

Progress Update – Review of Child Poverty

No.	Recommendation	Link Officer	Anticipated Completion Date/Completion Date	Progress Update Q1/2 Presented to Committee on 19th November 2014	Q1/2 Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4)	Quarter 3/4 evidence of progress Presented to Committee on 29 th June 2015 (Please state current position on recommendation or alternative action taken)	Q3/4 Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4)
1	The Committee supports and encourages the shift of resources from reaction to prevention and early intervention, in line with the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and as part of the Council's strategic approach and financial strategy	Peter Kelly & Jane Humphreys Steve Rose Steve Rose	October 2015	Early Help Strategy and action plan appended. Implementation group to be established, reporting to Children & Young People's Partnership. Fairer Start Community engagement work undertaken by Synergy Consortium re: community experience of pregnancy, maternity and early years support in the Borough. Report to be shared at November Steering Group meeting and next steps agreed. Workstreams are progressing actions on consent and data sharing across organisations and workforce training needs analysis for e.g. Children's Centres, midwifery, health visiting. Mapping of current support services undertaken.	2 - On track	See section 4 update re: Early Help Strategy. Special HWB session held re: NHS Five Year Forward View (5YFV), with specific discussion on prevention. Work is underway to develop key shared priorities and goals around prevention, particularly focusing on highlighted areas in the 5YFV (alcohol, smoking, diet). See section 8 update re: A Fairer Start.	2 – On track but not yet due for completion
2	A myth busting guide is produced for use by Councillors and staff to challenge some of the myths and the stigmatisation of people experiencing poverty.	Kate Fulton Kate Fulton		Work underway to establish links with parallel work on poverty	N/A	The production of this has slipped due to the recent changes to national policy on benefits and claimant eligibility and subsequent accurate data availability. The steering group leading on the revision of the Poverty Framework document for Stockton will consider the feasibility and timescales for this at their next meeting in July 2015.	3 - Slipped

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3	The Committee support the contribution of the locality forums together with other forums and bodies such as Catalyst in the mapping of support and advice and that progress reports on this work be submitted to the Select Committee as part of the monitoring of the implementation of the review recommendations.	Laurayne Featherstone & Steve Rose Laurayne Featherstone		Work underway to establish links with parallel work on poverty. Mapping of current SBC services to mitigate the effects of poverty is underway. Links being made with CCG re: their input to / provision of these services	N/A	SWAN Network has mapped provision of advice / guidance available to residents in support of the impacts of welfare reform (available on their website). The Infinity partnership brings all advice and guidance agencies together who work with this client group; they have developed a financial inclusion action plan which is monitored through the group. Locality Forums are working on the Brighter Borough for All tackling Family Poverty agenda and have action plans to support the poverty objectives within this strategy.	2 – On track
4	The Committee supports the implementation plan of the Early Help Strategy, to ensure Early Help services (including mental health and emotional health services) are aligned and co-ordinated.	Peter Kelly & Jane Humphreys Peter Kelly & Jane Humphreys	March 2015	Early Help Strategy and action plan appended. Implementation group to be established, reporting to Children & Young People's Partnership.	2- On track	Early Help Strategy implementation group meeting regularly. Revised action plan being produced. Visits to other areas complete, to inform development of local model. Options for local model being developed. LGA Tees peer review underway, which will inform plans. Work underway to link Early Help model to that for the developing Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH).	2 – On track but not yet due for completion
5	Officers work with other partner agencies (e.g. the CCG as commissioner) to further explore the provision of speech and language therapy to children, particularly those most vulnerable, in order to input to future discussions on commissioning and/or development of these	Paul Williams through the Children & Young People's Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Group		CCG Community Services Review for Speech and Language undertaken. Recommendations: • Implement revised service specification which includes children's autism assessments additionally funded from 13/14 • Explore whole system joint commissioning opportunities with LA underpinned by a more detailed Health Needs Assessment.	2 – on track	See section 1 update re: 5YFV. CCG presented paper to Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group (CYPHWJCG) re: speech and language services and potential for joint commission with Local Authority. This work has been incorporated	2 – on track

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	services	Paul Williams Paul Williams		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children’s Autism funding to be included in main service budget line <p>Key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service should meet demand and can deliver in line with Spec Schools overlap – a jointly commissioned service would reduce the risk of overlap and ensure a comprehensive service offer <p>This would be discussed through C&YP Health & Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group Work underway to establish links with parallel work on poverty</p>		into the Special Educational Needs (SEND) implementation Project Initiation Document and associated action plan.	
6	A communication plan is developed to deliver general and targeted publicity on income maximisation and benefit take-up.	Julie Nixon Julie Nixon		Work underway to establish links with parallel work on poverty	N/A	The Brighter Borough for All document is being updated through a small working group, overseen by Julie Nixon and Julie Danks. A draft will be taken through Extended Management Team in the summer for discussion, with a view to bringing it to Members for approval in September / October. The work will ensure the poverty-related activities ongoing across the Council are appropriately covered in the Brighter Borough for All document, to ensure a coordinated approach.	2 – on track
7	Officers explore opportunities to raise awareness of benefit eligibility and other support through residents’ contact with universal services.	Julie Nixon Julie Nixon	March 2015	<p>Mapping of current SBC services to mitigate the effects of poverty is underway.</p> <p>Update from welfare reform Scrutiny review appended.</p>	2- On track	The Brighter Borough for All document is being updated through a small working group, overseen by Julie Nixon and Julie Danks. A draft will be taken through Extended Management Team in the summer for discussion, with a view to bringing it to Members for approval in	2 – on track

