

Agenda



Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council

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Time: 14:00

Venue: Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton

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Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** as detailed above.
The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

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Councillor Diane Docherty
Councillor Jim Finn
Councillor Daniel Lennie
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Councillor Douglas McAllister
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Councillor Jonathan McColl
Councillor Iain McLaren
Councillor Marie McNair
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Councillor John Mooney
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill
Councillor Sally Page
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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019

AGENDA

1 STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

The Chair will be heard in connection with the above.

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and the reasons for such declarations.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 7 - 18

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 27 March 2019.

5 OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

6 GLASGOW CITY REGION CITY DEAL UPDATE 19 - 24

Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration on the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal.

**7 WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE CHILD POVERTY ACTION 25 - 65
REPORT 2019**

Submit report by the Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability providing an update on the development of the West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty action report.

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8 PRESENTATION BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (SFRS) - DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION

Paul Devlin, Local Senior Officer, SFRS, will give a presentation on the above.

9 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

(a) Motion by Bailie Agnew – Assisted Dying

This Council agrees to oppose the proposal being presented to the Scottish Parliament regarding 'assisted dying'.

The move to legalise assisted suicide or euthanasia is unacceptable in our society and we call upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Scottish Government to register the Council's opposition in the strongest terms to this iniquitous concept.

(b) Motion by Councillor Jim Bolla – Climate Emergency

Council agrees with the view held by the movement Extinction Rebellion that we have a "Climate Emergency" which needs urgent political action on a global scale to save the planet. Council agrees to write to the UK and Scottish Government's in these terms urging them to take immediate action to tackle this grave issue and do all within their power to reverse the situation. As a first step in a local context Council also agrees to request the trustees of the SPF (Strathclyde Pension Fund) divest from any investments in fossil fuels which are warming the planet already to 1°C. Council pension funds in Scotland invest £1.8b per year in companies like BP & Shell who are planning on using fossil fuels which will warm the planet up to 3.5°C. Scientists are clear that burning fossil Fuels, Coal, Oil & Gas is the main driver for the problem. Fossil Fuel divestment is a practical, legal and responsible way for pension funds to respond to climate change and avoid financial risk. Over 30 Scottish MP's have supported divestment of their own pension fund and I would ask that WDC put the same request to the trustees of the SPF.

(c) Motion by Councillor Iain McLaren – Mass Balloon Releases

Council notes that all released balloons return to Earth as ugly litter that is dangerous to wildlife, in particular marine wildlife.

Council recognises the concerns of farmers, environmentalists, biologists and animal lovers, and their work to raise awareness of and tackle this problem.

Council further notes that more than half of the local authorities in Scotland, including our neighbours in Argyll & Bute, have already banned mass balloon releases on their land.

Council therefore instructs officers to take steps to ban mass balloon releases on Council controlled land.

(d) Motion by Councillor David McBride – Temporary Public Entertainment Licences

Council notes a temporary Public Entertainment Licence, for example siting the recent carnival at Dumbarton Common, can be granted without consultation or notification to nearby residents and ward councillors.

Council notes on some occasions, particularly when the event may significantly affect nearby residents, consultation may be appropriate.

Therefore, Council requests the Chief Executive provides a report to a future Council Meeting that details the current procedure and an explanation of how this maybe improved for the future. The options detailed should include the status quo, limited notification and consultation with local residents & ward councillors, up to and including requiring full consideration by the Councils Licensing Committee.

Council can agree an appropriate procedure once the report is published.

(e) Motion by Councillor Ian Dickson – Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

West Dunbartonshire Council is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.

Council fully supports the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) as one of the most effective ways to bring about long-term and verifiable multilateral nuclear disarmament and reaffirms our commitment to West Dunbartonshires designation as a Nuclear Free Zone. To this end council asserts its opposition to the illegal transportation of nuclear weapons on our roads and rail networks on moral and safety grounds.

Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the UK Government to inform them of this resolution and urge them to take account of it.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

At the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 27 March 2019 at 2.06 p.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jim Bollan, Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Jim Finn, Daniel Lennie, Caroline McAllister, Douglas McAllister, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Sally Page, Martin Rooney and Brian Walker.

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform; Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership; Peter Hessett, Strategic Lead – Regulatory (Legal Officer); Stephen West, Strategic Lead – Resources; Laura Mason, Chief Education Officer; Victoria Rogers, Strategic Lead – People & Technology; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration; Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability;; Gillian McNeilly, Finance Manager; and Christine McCaffary, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor John Mooney.

Also Attending: Carol Hislop, Senior Audit Manager and Zahrah Mahmood, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

Provost William Hendrie in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

The Provost advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 14 February 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

The Provost advised that the following Open Forum question had been received from Mrs Rose Harvie. He then invited Mrs Harvie forward and she read out her question to Council:-

Mrs Rose Harvie, Dumbarton – Climate Change

Context: I am aware that WDC has appointed an officer to represent the Council on Climate Ready Clyde. This organisation represents all the local authorities within the Clyde and Loch Lomond areas, which are likely to be affected by climate change. I have read all the documents in the CRC website with great interest. These detail the various mechanisms by which local authorities are planning to adapt their communities to the threats of rising sea and river levels. If global temperatures are not reduced in line with internationally agreed and recommended targets, it is predicted that large areas at sea level will be subjected to flooding. There is a great deal about adaptation to climate change, but very little mention about mitigation, that is prevention, in the CRC documents.

Climate Change is the greatest threat to the planet. While adaptation to its effects is of course of vital importance, climate change scientists recommend stringent and urgent measures of mitigation, to reduce carbon and other harmful emissions.

Question: What measures is WDC considering, not only to adapt to climate change, but to help prevent it; and would the Council consider setting up a 'working group', of Councillors, officers, representatives of community groups etc. to consider possible mitigation measures, so that our grandchildren do not look back at our generation and say of us 'they knew what to do, but they did not do it.....'?

Councillor McLaren provided the following response:-

I'll begin by thanking Mrs Harvie for her question.

I believe climate change is something we all need to do more to combat, it is not just the duty of the Council.

I agree with what Mrs Harvie has said, but I don't think she's being dramatic enough.

It won't be far down the line that it will be our grandchildren questioning our inaction, the consequences of climate change will hit us far sooner than that.

We're already seeing huge problems around the world with air quality, water pollution, extremes of weather, and scientists are now warning of massive problems in the next few years, not decades.

In response to Mrs Harvie's question, officers have very kindly provided me with a list of the actions the Council is taking to mitigate climate change, which I'm very grateful for - and I'm happy to share with Mrs Harvie and have it appended to the minutes of this meeting.

The report contains a great many things that detail WDC's ambitious programme of activities to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate change.

I won't read all of it out, but I will highlight some of the areas it covers.

Our Sustainability, Energy and Carbon Management Group is led by officers, and has many objectives including:-

Raising awareness of the sustainability and resource efficiency agendas
Improving efficiency in the Council
Review new government targets and legislation, and formalise how we deal with these
Submit mandatory annual report on Carbon emissions and
Promote sustainable transport guidance to staff
Areas where we are actively working to reduce CO2 emissions are:

- Queens Quay – the new district heating system will provide low carbon heat and hot water to the area
- Energy efficiency works across council buildings and upgrading the street lighting to LED
- Investigating renewable energy sources such as wind and hydro, including the recently-approved hydro scheme at Gavinburn Farm
- New house builds are insulated to a higher standard than legislation requires
- The office rationalisation project – reduced number of buildings and replaced old with new more energy efficient
- Procurement takes into account the Sustainable Public Procurement Prioritisation Tool
- ICT have delivered server-based computing, and made power-saving settings on devices mandatory

- We have a pool of 1 electric vehicles, with more on order, and we're engaging with Scottish Government to install EV charging points
- Working together with other councils to put in place joint residual waste treatment contracts that meet the 2021 legislation targets
- Planting 10,000 trees between 2016 and 2021
- Increased areas of open space developed for biodiversity, which encourages an increase in pollinators and other important insects and mammals, as well as reducing the amount of fossil fuels burnt to mow them
And we are of course members of Climate Ready Clyde, which is the cross-sector initiative. The City Region's first climate risk and opportunity assessment is now complete, and with the Scottish Government for review.

This is just a quick run through some of the highlights of what West Dunbartonshire Council is doing with regard to climate change, and as I say I'd be more than happy to send you the full report, and have it appended to the minutes (shown as Appendix 1 to these Minutes)

Mrs Harvie then asked the following supplementary question:-

Today in the Scottish Parliament there is a debate on the climate change emergency, which is clearly relevant to my first question. The relevant motions have cross party political support.

