



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON Thursday
23 May 2023**

SUBJECT: CHILD POVERTY SELF ASSESSMENT

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The [Child Poverty \(Scotland\) Act 2017](#) places a duty on local authorities and regional health boards in Scotland to produce annual, joint Local Child Poverty Action Reports (LCPARs) describing ongoing and planned action to tackle child poverty at local level. The Moray Council and NHS Grampian recognise and comply with this requirement, and a Child Poverty Strategic Group is in place to lead on implementation of the plans. Child poverty is also a key priority for the Moray Community Planning Partnership. Despite this, we are still not making a significant impact on child poverty.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Community Planning Partnership support the undertaking of a self assessment on progress towards tackling child poverty in Moray.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Under the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 local authorities and territorial health boards have a duty to produce joint annual local child poverty action reports.

These reports should describe actions taken in the past year – and planned future actions – to tackle child poverty and contribute to national targets to significantly reduce child poverty by 2030. The reporting year begins on the 1st of April and runs to the 31st of March.

The Improvement Service supports the development and implementation of Child Poverty Action Plans and reports, hosting the

National Coordinator for Local Child Poverty Action Reports and the Child Poverty and UNCRC Project Officer. These staff work with local authorities and health boards to support the development of LCPARs by acting as child poverty champions, sharing and promoting good practice, and working to ensure local reports are an effective lever for tackling child poverty in Scotland.

The Improvement Service has developed this Self Assessment tool, which we propose to use to support and enable us as Community Planning Partners to consider our approach to addressing child poverty in Moray. By taking time to reflect on this work and gathering a collective view, we will be well placed to ensure that we are bringing the right people, resources and approach to take this important agenda forward.

The Improvement Service would collate responses and work with the Moray Child Poverty Strategic Group to identify agreed strengths and areas for improvement.

Where this approach has worked most successfully in other areas of Scotland, the Community Planning Partnership has taken a lead in owning and launching the self assessment and supporting action on the resulting recommendations.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

The Moray Community Planning Partnership would lead on communications and launching of the self-assessment and agree to receive oversight reports on progress against the recommendations.

5. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that CPOG approve approaching the CPP with this request.

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Background Papers: A link to the Self Assessment tool is available here:
[LCPAR Self Assessment 2022 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

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