



Executive Advisory Body

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 10 May
Subject	Child Poverty Dundee Pathfinder
Agenda No.	4
Paper No.	29.2 a
Prepared By	Adult Disability Team
Purpose	Discuss

1. Background

- 1.1.1 The Child Poverty Dundee Pathfinder is a collaborative piece of work between the Department for Work and Pensions; Dundee City Council; the Scottish Government and other partners to work together to focus in on a cohort of families in Dundee who are looking for employment, with a view to supporting them out of poverty on a sustained basis through person-centred and holistic support.
- 1.1.2 Scottish Government Ministers, Dundee City Councillors and senior leaders across the partnership organisations are very supportive of this work and have encouraged the group to be really innovative in their approaches to entrenched problems. The pathfinder does not look to replace or overtake other good work already underway in Dundee but may look to draw on it as part of a package of wraparound, tailored support for the individuals and families identified within the initial cohort
- 1.1.3 Delivery of the pathfinder (such as contact with the cohort, guidance and engagement with services and support) will largely be led by Department for Work and Pensions and Dundee City Council, in partnership with Scottish Government, but we expect a variety of other local delivery partners (such as health, third sector or grassroots organisations) to be brought into the work once engagement with the cohort begins and the challenges and opportunities become clearer

2. Key points

- 2.1. Initial pilot made use of the Department for Work and Pensions identified cohort and enable all 3 areas to meet clients in a collaborative setting in Dundee Library over a 3 day period in March 2022
- 2.2. The aim was to provide wraparound support within 6 priority family groupings in Dundee



- 2.3. Working closely with a cohort of c. 100-150 families, the group will work across boundaries to provide holistic approaches centred around a family's specific needs. Department for Work and Pensions and Dundee City Council will work together to define the cohort
- 2.4. The voice of the cohort is of the utmost importance. We will look to understand individual stories and challenges in order to best identify gaps in service and/or barriers, using what we learn to create opportunities to resolve these in a person centred way
- 2.5. Organisations will join up, sharing learning and working together to identify the best possible route and support available for individual families, whether that be transport, childcare, health interventions or other problems or barriers they are facing. Specialist partners will be brought in to facilitate this as and when is right for the family, ensuring that the principle of 'no wrong door' guides our approach
- 2.6. Planning workshops facilitated and supported by Scottish Government Learning Improvement Team took place end of March 2022 to explore and design the approach to be taken

3. Conclusions

- 3.1. Social Security Scotland, will ensure that devolved benefits are maximised by the selected cohort, both through data matching where possible and face to face advice and support as required. As a significant Dundee based employer, Social Security Scotland will also ensure any relevant direct and supply chain employment opportunities are available.
- 3.2. The role of Scottish Government, led by colleagues in Housing and Social Justice Directorate, is to enable and facilitate pathfinder activity by ensuring work is truly joined up across Scottish Government policy areas and agencies, working effectively to remove any barriers and blockers identified by the cohort families through the pathfinder. Where appropriate Government will look to support elements of the pathfinder which are additional to normal business, to generate learning and inform national policy development, for example in childcare or sustainable transport
- 3.3. Full evaluation will follow looking at how we roll this out across Scotland



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Strategic Objective	Contribution
Helping to deliver a social security system with dignity, fairness and respect.	Paper lays the overview of new disability benefit being delivered which are supporting our clients in a respectful and fair way.
Supporting people in Scotland to access devolved benefits that they are entitled to.	Paper lays out the process and methods by which clients can apply for benefits and support offered by Social Security Scotland
Running our service in a responsible way.	Paper lays out new benefits which are being delivered to support our clients.

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Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)			
Data Protection Impact Assessment			
Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)			
Fairer Scotland Duty assessment			
Future proofing legislation			
Human rights in policy making			
Islands Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA)			
Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA)			