Climate Ready Clyde is organising a Climate Change awareness week in October (7th to 13th).

In this context, will WDC consider a public awareness campaign, including a press release, to inform the public of what efforts WDC is making to reduce the risks of climate change, to encourage people to support these efforts, and become more involved, if possible, in Climate Week in October. This should include encouragement to all schools to get involved.

The Provost thanked Mrs Harvie for her questions, advising that she would receive a written response within 7 days of the meeting. Mrs Harvie returned to the public gallery.

Note:- Councillor Finn left the meeting at this point.

GENERAL SERVICES – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019 (PERIOD 11)

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Resources advising on the General Services revenue budget and the approved capital programme to 28 February 2019 (Period 11).

Following discussion and having heard officers in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed to:-

- (1) to note that the revenue account currently shows a projected annual favourable variance of £0.118m (0.06% of the total budget); and
- (2) to note that the capital account shows that planned expenditure and resource for 2018/19 is lower than budgeted by £29.213m (34.87% of the budget), made up of £29.573m relating to project slippage, partially offset by £0.360m relating to an in year overspend.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019 (PERIOD 11)

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability providing an update on the financial performance to 28 February 2019 (Period 11) of the HRA revenue and capital budgets.

The Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report which shows a projected favourable revenue variance of £0.062m (0.1%); and
- (2) to note the net projected annual position in relation to relevant capital projects which is highlighting a variance of £9.811m (29.4%) due to projected slippage of £11.227m (33.6%), and an in-year anticipated net overspend of £1.416m (- 4.2%).

CAPITAL STRATEGY 2019/20 TO 2028/29

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources providing the capital strategy for the period 2019/20 to 2028/29.

Following discussion and having heard officers in answer to Members' questions, the Council agreed to approve the Capital Strategy as appended to the report.

GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET PREPARATION 2019/20 TO 2021/22 – BUDGET UPDATE AND BUDGET SETTING 2019/20

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources on the above.

Councillor Dickson moved:-

Council thanks officers for their work to deliver the 2018/19 budget with a favourable variance, despite numerous challenges throughout the year.

Council also thanks officers for their assistance to all groups and individual members throughout this year's budget process and agrees the recommendations at 2.1 and 4.2.7 bullet point 3 of the report, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report.

Furthermore, Council approves the Administration's budget, appended to this motion (shown as Appendix 2 to these Minutes), which balances the £4.538 budget gap for 2019/20 and brings next year's budget gap down from £13.109m to £9.816m.

Council notes that of the £2.504m of extra investment from the Administration, £2.384m is being funded from one off reserves, ensuring that this burden is not being passed on to future years' budgets. This Administration will always find the best possible balance between investment and securing the sustainable future of our local services.

As an amendment Councillor Rooney, seconded by Councillor McBride moved:-

Council thanks officers for the budget which sets out the various changes that have taken place since the December and February Council meetings.

Council also notes that as a result of Barnett consequential the Scottish Government will receive a budget increase in 2019/20 of around £950m from the UK Government. At the same time the Scottish Government is failing to properly fund Scottish Councils. As a consequence, The Scottish Government Grant to West Dunbartonshire is reduced by 1.56% in 2019/20 and when inflation is taken into account this is a real terms cut of between 3% and 4%.

West Dunbartonshire Council does not accept another year of SNP cuts and agrees the only way that this Council's financial situation will improve is through fair funding from the SNP Government.

Given the above this council agrees:

- (a) To reject the £2.239m of Management Adjustments presented to the November Council which restores the Change Fund balance to £1.511m;
- (b) To confirm its rejection of the £1.717m of savings options presented at December Council; and
- (c) To reject the SNP Administrations initiative which would see changes to the Council's charging policy bringing in significant increases.

The Council also agrees to:

- (d) Note the updated projections for the revenue budget in 2018/19.
- (e) Note the updated provisions and reserves of the Council identified in the report;
- (f) Note the updated projected cumulative funding gaps as:

- (i) 2019/20 £4.538m;
 - (ii) 2020/21 £13.109m; and
 - (iii) 2021/22 £20.473m;
- (g) To note the projected outturn position for capital for 2018/19; and
- (h) Agree the proposed updated capital plan from 2019/20 as detailed in the report;

In rejecting the November Management Adjustments; and the charging options the budget gap is increased by £2.239m and £0.250m to £7.027m. However, the Change Fund would be restored to £1.511m which would be available to help with the 2019/20 budget gap if required.

The Council notes that despite a number of variables the budget gap requires to be closed in 2019/20 and in order to do so this Council agrees the following:

- (i) To change the policy on the Treatment of Capital Receipts this would release: £2.100m in 2018/19; and £3.000m in 2019/20.
- (j) To agree the Loans Fund Review: £1.037m in 2019/20; £3.050m in 2020/21; and £3.300m in 2021/22.
- (k) To use the balance of the Sinking Fund monies to Offset Principal Repayments Council; £2.829m in 18/19 but this means a recurring cost of (i) £0.445m in 2019/20; (ii) a recurring cost of £0.451m in 2020/21; a recurring cost of £0.456m in 2021/22;
- (l) To use the restored Change Fund balance in 2019/20 of £1.511m;
- (m) To use the previously earmarked reserves of £0.426m in 2019/20;
- (n) To use the free projected un-earmarked reserves of £0.116m from 2018/19 in 2019/20;
- (o) To note the combined effect of the above would mean the following reserves were available to balance the budget:
 - (iv) 2018/19 - £4.929m to increase available reserves for 2019/20;
 - (v) 2019/20 - £5.645m;
 - (vi) 2020/21 - £2.599m; and
 - (vii) 2021/22 - £2.844m.

In addition, the Council would still have £4.192m in its Prudential Reserve.

The Labour proposals would mean we had £10.574m available in 2019/20 budget setting and we would use £7.027m to close the 2019/20 budget gap – (i) Reversing the Management Adjustments; and (ii) Rejecting the SNP Administrations commercialisation charges. The £3.547m balance would allow the Council to consider other options.

This Council agrees to introduce extend Special Paid Leave for staff affected by Domestic Abuse at an estimated annual cost of £0.010m.

The Council also notes that North Lanarkshire Council had introduced a Holiday Hunger Programme which included activities over the summer. The total cost of this was £1.500m with £0.500m of the costs being provided by the Scottish Government.

North Lanarkshire Council with its population of 340,000 is almost 4 times the size of West Dunbartonshire Council with a population of 89,000. It would therefore be reasonable to expect that the total cost of our Holiday Hunger Programme would be circa £0.400m and it would be reasonable to expect the Scottish Government to contribute a third of the cost like they have done in North Lanarkshire. Council asks officers to engage with the Scottish Government on this. This would mean that WDC would pay £0.267m and the Scottish Government would be asked to provide £0.133m. In the meantime this budget proposal would include the full cost of £0.400m for a trial during 2019/20.

These two growth items to the budget would increase the gap for 2019/20 to £7.437m. This would be funded from the £10.574m, leaving an unused Reserves Balance of £3.137m to be placed in the Change Fund. These options would provide £2.599m and £2.844m to assist close the funding gaps in 2020/21 and 2021/22 respectively.

The Council also agrees to a recurring revenue support of £18,900 to ensure that WDCF have rent free use of Unit 22 at Leven Valley Enterprise Centre and the costs for use of the three Leisure Trust distributions locations are paid to WDLT.

At the request of Councillor O'Neill the Council proceeded by way of a roll call vote.

On a vote being taken 8 members voted for the amendment, namely Councillors Bollan, Casey, Lennie, Douglas McAllister, McBride, Millar, O'Neill and Rooney. 10 members voted for the motion, namely Provost Hendrie, Bailie Agnew and Councillors Brown, Conaghan, Dickson, Docherty, Caroline McAllister, McColl, McLaren and McNair and 2 members abstained, namely Councillors Page and Walker.

ADJOURNMENT

Having heard the Provost, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting for a period of 5 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 5.12 p.m. with all Members listed in the sederunt present, with the exception of Councillor Finn.

RESPONSE TO MOTION TO COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 2018: FREE LETS OF LEISURE TUST PREMISES FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY FOODSHARE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform providing a response to the motion agreed at the meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on Wednesday, 28 November 2018.

The Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the costs associated with the provision of space for foodbanks as detailed in section 4.1 of the report;
- (2) to note the update on Universal Credit and work of the communities team as outlined in sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the report;
- (3) to note the update on options to increase other funding opportunities as detailed in section 4.4 of the report;
- (4) to note the established programmes as part of our child poverty action plan;
- (5) to note the additional options for consideration in addressing holiday hunger as detailed in section 4.5 of the report; and
- (6) to note that officers will monitor discretionary funds and staff capacity and will report back to Members should there be any future requirement for extra investment to meet increased local need as Universal Credit continues to be rolled out.

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2018/19 TO 2025/26 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019/20 TO 2028/29

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources seeking approval of the proposed Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 to 2021/22 and Treasury Management Strategy (including the Investment Strategy) for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

The Council agreed:-

- (1) the following Prudential Indicators and Limits discussed in Appendix 1 of the report and set out within Appendix 6 of the report for the period 2019/20 to 2021/22:

Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing Requirements (Tables A and B);

Forecast and estimates of the ratio of financing costs to Net Revenue Stream (Table D);

- (2) to approve the policy for loans fund advances discussed in Appendix 1 of the report in section 3;
- (3) to approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20 to 2021/22 (including the Investment Strategy) contained within Appendices 2 to 6 of the report;
- (4) the following Treasury Prudential Indicators and Limits discussed in Appendix 2 of the report and set out within Appendix 6 of the report for the period 2019/20 to 2021/22:

Operational Boundaries (Table F);

Authorised Limits (Table G);

Counterparty Limits (Table J); and

Treasury Management Limits on Activity (Table L);

- (5) to note the draft Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators for the period 2022/23 to 2028/29 discussed in Appendices 1 and 2 and set out within Appendix 6 of the report;
- (6) to approve the statement by the Section 95 Officer regarding the gross debt level in comparison to the Capital Financing Requirement (report Appendix 2 - Point 2.3); and
- (7) to refer this report to the Audit Committee to ensure further scrutiny takes place.

DUMBARTON COMMON GOOD FUND BUDGET UPDATE 2019/20

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources providing an update on the Dumbarton Common Good budget and seeking approval for a revised budget for 2019/20.

Councillor Dickson moved that Council agree the recommendations contained in the report, namely:-

- (1) to note the probable outturn for 2018/19 as set out in the Appendix to the report;
- (2) to approve the revised 2019/20 budget as set out in the Appendix to the report; and
- (3) to note the projected balances carried forward of £0.503m at 31 March 2019 and £0.361m at 31 March 2020 (based upon the revised draft budget 2019/20).

Councillor McBride then moved the following addendum:-

This Council is proud of its new Dumbarton office in Church St. and we are delighted that it has been recognised with the Regeneration Project of the Year award at the recent Scottish Property Awards.

The new modern office complex shows that we value our staff, it offers a welcoming environment to our citizens and it saves around £400k per year for the Council.

Importantly, the new office gave us an opportunity to restore the A listed facade which is part of the old Academy Buildings which in itself is a key part of Dumbarton's rich heritage and is now part of its future as a working building again and it will be here for the benefit of future generations.

In addition, this project has been successful in increasing footfall to the town centre as staff and visitors of 16 Church St. boost spending in the town centre bringing economic benefits to local businesses and putting our high street at the heart of our community.

The Council congratulates all our staff involved in making this regeneration project a success.

One of the issues that was identified at all stages of the project was that there was a legitimate concern regarding parking issues, traffic flow and making the town centre accessible to vehicle and pedestrians while also encouraging the use of public transport links.

Experience since the building was opened, suggests that parking is still the major concern and it is a potential threat to the continued regeneration of our town centre.

To ensure the additional staff and visitors do not have a negative impact on the town centre, the Council must take the opportunity to review the parking capacity now that we have had a year of operational experience to draw upon.

The Council notes there is currently £229K in the Dumbarton Common Good Fund Town Centre Fund. This was earmarked for Capital projects linked to Town Centre regeneration. It was also hoped that that the Dumbarton Common Good Funding could draw in additional funding from council departments and from external partners to maximize the investment.

One of the partners could be the Scottish Government who have already committed £800k for town centre regeneration in West Dunbartonshire.

Therefore, the Council calls on the Chief Executive to initiate a review of the parking and traffic flows for Dumbarton town centre and to bring back a report to council or committee for consideration.

The report should consider options for increasing capacity, demand and tackling inconsiderate and illegal parking in Dumbarton Town Centre.

The report should detail opportunities and associated costs to increase capacity, including reconfiguration and expanding current parking to maximise parking spaces for local residents, staff and visitors.

The Dumbarton Town Centre Forum could be asked to lead a public consultation on the options identified by the council to ensure that local residents have their say on their town centre

Council agreed the motion with addendum.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion by Councillor Iain McLaren – Scottish Property Awards

Councillor McLaren moved:-

Council notes the award presented at the 2019 Scottish Property Awards for “Regeneration Project of the Year” in recognition of the outstanding work undertaken to redevelop the former Dumbarton Academy building into new offices for the Council.

Council congratulates our staff, our partner Hub West Scotland and all involved in the project for their achievement, and thanks them for their excellent efforts and hard work in bringing this project to fruition.

The Council agreed the motion.

The meeting closed at 5.24 p.m.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by the Strategic Lead for Regeneration****Council: 29 May 2019**

Subject: Glasgow City Region City Deal – Update**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To note the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that Council:

- i) notes the progress of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) City Deal, and
- ii) notes progress with the Council's project for the Exxon site.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Glasgow City Region City Deal Infrastructure programme equates to £1.13bn of investment during period 2015-2035. Projects are progressing and have reached various stages from Strategic, Outline and Full Business Case stages of approval.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The refreshed Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Exxon site project was approved at Council on 28 November 2018, approved at the Chief Executives' group on 31 January 2019, and also approved at Cabinet on 12 February 2019. The Final Business Case is anticipated no later than November 2020.

5. Glasgow City Region City Deal Update

- 5.1** The Glasgow City Region, Chief Executives' Group met on 28 March 2019 and approved the following projects:
- i) North Lanarkshire Council - Infrastructure Programme realignment. This was a re-alignment of £6.1m from the A8/M8 Corridor Access Improvements Strategic Business Case (SBC) and £60.1m from the Gartcosh/Glenboig Community Growth Area SBC, and draw-down of a further £4m of GCR City Deal Infrastructure funding as part of the overall £189m Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor SBC. The City Deal funded element of the proposal would remain at £172.4m

however; NLC would contribute a further £29.7m towards the Pan Lanarkshire Orbital project, increasing the total investment across the 3 SBCs to £202.2m, with no change to the NLC grant allocation, and agreement to progress the OBC for the Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access sub-project.

- ii) North Lanarkshire Council - Gartcosh Business Park to Glenboig Link Road project - Augmented Outline Business Case to satisfy HM Treasury Green Book compliance.
- iii) East Renfrewshire Council - Barrhead South - Aurs Road to Balgraystone Road - Augmented Outline Business Case to satisfy HM Treasury Green Book compliance.
- iv) East Renfrewshire Council - Barrhead South - Balgraystone Road Upgrade project - Full Business Case as project moves into construction phase and sought £2.413m of funding to deliver.
- v) Renfrewshire Council - Glasgow Airport Investment Area - Full Business Case as project moves into construction phase and sought £29.689m of funding to deliver.

5.2 At the Glasgow City Region, Chief Executives' meeting on 28 March 2019 the group noted following project:

- i) East Dunbartonshire Council - Place and Growth Programme - Strategic Business Case. EDC had indicated that it was their intention to submit a SBC for a project to be considered should further funding become available. The group noted the report and instructed the PMO to work with the Finance Strategy Group to identify opportunities within the current Programme where funding could be made available to support the inclusion of additional City Deal Infrastructure Fund projects. The total cost for delivering the programme outlined in the SBC is estimated to be £60.59m. Should funds become available the City Deal programme would fund £52.18m and East Dunbartonshire Council £8.48m.

5.3 The Glasgow City Region, Chief Executives' Group also met on 25 April 2019 and approved the following projects:

- i) South Lanarkshire Council- Augmented OBC- Larkhall Community Growth Area. This OBC was originally approved by Cabinet on 14 February 2017 with a City Deal contribution of £17.3m, which remains unchanged; however the OBC has been augmented to ensure that it is HM Green Book compliant.
- ii) South Lanarkshire Council – FBC- Strathaven Road- Woodfoot Road Transport Corridor Junction Improvements. The augmented Hamilton OBC was submitted by SLC to the CEG on 2 August 2018, where it was noted that the OBC had been augmented and was considered fully compliant with HM Treasury Green Book. The total cost of the project is £1.079m and funded from City Deal and members contributions.

