



Anti-Poverty Outcome Improvement Group

Note of meeting held on 28.7.22

Present:

Angela Kazmierczak, Financial Inclusion Team Leader, ACC (Project Lead)

Derek McGowan, Chief Officer, Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, ACC (Chair)

John Bone, Co-Coordinator Aberdeen Just Transitions Lab, School of Social Sciences, University of Aberdeen

Leona McDermid, Chief Executive, Aberdeen Foyer

Linsey Hay, Education Support Officer, Integrated Children's and Family Services, ACC

Rachel Thompson, Health Improvement Officer Children and Young People, Health and Social Care Partnership

Sam Leys, Development Manager, CFINE (Project Lead)

Susan Thoms, Fairer Aberdeen Fund Coordinator, ACC (Lead contact)

Tracy Davis, Child Poverty Lead, NHS Grampian

Willie Kenyon, Team Leader, Skills Development Scotland

Agenda item	Notes	Action
1. Apologies	<p>Alesia du Plessis, Associate Vice Principal - Curriculum and Student Experience, NESCOL</p> <p>Dave Black, Manager, GREC (Project Lead)</p> <p>Mel Booth, Senior Housing Strategy Officer, ACC (Project Lead)</p> <p>Lawrence Johnston, Business Development Manager, SCARF (Vice Chair & Project Lead)</p> <p>Paul Tytler, Locality Inclusion Manager, Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, ACC</p> <p>Paul Walsh, Employer & Partnership Manager, DWP (Project Lead)</p> <p>Versha Hurry, Local Delivery Relationship Lead, Social Security Scotland</p>	
2. Note of last meeting	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Derek is working on a committee paper to look at how to spend funding that was allocated to fuel poverty, to support wider issues relating to the cost of living crisis, including food poverty and employability. By the next meeting he will be able to share the report.</p>	DM

	<p>An Anti-Poverty and Equalities committee is being established, it will focus on social inequalities, and will be considered at committee on 21st August. It is proposed up to 5 co-opted non-voting members including 3rd Sector and lived experience to ensure a wide range of views. Derek will share Terms of Reference once they are agreed.</p> <p>There are now approximately 1000 Ukrainians in the city and regular updates from the Home Office. More are expected and there is a shortage of settled accommodation nationally. ACC are undertaking a risk and scenario planning exercise.</p>	DM
3. Priority updates	<p>Working Groups have not yet been established. Group leaders are waiting for volunteers.</p> <p>Members should contact: Sam - Food Poverty Tracy - Child Poverty Lawrence - Fuel Poverty</p>	ALL
4. Developing and embedding Lived Experience approach	<p>It was agreed that capacity was required to ensure lived experience involvement is meaningful. There are various groups and information already that could be pulled in. CFINE and Aberdeen Foyer are doing work with people and University of Aberdeen has secured funding to undertake a small scale scoping review with key stakeholders. They have also secured funding to focus on poverty and exclusion in places undergoing economic change and applied for funding to look at the impact of this in communities. John will report back to the group on progress.</p> <p>CFINE have the services of an author to work in communities to gather lived experience, the first event will be 'Aye Aye Fit Like' in Seaton with Grace Banks. They will also establish a lived experience focus group and interview relevant beneficiaries. Sam will update at next meeting and liaise with John.</p> <p>Aberdeen Foyer is exploring with young people how they prefer to be involved. They are also working with NE Cultural Collective and will be allocated someone to work with young people and how they articulate their views.</p> <p>John would be interested in how young people want to be engaged with, as this would be useful for his 2nd phase of research. Leona happy to liaise. Derek felt that having someone on the Poverty and Equalities Committee would be very strong. If there is someone available and willing to do that, let Derek know.</p> <p>Item to be kept on agenda.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>SL/JB</p> <p>LM/JB</p> <p>All</p>
5. LOIP Projects	<p>LOIP overview paper shows a couple of projects unable to move on. 1.2 and 1.5 – fuel poverty. Mel and Lawrence were not at the meeting. SCARF are recruiting into post, this should be complete next month. The two projects are linked so hopefully there will be progress next month.</p> <p>1.6 - unclaimed benefits – Angela is due to present this to the Board on 14th September, target is met and should become business as usual 85% of people using the online calculator had received new benefits. Feedback shows most people didn't know they'd be eligible for them. Support for Families booklet is being updated, 90% of people found it useful and 25% went on to submit a claim.</p> <p>1.3 homeless financial assessment – some good results have been achieved,</p>	

	but not yet t 100%. Derek praised the work being done and targets met.	
6. Latest TPI Data, and developing further data	Nothing has been added. Standing item on agenda. LINK TO TPI TRACKING SPREADSHEET https://aberdeencitycouncil0365.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/ImprovementNetwork-Anti-PovertyOIG/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7BACE3DD55-17C4-465B-A253-BD6B1975B7CF%7D&file=TPI%20tracking%20-%20data%2C%20emerging%20%26%20policy%20issues.xlsx&action=default&mobileredirect=true	
7. Emerging issues and risk register	Risk register needs updated, for example fuel poverty, the price cap is likely to be higher. Everyone to add to this, link above. Susan will circulate a copy for those who can't access Teams.	ALL/ST
8. Challenge and awareness: communications plan, campaigns, training	Rachel gave an update on Challenge Poverty campaign. Need to coordinate social media hash tags. Anyone interested in being part of a group or meeting to discuss showcasing or publicising work and coordinate promotion should contact Rachel and Susan M. Derek is happy to discuss with ACC Comms to work together with H&SC comms. Derek and Rachel to liaise	ALL DM/RT
9. Policy influence	Possible development of 'warm places'. Derek has been asked to look at this. Would include promotion of places to go, like libraries and community centres. Should include places beyond ACC network, eg churches. Would include CLD and 3 rd sector activities. Also likely to see more people returning to offices to work.	
10. What is working? Local and national case studies	Dave to update at next meeting	DB
11. Meetings	Derek proposed holding meeting less frequently to allow time for work to happen in-between, and sub groups to meet. Agreed to meet every 8 weeks and working groups to meet in-between. Therefore every second meeting date will be deleted and date of next meeting is 26 th September.	
12. AOCB	Leona raised the Night Stop Service and asked for help to promote the campaign and recruit hosts. Rachel will pass on information on ASH Scotland presentation and training.	RT