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		Steve Rose				September / October. The work will ensure the poverty-related activities ongoing across the Council are appropriately covered in the Brighter Borough for All document, to ensure a coordinated approach.	
8	The “A Fairer Start Project” being piloted in Stockton Town Centre be supported and that a report on the outcome of the pilot and feasibility of rolling out this model across the Borough be submitted to the Select Committee as part of the monitoring of the implementation of the review recommendations.	Steve Rose Steve Rose Steve Rose	October 2016	Community engagement work undertaken by Synergy Consortium re: community experience of pregnancy, maternity and early years support in the Borough. Report to be shared at November Steering Group meeting and next steps agreed. Workstreams are progressing actions on consent and data sharing across organisations and workforce training needs analysis for e.g. Children’s Centres, midwifery, health visiting. Mapping of current support services undertaken.	2 – on track	Fairer Start project has 2 elements: community champions; and workforce development. FUSE have also been commissioned to undertake an academic evaluation across the life of the initiative. <u>Community champions:</u> Fairer Start community engagement work report shared across partners, with specific sessions held for workforce (children’s centres, midwifery, health visiting). Big Life Families (BLF - current provider of some children’s centres in the Borough) has been commissioned to deliver Stage 2 of community champions work. BLF has engaged a cohort of champions and is developing and implementing a model of champions to go live from September. Model includes work with local businesses. <u>Workforce development:</u> training needs analysis completed across agencies and competency framework developed. Multi-agency joint training programme being developed. Work across agencies to be carried out to increase integrated working.	2 – On track but not yet due for completion

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				<p>bespoke programme targeted at improving outcomes for vulnerable pupils and engaging in structured conversations with parents and carers.</p> <p>Pupil premium reviews: schools demonstrating poor performance are being targeted with tailored intervention and support packages to ensure there is rapid improvement.</p> <p>The Inclusion Quality Mark encourages inclusive provision in schools. A Pupil Premium Risk Assessment for all schools and academies will be carried out as soon as 2014 primary and secondary data is released, to evaluate impact on closing the gap and to identify targeted schools for more robust challenge and support in 2014-15.</p> <p>Early Language Development Programme (ELDP) DfE funded programme developing capacity to support early language development across all providers 0-5. In Stockton, training and support is focused on providers within the 30% LSOAs, particularly those delivering the 2 year old offer and schools with below average outcomes for communication and language in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.</p>			
10	Signposting to financial help and other support together with details of free activities during the school holidays is distributed via pupils at the end of each school term	Julie Nixon		Work underway to establish links with parallel work on poverty	N/A	The Brighter Borough for All document is being updated through a small working group, overseen by Julie Nixon and Julie Danks. A draft will be taken through Extended Management	2 – on track

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		Diane McConnell				Team in the summer for discussion, with a view to bringing it to Members for approval in September / October. The work will ensure the poverty-related activities ongoing across the Council are appropriately covered in the Brighter Borough for All document, to ensure a coordinated approach.	
11	Where children are refused access to school meals due to arrears, schools are provided with information which they can use to speak to parents about financial help and support available.	Julie Nixon / Diane McConnell Anita Brown Diane McConnell		Work underway to establish links with parallel work on poverty. Links to work on Pupil Premium, outlined under recommendation 9.	3 - Slipped	The Brighter Borough for All document is being updated through a small working group, overseen by Julie Nixon and Julie Danks. A draft will be taken through Extended Management Team in the summer for discussion, with a view to bringing it to Members for approval in September / October. The work will ensure the poverty-related activities ongoing across the Council are appropriately covered in the Brighter Borough for All document, to ensure a coordinated approach.	2 – on track
12	Officers assess the evidence of the benefits of providing free school meals and breakfast clubs for all primary school children and investigate whether funding is available to conduct a pilot for children in Stockton Primary Schools	Sarah Bowman Sarah Bowman through CYPHWCG Sarah Bowman & Lynda Brown	November 2014 To fit commissioning cycles for 15/16 as necessary	-	3 - Slipped	To be complete, in-line with parallel work on poverty.	3 - Slipped

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13	The good practice underway in schools to minimise the impact of poverty on children is systematically disseminated to all schools and that all schools and academies are encouraged to implement this good practice.	Diane McConnell		Work underway to establish links with parallel work on poverty See progress report under recommendation 9 above.	2 - On track	The Brighter Borough for All document is being updated through a small working group, overseen by Julie Nixon and Julie Danks. A draft will be taken through Extended Management Team in the summer for discussion, with a view to bringing it to Members for approval in September / October. The work will ensure the poverty-related activities ongoing across the Council are appropriately covered in the Brighter Borough for All document, to ensure a coordinated approach.	2 – on track
14	The Committee supports the relevant recommendations of the scrutiny review on welfare reform and financial inclusion, which have synergies with the review on child poverty.	Peter Mennear Peter Mennear		Report appended Ongoing through Scrutiny committees and parallel work to devise SBC Anti-Poverty Strategy	2 - On Track	Ongoing through Scrutiny committees and parallel work to devise SBC Anti-Poverty Strategy. It is proposed that the People Select Committee will continue to maintain an overview of welfare reform during 2015-16.	1 - Achieved