5.4 The Glasgow City Region Cabinet welcomed and supported a 'Blueprint for the Green Network' at its meeting on 9 April 2019. The report had been prepared for the Glasgow City Region (GCR) by the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership (GCVGNP). The GCVGNP which had been formed in 2006 with the aim of making GCR one of Europe's most attractive places to live, work and play through the creation of a large functional Green Network since the publication in 2017 of 'A Green Network Strategy for the GCR'. The Blueprint was comprised of 2 combined networks of greenspace, namely, 'An Access Network' and 'A Habitat Network'. The Blueprint would contribute to delivering sustainable, inclusive economic growth and increasing wellbeing, with a view to formally launching the Blueprint at an event scheduled for 28th May 2019

5.5 Finance Group Update

5.5.1 At the meeting on 23 April 2019 there was ongoing discussion around the revision of the Framework Agreement. Updated that East Dunbartonshire Council had submitted a Strategic Business Case to the City Deal for £60.59m and the Finance Group have been asked to review all planned projects to ascertain whether any funding can be freed-up to allow City Deal to accommodate the East Dunbartonshire project should it be developed further. Finance Group members have sought clarification from the PMO as to how this works when other existing projects have applied for additional funding e.g. WDC. Finance Group will review opportunities meantime.

5.6 Labour Market Working Group (LMG) Update

5.6.1 The City Deals Working Matters (WM) programme finished on 31st March 2019. Of the 146 residents who engaged with the programme, 128 undertook a range of activities, including: health interventions; work related training certificates; a range of SQA certificates; non-certificated courses such as wellbeing, literacy and numeracy and Digital Friends. West Dunbartonshire WM clients, in particular, had a range of barriers to employment but 15 gained employment in the life of the programme, with several more at the point of obtaining paid work. There are 13 participants who are now volunteering. The Programme in West Dunbartonshire directed its efforts to supporting those who were furthest from the labour market. Potential clients who were closer to the labour market were supported through West Dunbartonshire's Employability Pipeline and a further 29 clients who were eligible for WM were supported into employment.

5.6.2 Participants were given exit guidance, with the more job ready moving onto the West Dunbartonshire's Employability Pipeline, while others were referred to Fairer Scotland Fund; a number are continuing as learners with the Adult Learning and Literacies Team. The Team is currently undertaking a self-evaluation of the programme to ascertain the positive outcomes participants have had due to being part of Working Matters. Discussions are

under way at a regional level to consider further support for the target group through WM Progress. Full details are yet to emerge.

5.7 Housing and Equalities group update

5.7.1 The Glasgow City Region Housing portfolio is led on behalf of the City Region by West Dunbartonshire Council. It was established to:

- deliver the relevant actions within the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy & Action Plan relating to the portfolio;
- develop and deliver the Regional Housing Strategy including strategic guidance on the housing aspects of delivering the City Deal Programme and the Regional Economic Strategy & Action Plan, and
- to develop additional policies or activities that can identify or maximise the economic benefits delivered by housing within the City Region.

5.7.2 The purpose and scope of the Regional Strategy for Housing Delivery will focus on the delivery of 110,000 new homes by 2035 in the Glasgow City Region and address the following:

- identify options for joint procurement and promoting skills;
- work collaboratively to enforce standards in private rented sector;
- share methods to encourage investment in multi-tenure flats;
- explore options for regional approach to empty homes and property conditions;
- establish common framework for community benefits, specifically for tackling deprivation, and
- identify options for regional framework for surplus public land assets and development.

5.7.3 A detailed project plan and project brief for the resource required to develop the Housing Strategy has been drafted and will be issued for tender soon. The Regional Strategy for Housing Delivery will address issues relating to regional partnership working by addressing ways in which member authorities can:

- deliver best value through scale, standards and/or innovation;
- maximise the creation of attractive places across Glasgow City Region;
- ensure that all new homes are flexible and efficient to meet particular needs beyond 2035;
- develop a mechanism for the equitable share of development dividends for all;
- address the difficult urban sites (spatial planning) especially brownfield regeneration, and
- enable a sufficient and sustainable level of labour/skills to deliver these homes.

5.8 Skills Portfolio group update

- 5.8.1** A Regional Skills Investment Plan has been prepared in partnership with Local Authorities, Skills Development Scotland and the Further Education Sector. It has been compiled on the basis of a City Regional Strategic Assessment. The Regional Strategic Assessment provides an initial analysis of how well the Glasgow City Region and the local authority areas within it are performing comparatively, relatively, and absolutely against targets and ambitions across a range of outcome indicators set out within the Regional Economic Strategy and the Strategic Development Plan. Its primary function is to provide the socio-economic context for the Strategic Need section of the Glasgow City Region's City Deal Programme Business Case.

6. West Dunbartonshire Council City Deal Project

- 6.1** Discussions are continuing with ExxonMobil in relation to the commercial land transaction details, which will be brought before Council for consideration once an agreement in principle has been agreed. There have been a number of constructive meetings, with the most recent meeting having taking place on 26 April 2019.
- 6.2** The Environmental Impact assessment report has now been completed. This will form part of the submission to members when the commercial aspects of the negotiation are submitted to Council for consideration and will also form part of the planning application (permission in principal) for the overall site development. A number of engagements with the regulatory authorities have taken place and it is anticipated the planning application will be submitted for consideration in late summer of 2019.
- 6.3** The Council has met with all third party landowners and discussions are progressing as planned and will progress in parallel with Council's negotiations with ExxonMobil.

7. People Implications

- 7.1** There are a number of senior officers involved in the City Region initiative across services of the Council and as part of the project board.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1** The Council approved refreshed Outline Business Case for the Exxon project has an overall budget requirement of £34.050m.
- 8.2** The expenditure for the City Deal project for 2018/19 was £0.233m. As at 30 April 2019 the total project Capital expenditure was £1.477m.

8.3 The OBC approved budget expenditure for the City Deal Exxon project remains at £2.948m. This will provide sufficient funding to take us to FBC, proposed for November 2020.

9. Risk Analysis

9.1 There are a number of project risks associated with the development at the ExxonMobil project site and these are contained within the risk register of the refreshed OBC.

10. Equalities Impact Assessment

10.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not necessary for this report.

11. Consultation

11.1 Consultation with all key stakeholders is progressing as we continue to work as part of the Glasgow City Region.

12. Strategic Assessment

12.1 At its meeting on 25 October 2017, the Council agreed that one of its main strategic priorities for 2017 - 2022 is:

- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities

12.2 The proposals within this report are specifically designed to deliver on this priority.

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Background Reports:	Nil
Background Papers:	Glasgow City Region City Deal - Council updates on the following dates: 14 February 2019, 28 November 2018, 29 August 2018, 27 June 2018, 31 May 2018, 5 March 2018, 20 December 2017, 25 October 2017, 30 August 2017, 28 June 2017, 26 April 2017, 22 February 2017, 21 December 2016, 26 October 2016, 31 August 2016, 29 June 2016, 27 April 2016, 24 February 2016, 16 December 2015, 25 August 2015.
Wards Affected:	All

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Strategic Lead Housing and Employability

West Dunbartonshire Council: 29 May 2019

Subject: West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Action Report 2019

