



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD**  
**10th FEBRUARY 2021**

**SUBJECT: DRAFT ANNUAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT**  
**APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020**

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**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek ratification of the draft annual Moray Children Poverty Action Report

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are asked to:-
- (i) Note the progress in the period of the report
  - (II) Note the agreed priorities for 2020/21
  - (III) Ratify the report prior to submitting to the Scottish Government and Publishing

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act places statutory duties on the Moray Council and on NHS Grampian respectively to produce annual Local **Child Poverty Action Reports** (LCPARs) describing ongoing and planned action to tackle **child poverty** at local level. The Act sets out interim and final targets to be achieved by 2023 and 2030 respectively.

- 3.2 Moray Community Planning Partnership Board commissioned a Poverty Strategy for Moray in April 2018.
- 3.3 Fairer Moray Forum (FMF) developed the MCPP Poverty Strategy and associated Moray Poverty Action Plan as agreed at the MCPP officers' group meeting of 29 March 2018.
- 3.3 The Moray Poverty Strategy 2018/2021 and associated Moray Poverty action Plan was endorsed by the Community Planning Board April 2019
- 3.4 As Local Authorities and Health Boards focussed their efforts to respond to Covid 19 and provide immediate support for communities. FMF established a core group of key partners to capture the progress across the community planning partnership and gather the intelligence to inform our future priorities and examine the medium to long term impact of covid19 in the future in terms of child poverty in Moray to inform the LCPAR 2019/20.
- 3.5 Through several virtual meetings, key evidence and intelligence was gathered and shared, priorities for the future agreed and a draft plan developed in terms of child poverty in Moray. This included gathering information through community engagement and lived experience of families and children to inform the Child Poverty Action Report.
- 3.6 The Draft Child Poverty action Plan Report has been agreed by FMF over a period of consultation during Nov/Dec 2020 and is ready for onward ratification.
- 3.7 New priorities will inform the next CPAR for period 20/21. The Scottish government framework for reporting would be submission in June 2020 for that period. We await clarification of what will be required.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1. The work taking place to address child poverty does not sit in isolation within a child poverty action report; it aligns with a suite of strategies and plans such as The Moray Local Improvement plan (LOIP) which amongst other actions, acknowledges the need for collaborative partnership working to address in work poverty, to encourage local employers to pay the Real Living Wage and to increase the availability of transport. It also aligns to the Moray Children's Services Plan (CSP) which identified Poverty as a priority.

- 4.2. The report is fully compliant with the statutory duties placed upon The Moray Council and NHS Grampian by the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 and allows us to articulate the range of activity that directly impacts upon those families experiencing poverty. It provides a framework for working alongside Community Planning Partners, taking forward actions and identifying areas for improvement and monitoring the medium to long term impact of covid19 in the future in terms of child poverty in Moray.

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