

### Scrutiny Review of Welfare Reform – Progress Update

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2	The indicators used in the welfare monitoring framework are kept under review, and that consideration is given to including the workload of the animal welfare service as an additional measure, alongside the existing indicators including child protection activity.	Paul Diggins  Julie Nixon/Peter Mennear	Complete  Ongoing	Measures and overall framework have been reviewed for year 2 monitoring.  Information on data collected by the Animal Welfare team has been gathered and consideration is now being given to the most appropriate measure for inclusion in the WR Framework, this will be reported on in Quarter 2.  Sanctions data is also being tracked however very current data is not available, neither is the detail that sits behind the overall headline figures. Work continues to analyse and track any potential trends and impacts emerging from this data.	2	Overall measures have now been reviewed and will complement the Council's Family Poverty Strategy	1

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4	Where appropriate, the Council and partners raise awareness of the advice available to residents who have had their benefits sanctioned, particularly in relation to vulnerable groups.	Welfare Board Partners including Welfare Rights / SDAIS  Billy Park / SDAIS  Julie Nixon	Ongoing	Report recently produced by SDAIS with input from a range of partners about the impact of sanctions locally. SDAIS and Welfare rights continue to work with individuals who have been sanctioned to appeal the decision. Welfare rights and SDAIS undertake outreach work with vulnerable clients to ensure support for those sanctioned e.g. at Hartington road, foodbanks, community venues etc		Sanctions event held within our Borough April 2015 to further advise agencies of how to assist customers subject to Benefit Sanctions. Advice agencies continue to appeal against sanctions and challenge decision making.	1