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on development of the West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty action report.
- 1.2 The action report is developed jointly by the local authority and NHS and must be published on-line by 30 June 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is recommended to note:
 - (a) The final draft report is attached as Appendix 1 to this paper. The action report will be finalised as soon as 2018/19 year end data are available.
 - (b) The Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) and support the implementation of emerging actions and progress indicators.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (CP Act) was passed by the Parliament on 8th November 2017 and received Royal Assent on 18th December 2017.
- 3.2 The intention of the CP Act is to 'set targets relating to the eradication of child poverty' as well as making provision for plans and reporting relating to achievement of these targets. It requires the Scottish Government to meet four income based child poverty targets by 2030 as well as set out and report on the actions they will take to meet those targets.
- 3.3 In addition the Act places a duty on local authorities and health boards to report annually on what actions they are undertaking to contribute to reducing child poverty.
- 3.4 The local child poverty action report must set out a range of commitments to address the key drivers of poverty:
 - Increasing income through employment;
 - Maximise income from the social security system; and
 - Reducing household costs.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The Improvement Service has been engaged by the Scottish Government to support the development of the local reports. The team at the Improvement Service has produced a briefing that suggests key stakeholders may wish to ensure they are aware of a number of issues. These include:
- Who has responsibility for development of the LCPAR in your area;
 - What arrangements are in place to allow for joint working with the health board and / or wider community planning partners in development and implementation of the LCPAR;
 - What opportunities key stakeholders will have to inform and scrutinise the development and implementation of the LCPAR;
 - The extent to which local residents have been given a meaningful opportunity to feed into the development of the LCPAR;
 - The extent to which measures are in place to check whether policies included in the LCPAR are having an impact over time;
 - The extent to which other local commitments (such as those resulting from the Fairer Scotland duty, Education (Scotland) Act 2016, Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 are reflected in the LCPAR;
 - Whether the LCPAR describes measures that constitute a 'Step-change' in the local approach to tackling child poverty.
- 4.2** Taking each of the Improvement Service suggestions in turn we can identify progress that has been achieved to date in West Dunbartonshire.
- 4.3** A draft report: *'Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families: West Dunbartonshire, Local Child Poverty Action Report, June 2019'* has been compiled.
- 4.4** The report has been firmly set within West Dunbartonshire Community Planning: 'Plan for Place' and HSCP Strategic Plan. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- 4.5** The overall management and partnership working is being developed primarily through the West Dunbartonshire Nurtured DIG.
- 4.6** The responsibility for compiling the local child poverty report lies with Working 4U staff. This reflects their role in maximising income from benefits, supporting people to secure sustained employment and providing access to learning and training opportunities that will improve access to employment.
- 4.7** A regional group has been established to ensure NHS input is consistent across the NHS GG&C area. NHS reps have been involved and have provided input to the report and resources to encourage referrals to the income maximisation services from health professionals/Health visitors. There is work underway to embed these services within GP practices.

- 4.8** The report has been developed with the support of the Information and Advice Partnership; Youth Alliance and Adult Learning Partnership. A community based event will be held in June to promote the report and seek third sector and local resident input to future action areas.
- 4.9** The report is based on an action plan framework with activity that will be tracked and reported through the West Dunbartonshire Council performance management system (Pentana). We will establish a baseline against the activities in the first year by gathering information from council and other service client information management systems (e.g. Advice Pro). This will provide the basis for setting a benchmark and assessing the extent of step change achieved.
- 4.10** The West Dunbartonshire Report highlights (as required) existing activity. It also highlights potential opportunities. Examples of these include:
- Establishing support link for families through 'No Home for Domestic Abuse';
 - Work between Working 4U and Housing Services to reduce rent arrears while providing support for tenants to secure employment;
 - Establishing joint work between Education Services and Working 4U to ensure that families have access to support and employability development services (to address and escape poverty) through the Family Opportunity Hubs, Foundation Apprenticeships and access to mainstream apprenticeships within the public and private sector;
 - Work between Working 4U and Health Services to embed welfare/employability services in GP practices.
- 4.11** These actions with input from Housing health and Social care and Education services, combined with the input of the third sector through various partnerships will encourage the development of the step change required.

5. Options Appraisal

- 5.1** None required

6. People Implications

- 6.1** A range of actions and progress indicators have been identified and 'scorecard' for tracking and reporting progress has been developed.
- 6.2** The scorecard will require input from a range of service departments, partners and associated organisations. Key individuals have been identified and each person will ensure that the actions and progress reports that reflect their contribution to addressing child poverty will be updated.
- 6.3** Staff from Working4U will coordinate the ongoing development of the scorecard and reporting.
- 6.4** West Dunbartonshire will contribute to the regional actions by attending and supporting work identified through the NHS GG&C Child Poverty group.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 There are no financial or procurement implications.

8. Risk Analysis

8.1 The risk analysis centred on the compilation of the report. This is now complete and therefore no longer applicable.

8.2 Future risks centre on maintaining and updating the information for the 'child poverty report scorecard' and ensuring the actions and progress indicators remain relevant.

9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

9.1 The child poverty report is explicit about the target group for support. This includes:

- Expectant mothers;
- Households with children whose income or expenditure is adversely affected because there is a member of the family has one or more protected characteristic, as set out in the 'Equality Act 2010';
- Lone Parents;
- Families with three or more children;
- Families where the youngest child is under one year old;
- Mothers aged less than 25 years.

9.2 At a local level Community Planning West Dunbartonshire has emphasised the need to include:

- Families and children with experience of the care system;
- Children with care responsibilities; and
- Those living in areas of high material deprivation.

9.3 As such the approach is entirely consistent with equalities legislation, policy and approaches.

10. Environmental Sustainability

10.1 There are no environmental implications with this report.

11. Consultation

11.1 A number of consultative activities have been undertaken as part of the process for developing the report. This has included:

- Consultation with key stakeholders through the West Dunbartonshire Delivery Improvement Groups;
- Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group Development session in December 2018 to identify priorities;
- Ongoing progress updates to Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group;
- Improvement Service Review of early draft in January 2019;

- Ongoing reporting at COSLA Health and Wellbeing Group;
- Circulation of drafts for contribution by key stakeholders;
- Update at Community Planning Board (February 2019).

11.2 Prior to publication a community conference will take place in Clydebank Town Hall on June the 4th and an elected members' seminar is planned for June 2019.

12. Strategic Assessment

12.1 In order to address poverty and disadvantage West Dunbartonshire's Community Planning Management Group has adopted five key outcomes for the partnership that reflect the requirements of the Scottish Government 'Fairer Scotland Action Plan' (2016)¹. The Fairer Scotland Action Plan is built on five high-level ambitions and outlines 50 actions to help tackle poverty, reduce inequality and build a fairer and more inclusive Scotland. These priorities are now the focus for partnership activity and investment in West Dunbartonshire.

12.2 Each priority is supported by a suite of outcomes that are the focus of activity in thematic Delivery and Improvement Groups (DIGs) that will be measured through a performance and improvement monitoring framework.

12.3 The scope and breadth of the requirements in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 means, that while the report will be managed through the Nurtured DIG other Delivery Improvement Groups in West Dunbartonshire Community Planning will have an interest in its progress. This includes, but is not limited to, for example:

- The Flourishing DIG with its interest in employability support in the context of 'No One Left Behind'²;
- The Empowered DIG, with its interest in delivering 'The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2016'³; and
- The Independent DIG, with its emphasis on supporting the health and quality by, for example, the provision of access to financial capability support within GP practices and other community health settings.

¹ Scottish Government (2018) Fairer Scotland Action Plan 2018 Progress Report: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-scotland-action-plan-progress-report-2018/> (accessed 27/12/2018)

² Scottish Government (2018). 'No One Left Behind: Next Steps for Employability Support' <https://www.gov.scot/publications/one-left-behind-next-steps-integration-alignment-employability-support-scotland/> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

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Wards Affected:

'Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families'.

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According to the 'End Child Poverty'¹ group there are 4,887 children in West Dunbartonshire living in poverty. This represents 26.7% of the young population; a proportion that is substantially higher than the Scottish average of 20%.

¹ End Child Poverty <http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/poverty-in-your-area-2018/> accessed 16/11/2018

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1. Introduction

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

The Bill for The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 was passed by the Parliament on 8th November 2017 and received Royal Assent on 18th December 2017.

The intention of the Child Poverty Bill is to 'set targets relating to the eradication of child poverty' as well as making provision for plans and reporting relating to achievement of these targets.

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act requires the Scottish Government to meet four income based child poverty targets by 2030 as well as set out and report on the actions they will take to meet those targets.

In addition the Act places a duty on local authorities and health boards to report annually on what they are doing to contribute to reducing child poverty.

The local child poverty action report must set out a range of commitments to address the key drivers of poverty:

- Increasing income through employment;
- Maximise income from the social security system; and
- Reducing household costs.

This is the West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board's first annual report.

Child Poverty Definitions

The Act provides definitions of relative, absolute and persistent poverty and combined low income and material deprivation. It also provides guidance on the method for calculating household income, which includes the need to consider levels of poverty after housing costs have been taken into account.

Relative Poverty

Children living in households where the equivalised net income for the year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the year.

Absolute Poverty

Children living in households whose equivalised net income for the year is less than 60% of the amount of median equivalised net household income for the financial.

Combined Low Income and Material Deprivation

Children living in households whose equivalised net income for the year is less than 70% of median equivalised net household income for the year, and experiences material deprivation in the year.

