity within the school community by the end of academic year 2021/22	Percentage of schools completing a participatory budgeting process.	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	100% of schools with PEF allocations	100% of schools with PEF allocations  146 schools to contribute a minimum of 5% of PEF to participatory budgeting activity with-in the school community by June 2023	SLC Education

	Schools will work with Money Matters and signpost parents and families for appropriate financial help	Number of families referred	19 families (2021/22)	19 families (2021/22)	Increase from 19 families referred	MMAS
	Work to increase the uptake of Privileged School Transport Places for pupils entitled to Free School Meals and develop new active travel opportunities for pupils	Number of Privileged School Transport Places offered	55	55	60	SLC Education
		Percentage of pupils recorded as using active travel journeys to school	44.1% (2020)	45.6% (2021)	Increase the proportion of journeys to school by pupils using active travel methods	
		The number of SLC schools with Travel Plans	71	75	Increase the number of SLC schools with Travel Plans	
	Increase the uptake of Free School Meals through continued automated enrolment (South Lanarkshire Council, Finance and Education Resources)	Percentage of free school meals uptake in primary schools.	65.21%	65%	Target not applicable as measure contextual	SLC Food Policy Officer
		Percentage of free school meals uptake in secondary schools.	40.89%	41%	Target not applicable as measure contextual	

	Fund free school meals to eligible children during the holiday periods (£30 voucher per fortnight covering Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter Holiday)	Number of children receiving vouchers	9,500 (2020/21)	9,557 (2021/22)	No target applicable, this is a contextual measure.  The number of children supported depends on the number of children eligible for free school meals, and this is variable	SLC Food Policy Officer
	Continue to offer the increased level of School Clothing Grant, currently £130 per child and increase uptake through automated enrolment and additional promotion to encourage uptake (South Lanarkshire Council, Education Resources and Finance Resources)	Number of pupils claiming school clothing grant for pupils claimed	12,537	12,784	No target applicable, this is a contextual measure.	MMAS
		Percentage of pupils claiming school clothing grant for pupils claimed	29.38%	28.36%		
<b>2.3 Reduced housing costs for families</b>	Maintain affordable rents for Council homes, benchmarked against Scottish average	Average rents for all Council homes and for larger-size family homes	SLC Ave per week= £70.26 Scot LA Ave per week= £75.79	The rent a tenant is required to pay depends on the type and size of home. The South Lanarkshire Council average rent of £74.55 per week remains considerably lower than the projected Scottish average of £77.83 per week for the same period.	Maintain affordable rents for Council homes benchmarked against Scottish average	SLC Housing
	Invest and deliver additional affordable housing, built to Housing for Varying Needs standards (meeting higher energy efficiency standards and minimising fuel costs) and ensure this includes allocations to families with children and young people	Number of new affordable homes delivered, including those allocated to households with children	284	657 additional homes for social rent were delivered across South Lanarkshire in 2021/22. This included 604 new build properties and an additional 53 homes secured through the council's Open Market Purchase Scheme.	Increase the number of new affordable homes built throughout the financial year.	SLC Housing
	Deliver regeneration projects to improve housing and built environment in priority areas (East Whitlawburn)	Number of new affordable homes delivered for families in area-based regeneration project	Baseline not applicable, area based project	During 2021/22 there were 122 council properties built bringing the total completions to 160 council owned properties. It is expected that the remaining 10	Increase the number of new affordable homes built in the Whitlawburn regeneration area	SLC Housing

				council properties will be completed during 2022/23.		
	Support households with children, within minoritised ethnic communities, to access and sustain affordable accommodation including Gypsy/Travellers and refugee families resettled through the UK resettlement scheme.	Number of households with sustained tenancy of one year and over.	New action, No baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	Gypsy/Travellers – the residents on both sites at Shawlands Crescent, Larkhall and Springbank, East Kilbride are long term residents who have sustained their occupancy for a number of years. As such, tenancy sustainment on the sites remains at 100% for 2021/22.  Refugee families – 8 refugee families were resettled through the UK resettlement scheme with a 100% tenancy sustainment rate.	Target not applicable, Services are demand led	SLC Housing
<b>2.4 Reduced energy costs for families</b>	Target housing investment to improve fuel and thermal efficiency of larger homes and reduce energy costs	Proportion of housing meeting energy efficiency standards for social housing (EESH2)	4%	6.48%	TBC	SLC Housing
	Promote and administer national funding mechanisms including ECO:Flex and Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes to support families within owner occupied and private rented properties.	Total amount of funding secured for 2022-23 for EES: Area Based Schemes	New action, no baseline for 2019/20 or 2020/21	£2,901,995	Target not applicable, Services are demand led	SLC Housing
		Number of properties improved through ECO:Flex scheme in 2022/23.	New action, no baseline for 2019/20 or 2020/21	3,536	Target not applicable, Services are demand led	
<b>2.5 Reduced homelessness including families with children and young people</b>	Prioritise allocation of available housing for those in need, including homeless households	Number of homeless households with children	238 households 449 children (March 2020)	231 households with children	Reduce against baseline	SLC Housing
		The average time (days) spent as homelessness for households with children	192	164	Reduce against baseline	
	Provide housing support service provision to improve homelessness prevention and support tenancy sustainment	Number of households supported including households with children	937	538	Maintain number of households receiving support	SLC Housing

