

Report

Report to:	South Lanarkshire Council Committee
Date of Meeting:	26 June 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Cross-Party Working Group on Tackling Poverty
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Establish a cross-party working group on Tackling Poverty

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Terms of Reference for the cross-party working group on Tackling Poverty, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (2) that the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the political and Independent Group Leaders, to finalise the membership of the Working Group.

3. Background

3.1. At its special meeting held on 27 February 2019, the Council approved proposals for a cross-party working group to be formed on Tackling Poverty.

4. Terms of Reference

4.1. In order to progress arrangements, a Terms of Reference for the working group is attached as Appendix 1.

4.2. The findings of the Group and any recommendations which require consideration and approval will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. Officer support for the Group will be provided as appropriate.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. There are no financial implications in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There are no issues in terms of risk or sustainability.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. There was no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment in terms of the information contained in this report.

- 8.2. Consultation will be undertaken with the political and Independent Group leaders to finalise the Working Group membership.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources Resources)

3 June 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- Achieve results through leadership, good governance and organisational effectiveness
- Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- Fair, open and sustainable

Previous References

- ♦ South Lanarkshire Council, 27 February 2019 (Paragraph 2 refers)

List of Background Papers

- ♦ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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Tackling Poverty Working Group

Terms of Reference

1 Powers and Responsibilities

- 1.1 To have a strategic overview of initiatives in relation to poverty prevention and reduction.
- 1.2 To consider and agree a workplan which will focus on particular areas, for example, the Local Child Poverty Action Plan, welfare reform, benefits maximisation advice and support, reducing the costs of living, the employability programme and poverty awareness raising and engagement activities.
- 1.3 To refer any recommendations arising, as appropriate, to the Executive Committee.

2 Membership

- 2.1 11 members with provision for named substitutes (Political balance: 4 SNP; 3 Labour; 2 Conservative; 1 Independent Group and 1 Liberal Democrat)
- 2.2 To be chaired by a member of the Working Group - appointed at the first meeting of the Group.

3 Meeting Arrangements and Practice

- 3.1 To meet as required.
- 3.2. Meetings not held in public - Internal Working Group.