Persistent Poverty

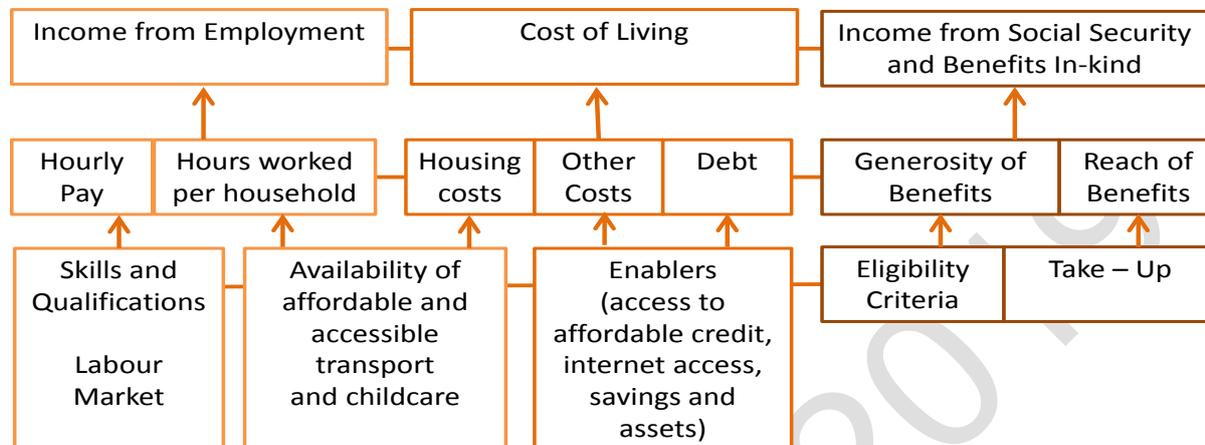
Children that have lived in absolute poverty for at least years.

Causes of Poverty

The first national child poverty delivery plan, 'Every Child, Every Chance' makes clear that poverty, including family poverty, is the result of direct drivers of poverty fall

that fall into three main categories – income from employment, costs of living, and income from social security; more pointedly poverty is caused by the fact that income from employment and or social security is not sufficient to meet the essential living costs.

The drivers of poverty are summarised by the Scottish Government are illustrated in **Figure 1**²:



Our approach takes this framework as a starting point and builds on it to include actions that are intended to:

- Maximise income from employment;
- Reduce the cost of living;
- Maximise income from benefits; and
- Maximise access to opportunity from public sector investment.

Our aim is to build resilience within families in order to assist them to address the drivers of poverty and improve their quality of life. Examples of activities within this context are illustrated in Appendix 1.

Priority Groups

Local partners are encouraged to give particular consideration to actions that will support the following priority groups:

- Expectant mothers;
- Households with children whose income or expenditure is adversely affected because there is a member of the family has one or more protected characteristic, as set out in the 'Equality Act 2010';
- Lone Parents;
- Families with three or more children;
- Families where the youngest child is under one year old;
- Mothers aged less than 25 years.

At a local level Community Planning West Dunbartonshire has emphasised the need to include:

- Families and children with experience of the care system; and
- Children with care responsibilities; and

² Scottish Government (2017): 'Every Child Every Chance' (pp 112) <https://www.gov.scot/publications/child-chance-tackling-child-poverty-delivery-plan-2018-22/pages/8/> accessed 25/01/2019

- Those living in areas of high material deprivation.

Impact of Poverty on Children

Poverty has wide ranging impacts on children's development, health and prospects. It is the cause of poor cognitive, physical and behavioural development, a risk factor for the need for local authority care, poor mental health and poor educational attainment and is strongly associated with risk of death in childhood.

Dealing with the consequences of poverty is also costly. It is now estimated that 20% of money spent in the public sector is spent dealing with the consequences of poverty. Poverty (and income inequalities more broadly) are resulting in a loss of human potential.

While the impact of poverty is specific to each individual, we will, where appropriate, gather a range of information from people using our benefit maximisation, debt management and employability services; almost 5,000 people each year. This will allow us to gain a greater understanding of the lived experience of those in poverty and we will complement this with further information from third sector partners in order to improve awareness, develop new approaches and make good decisions about the future use of resources.

West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Report Lead

West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting year, jointly prepare and publish a report (a 'local child poverty action report').

The report must describe measures taken in the area of the local authority during the reporting year that will meet the child poverty targets. The report will also outline information on measures that they plan to take to contribute to the meeting of the Child Poverty Reduction Bill. The aim is to ensure the report provides a strategic forward look as well as an account of progress to date.

Staff from Working 4U will take the lead on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council in developing and managing the component parts of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 in West Dunbartonshire.

Working 4U is an integrated West Dunbartonshire Council service set within *Housing and Employability Services* that supports residents and communities in West Dunbartonshire to improve their skills, learning and financial situations, assisting all on their journey into work and protecting their rights.

Working 4U's main goals centre on:

- Supporting residents to make informed choices and enjoy improved life chances through the provision of credible benefits and debt information and, guidance;
- assisting residents to make positive and sustained contributions to our communities through the provision of access to good quality advice and learning opportunities;
- improving the employability and resilience of residents and making a positive contribution towards increasing employment rates within our community to close the gap with Scotland.

Staff from Working 4U will work with NHS Glasgow and Clyde to develop, compile and, with the support of community planning partners, deliver the Local Child Poverty Report actions.

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2. Living in West Dunbartonshire

West Dunbartonshire, an area of 98 square miles, is located west of Glasgow and shares borders with Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and Stirlingshire, Renfrewshire and Glasgow. **Map 1** provides an indication of the location of West Dunbartonshire.

Map 1: West Dunbartonshire Location



West Dunbartonshire includes the towns of Clydebank, Dumbarton and Alexandria has a population estimate of 91,000 residents, the area consists of a lively business community that stretches along the banks of the Clyde to the shores of Loch Lomond.

West Dunbartonshire has a rich past that is shaped by its world-famous shipyards, and boasts many attractions, ranging from the beauty of Dumbarton Rock to historic whisky warehouses.

As such the area is not only one of great diversity and natural beauty, it is also well connected. Just half an hour from the heart of Glasgow, with its opportunities for employment and business development and learning within universities and colleges. West Dunbartonshire is also conveniently located to Glasgow airport and Paisley.

The local authority area consists of 121 of Scotland's 6,978 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation data zones and 17 Community Council areas. These are set within six 'multi-member' wards, including:

1. Lomond;
2. Leven;
3. Dumbarton;
4. Kilpatrick;
5. Clydebank Central;
6. Clydebank Waterfront.

There are approximately 43,600 economically active people in West Dunbartonshire; this is 75.4% of the working age population

In 2017 there were 15,790 children aged 0-15 years resident in West Dunbartonshire; 17.6% of the population. This is higher than the average for Scotland where 0-15 year olds make up 16.9% of the population.

In 2018 there were:

- 7,157 pupils in the 32 primary schools in West Dunbartonshire.
- 5,155 pupils in the five secondary schools in West Dunbartonshire.
- 193 pupils in the three special need schools in West Dunbartonshire.

Despite its strengths, West Dunbartonshire is one of the areas in Scotland most affected by post-industrial decline. Its three town centres, Alexandria, Clydebank and Dumbarton have experienced steady decline in their comparative economic performance with some areas affected by wide ranging deep rooted poverty and deprivation.

As a result, West Dunbartonshire has higher than average concentrations of comparative deprivation and approximately 35,000 (37%) of the resident population (approximately 91,000) have first hand experience of and live in neighbourhoods considered to have the highest levels of multiple deprivation in Scotland.

Vulnerable Children

In July 2017 there were: 363 children looked after in West Dunbartonshire. This represents a rate of 1.94% of the 0-17 year olds compared to a figure of 1.4% for Scotland.

Of all our looked after children:

- 82 are at home with parents;
- 166 with friends/relatives;
- 78 with foster carers or other community placements; and
- 37 looked after in other residential care settings.

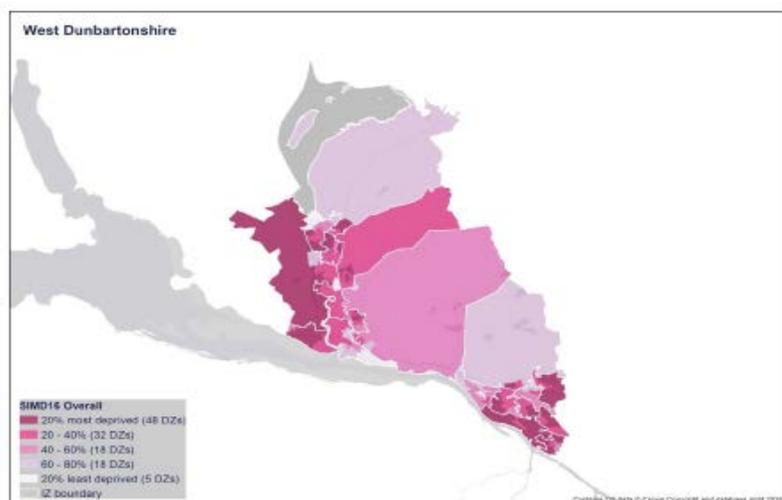
71 children had their names placed on the West Dunbartonshire Child Protection register during 2015/16, with 48 remaining on the register in July 2016³.