	Continue to implement joint working through the care protocol to prevent and reduce homelessness for care experienced young people and support them to move to independent living in the community	Number of care experienced young people supported to plan for and move to independent living in the community	73 through care applicants of which 29 active and 44 deferred (not ready to be permanently housed)	98 through care applicants of which 37 are on the waiting list to be rehoused and 61 are not yet ready to be permanently rehoused.	Target not applicable, Services are demand led	SLC Housing
<b>2.6 Improved digital inclusion amongst families in the most deprived areas</b>	Identify and provide support to families with school pupils who require extra help with digital inclusion to enable any blended learning model to take place effectively	Number of families supported	5,442	TBC	Target TBC	SLC Education
<b>2.7 Reduce Food Poverty</b>	Delivery of Breakfast Clubs in schools	Number of Breakfast Clubs operating in schools	88 (June 2019)	124 (all SLC Primary School)	Maintain all primary schools	SLC Education
		Number of children benefiting from Breakfast Clubs	5,883 (June 2019)	An average of 7,843 pupils per week have been taking a breakfast. (November 2021)	Increase to 8,000 children benefiting	
<b>2.8 Reduced costs of participation in Leisure and Culture experiences</b>	SLLC will work with schools to maintain targeted delivery of the Active Schools programme where possible throughout the COVID-19 recovery phase	Number of visits pupils make in attending the active schools programme	391, 952 (2018/19)	249,983 visits	Return to 2018/19 levels/ 300,000 visits	SLLC
		Percentage of school roll participating in Active Schools activities	48% of all pupils (2018/19)	41% of all pupils	48% of all pupils	
	Continue to offer the SLLC concession scheme through promotion and awareness raising	Number of concessions taken up	6,005 (2018/19)	5,541 (2021/22)	6,000 (by March 31st 2023)	SLLC



<b>2.9 Reduce costs associated with health harming behaviours</b>	Support families in higher poverty areas to reduce costs associated with health harming behaviours e.g. tobacco, alcohol and drug use	Number of pregnant women living in 40% most deprived areas of who stop smoking	19 successful quits from pregnant women in the 40% most deprived areas	<p><u>April 2021 – December 2021</u></p> <p>16 pregnant women living in the 40% most deprived areas successfully quit smoking at 12 weeks.</p> <p>Published and confirmed data for April 2021 to March 2022 will be available 1st August 2022. It is predicted that the target for 2021/22 will not be met.</p>	20 pregnant women living in SIMD 1 and 2 will stop smoking	NHS
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**Table 3: Actions and measures: Income from Employment**

No.	Action	Measure	Baseline 2019/20 (unless otherwise stated)	Performance 2021/22	Target 2022/23	Lead officer/ reporting officer
<b>3.1 Reduce Gap in school leavers entering a positive destination between most deprived 20% and least deprived 20% areas</b>	DYW partners will provide early support to school leavers to support positive transitions from school	Percentage gap in positive destinations between the most deprived 20% and least deprived 20%	South Lanarkshire - 6.3%  Scotland – 6.3%	South Lanarkshire – 6.4%  Scotland – 4.8%	Maintain the gap at the national level or better	SLC Education
<b>3.2 Support care experienced school leavers sustain a positive destination</b>	Continue identification of individual support needs of care experienced young people via the Multi Agency Tracking Group consisting of the Council and SDS.	Percentage of care experienced school leavers entering a positive destination	South Lanarkshire - 86% (2019/20)  Scotland– 81%	South Lanarkshire – 90%  Scotland– 87.9%	On or below national level	SLC Education
<b>3.3 Increase employment support for low income parents</b>	Continue to deliver the Parental Employment Support programme (SLC)	Parents receive increased hours/pay	32 (2020/21)	41 (2021/22)	70	SLC Employability
		Parents with increased confidence	New measure, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	129 (2021/22)	TBC	
		Parents entering positive job outcomes	16 (2020/21)	26	50	
	Clyde Gateway will deliver an inclusive employability support programme within the Clyde Gateway corridor supporting families in the Rutherglen Project and Glenburgh Nursery into fair work	Project participants supported will either move to employment from being unemployed, or will increase hours in employment, or have an uplift in salary	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	23 people supported (46%)	50%	Clyde Gateway

		Project participants will be supported to access skills development, volunteering, and employability support	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	33 people supported (66%)	50%	
		Participants will be supported will have reduced living costs and a reduction in debt	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	59 people supported (119%)	60%	
		Participants will be supported through crisis situations and into stability	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	34 people supported (68%)	60%	
		Eligible parents will be supported to take up full entitlements of existing and new social security benefits	New programme, no baseline at 2019/20 or 2020/21	33 single parents continued engagement (92%)	100%	
	Develop, deliver and evaluate a pilot place based approach to employability support which includes targeted recruitment within a specific area to support the harder to reach to progress into employment	Pilot has been designed and implementation has begun	New programme	New programme	TBC	SLC Employability
<b>3.4 Employee upskilling</b>	South Lanarkshire Council will deliver an upskilling programme for staff experiencing low pay, underemployment and a lack of skills and qualifications in the workplace	Staff will become more financially independent	120 (2020/21)	169	TBC	SLC Employability
		Staff will increase their hours	11 (2020/21)	27 confidence, and the labour markets return to some form of stability.	50	
		Staff will secure promotion at work	64 (2020/21)	37 employees secured a promotion at work	75	