According to 'End Child Poverty'⁴ group there are 4,887 children in West Dunbartonshire living in poverty. This is 26.7% of the young population. As such, there are considerable challenges to address.

³ Statistics available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2016-17/> accessed 16/11/2018

⁴ End Child Poverty <http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/poverty-in-your-area-2018/> accessed 16/11/2018

3. The Poverty Challenges in West Dunbartonshire⁵



Summary of Datazone Incidence and Population Numbers				
Multi Member Ward	Total Number of Datazones	Number of Data Zones (in 20%)	Population (in 20%)	working age population (in 20%)
1 Lomond Ward	17	6	4,411	2,855
2 Leven Ward	25	10	6,699	4,283
3 Dumbarton Ward	23	6	3,856	2,447
4 Kilpatrick Ward	14	6	5,233	3,349
5 Clydebank Central Ward	21	9	6,658	4,188
6 Clydebank Waterfront	21	11	8,228	5,388
Total	121	48	35,085	22,510

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland in a consistent way. It allows for comparative analysis and effective targeting of policies and funding where the aim is to wholly or partly tackle or take account of area concentrations of multiple deprivation. SIMD ranks small areas (called data zones) from most deprived (ranked 1) to least deprived (ranked 6,976). People using SIMD will often focus on the data zones below a certain rank, for example, the 5%, 10%, 15% or 20% most deprived data zones in Scotland.

West Dunbartonshire consists of 121 datazones. 48 (40%) of West Dunbartonshire's 121 data zones are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland. In effect, West Dunbartonshire has higher than average concentrations of comparative deprivation with each of the three main settlement areas: Clydebank, Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven having clusters within the 20% most deprived.

- All areas in West Dunbartonshire have datazones in the worst 20%;
- In West Dunbartonshire there are 35,085 people living in the 20% most deprived areas, this is almost 40% of the population;
- Of those in deprived neighbourhoods, 22,510 are of working age and almost 15,000 people of non working age; of these almost 5,000 are children;
- Clydebank Waterfront has the highest number of people living in the 20% most deprived category.

⁵ Statistics available at http://simd.scot/2016/#/simd2016_20pc/BTTTTFTT/11/-4.5177/55.9850 accessed 16/11/18

4. Child Poverty in West Dunbartonshire

1. There are approximately 15,700 children living in West Dunbartonshire; nearly 5,000 are living in poverty.
2. 25% of children in West Dunbartonshire live in combined low income and material deprivation. This is higher than the Scottish average (20%) and places it as 6th worst of 32 local authorities in Scotland.
3. Every multi-member ward in West Dunbartonshire is affected by high levels of multiple deprivation, 35,000 people in West Dunbartonshire are living in communities experiencing high levels of comparative deprivation, 12,900 of these residents are children.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

West Dunbartonshire has a high prevalence of multiple deprivation, with all areas experiencing some level; 40% of datazones are in the most deprived 20%.

This not only suggests that action should be taken, it also suggest that the action should have a West Dunbartonshire wide focus and all aspects of deprivation should be addressed.

We will require *'an authority wide approach with aligned input from partners'*.

4. Child poverty in West Dunbartonshire has risen from 26% in 2016/17 to 33% in 2018/19; estimates suggest a further rise of 3% as a result of welfare reform.
5. Children in lone parent families are at a higher risk of being in poverty. There are 4,128 children living in lone parent families in West Dunbartonshire;
6. The heads of 50% of lone parent families are not in employment and therefore even more vulnerable to relative, absolute and persistent poverty.
7. In 2017 there were 426 children looked after by the local authority in West Dunbartonshire. This represents a rate of 24.1 per 1,000 of the population compared to a figure of 14.4 per 1,000 in Scotland.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

It is anticipated that child poverty will increase and it is likely to affect particularly vulnerable groups. While our emphasis will be placed on supporting those identified as most vulnerable:

(Expectant mothers; Households with children whose income or expenditure is adversely affected because there is a member of the family has one or more protected characteristic, as set out in the 'Equality Act 2010'; Families with three or more children; Families where the youngest child is under one year old; Mothers aged under 25 years, Lone Parents)

circumstances in West Dunbartonshire suggest that emphasis should also be placed on supporting:

- Families and children with experience of the care system; and
- Children with care responsibilities; and
- Those living in areas of high material deprivation.

Effort has to be focussed on target groups and those most vulnerable to ensure *'no one is left behind'*.

8. The percentage of children living in poverty in Scotland (July- Sept 2017) is approximately 13.3% (before housing) and 21.6% (after housing). The comparable figures for West Dunbartonshire and its wards at that time were...

West Dunbartonshire (2013 wards): Percentage of children in poverty, July-Sept 2017				
	BEFORE HOUSING COSTS		AFTER HOUSING COSTS	
	Number	%	Number	%
Scotland		13.3%		21.6%
Lomond	357	16.10%	568	25.58%
Leven	730	18.03%	1,152	28.44%
Dumbarton	387	12.70%	622	20.38%
Kilpatrick	460	16.94%	729	26.86%
Clydebank Central	604	19.43%	949	30.52%
Clydebank Waterfront	551	16.61%	873	26.33%
Total/Average	3,083	16.70%	4,887	26.47%

9. There are 6,800 workless households in West Dunbartonshire, this represents a figure of 22.8% and is higher than the Scottish average of 14.5%, unemployment at 2.1% is almost double the UK average of 1.1%.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

The incidence of material deprivation and level of unemployment strongly suggest there is a requirement to ensure there is access to relevant advice and information services and employability services in West Dunbartonshire. These services should ensure that anyone who wants to improve their life circumstances, wellbeing, independence and resilience and therefore address child poverty is able to obtain the information, advice they need, when they need it and in the way they need it'.

There's a need to 'maximise income through work and benefits and reduce costs'.

10. There's only one job for every two people of working age in West Dunbartonshire;
 11. There are 2,335 children registered to receive a free meal in West Dunbartonshire
 12. Being in work does not always insulate people from the effect of poverty- more than half the people living in poverty in the UK are also in work, 17.8% of the Working population in West Dunbartonshire is considered to be income deprived – the Scottish average is 12.2%.
 13. At £550, gross weekly wages for men in West Dunbartonshire are £30 lower than the Scottish average, this figure of £550 is approximately equivalent to the mean annual salary in the UK (£27,600). Women in West Dunbartonshire have a gross average weekly wage of £441. Children in families affected by poverty are, by definition, living in households with a maximum gross weekly income of £331.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

Emphasis should be placed on maximising access to opportunities available as a direct result of public sector investment in services and the local economy. This would include, for example, encouraging a living wage economy, capitalising on community benefits from procurement activities and providing access to apprenticeship opportunities within and beyond public sector organisations.

Promoting the Fairer Scotland Duty placed on public authorities to achieve '*inclusive growth*'.

5. NHSGGC Child Poverty Leads Network

In December 2017, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde established a pan-GGC child poverty action co-ordination network. The purpose of the network is to co-ordinate board-wide corporate/acute service NHS action to reduce child poverty with local-partnership strategies and reports and to provide a forum for sharing evidence and learning across NHS GGC's six partner local authority areas.

The network, is chaired by NHSGGC's Lead for Child Poverty, meets three times each year and involves senior maternity and children services staff, child poverty leads from each of the health board's six partner local authorities and health and social care partnerships, Glasgow's Child Poverty Co-ordinator and representation from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health.

Outputs include a development sessions and opportunities for sharing local successes. This has included for example, description of and transfer of good practice about automation of local authority provided benefits. This has been established as a best practice guide and local child poverty data resource.

The network links into NHS GGC's Maternal and Child Health Strategy, Health and Employment, HR and Equalities and Financial Inclusion committees and reports to the Board Public Health subcommittee.

6. Local Partners - West Dunbartonshire Community Planning

In order to address poverty and disadvantage West Dunbartonshire's Community Planning Management Group has adopted five key outcomes for the partnership that reflect the requirements of the Scottish Government 'Fairer Scotland Action Plan' (2016)⁶. The Fairer Scotland Action Plan is built on five high-level ambitions and outlines 50 actions to help tackle poverty, reduce inequality and build a fairer and more inclusive Scotland. These priorities are now the focus for partnership activity and investment in West Dunbartonshire.

The priority areas and West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Outcomes are summarised below.

West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Outcomes	
Priority Area	WDCP Outcomes
A Flourishing West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our economy is diverse and dynamic creating opportunities for everyone. • Our local communities are sustainable and attractive. • Increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities. • Enhanced quality and availability of affordable housing options.
An Independent West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults and older people are able to live independently in the community. • Quality of life is improved for our older residents. • Housing options are responsive to changing needs over time.
A Nurtured West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All West Dunbartonshire children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. • Families are supported in accessing education, learning and attainment opportunities. • Improved life chances for all children, young people and families.
An Empowered West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We live in engaged and cohesive communities. • Citizens are confident, resilient and responsible. • Carers are supported to address their needs.
A Safe West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved community justice outcomes ensure West Dunbartonshire is a safe and inclusive place to live. • All partners deliver early and effective interventions targeted at reducing the impact of domestic abuse. • Residents live in positive, health promoting local environments where the impact of alcohol and drugs is addressed. • Our residents are supported to improve their emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

Community Planning Delivery Improvement Groups

The Equalities (Scotland) Act 2010 and Socio Economic Duty (Fairer Scotland Duty- Apr 2018) places a legal responsibility on public bodies in Scotland to actively

⁶ Scottish Government (2018) Fairer Scotland Action Plan 2018 Progress Report: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-scotland-action-plan-progress-report-2018/> (accessed 27/12/2018)

consider ('pay due regard' to) how they can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions.

Each priority is supported by a suite of outcomes that are the focus of activity in thematic Delivery and Improvement Groups (DIGs) that will be measured through a performance and improvement monitoring framework.

It is anticipated that all national and local policy and partner strategies and plans will be aligned to the vision and aspirations set out in the West Dunbartonshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Plan for Place'.

The scope and breadth of the requirements in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 means, however, that the other Delivery Improvement Groups in West Dunbartonshire Community Planning will have an interest in its progress. This includes, but is not limited to, for example:

- The Flourishing DIG with its interest in employability support in the context of 'No One Left Behind'⁷;
- The Empowered DIG, with its interest in delivering 'The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2016'⁸; and
- The Independent DIG, with its emphasis on supporting the health and quality by, for example, the provision of access to financial capability support within GP practices and other community health settings.

Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group

The Local Child Poverty Report in West Dunbartonshire draws support from and contributes to a number of the Delivery Improvement Group priorities, most notably the 'Nurtured' DIG.

The Nurtured DIG brings together representatives from Education Services, Community Learning, Health and Social Care, the Emergency Services Working 4U (Housing, Employability, Learning and Benefit and Debt advice) and Third Sector Partners.

The Nurtured DIG is responsible for developing the 'Integrated Children Services Plan' which has actions and priorities based on national and local policy, including 'The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014'⁹.

The Act is wide ranging and includes key parts of the *Getting it Right for Every Child* approach, commonly known as GIRFEC. Wellbeing sits at the heart of the GIRFEC approach and reflects the need to tailor the support and help that children, young people and their parents are offered to support their wellbeing. .

The West Dunbartonshire 'Integrated Children Services Plan' has been developed within the context of GIRFEC and includes analysis and priority actions that are set around the SHANNARI wellbeing Indicators and ensuring that adverse childhood experiences are taken into account (ACES) when planning service delivery.

⁷ Scottish Government (2018). 'No One Left Behind: Next Steps for Employability Support' <https://www.gov.scot/publications/one-left-behind-next-steps-integration-alignment-employability-support-scotland/> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

⁸ Scottish Government (2015) 'The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.' <https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

⁹ Scottish Government (2014). 'The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014' <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/wellbeing> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

The 'West Dunbartonshire Local Child Poverty Action Report: Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families' will be developed within the context of the West Dunbartonshire 'Nurtured' Delivery Improvement Group's priorities and will reflect the work being carried out through *the Children Services Plan*.

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7. West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Report Delivery Framework

The West Dunbartonshire *Local Child Poverty Action Report: Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families* has been developed within the context of the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning infrastructure with its mission to ensure:

West Dunbartonshire is a Good, Place to Work, Live and Visit.

The mission for the West Dunbartonshire 'Nurtured' Delivery Improvement Group is to support the continued development of a nurtured West Dunbartonshire.

The specific aims of the Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group are to ensure:

- *All West Dunbartonshire children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.*
- *Families are supported in accessing education, learning and attainment opportunities.*
- *Improved life chances for all children, young people and families.*

The West Dunbartonshire *Local Child Poverty Action Report: Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families* will be delivered within the context of community planning in West Dunbartonshire.

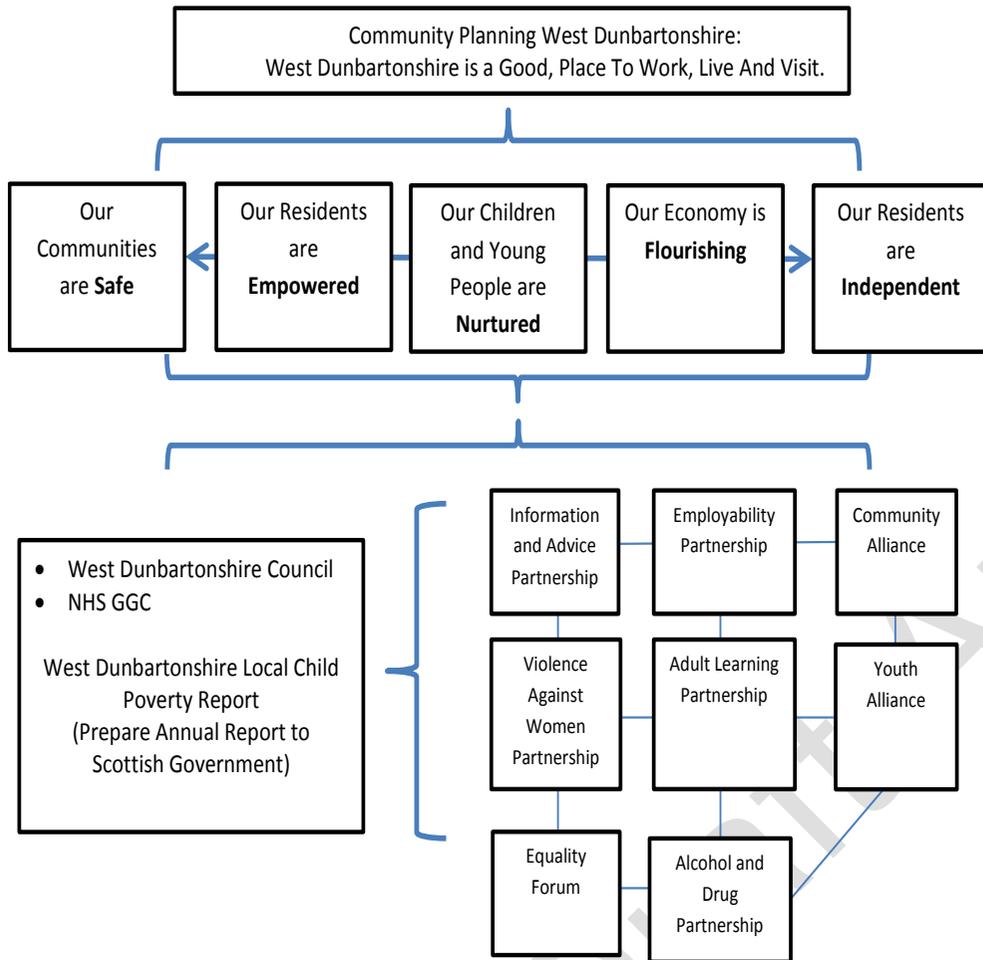
We have set specific objectives that are designed to address the drivers of poverty.

These objectives are to work with partners to:

- *maximise income through employment for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *maximise income through welfare benefits for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *reduce the cost of living for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *maximise access to training and learning opportunities for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *maximise the impact of public sector investments through focussed recruitment and by capitalising on opportunities from community benefit.*

The main relationships between the Delivery Improvement Groups and key strategic partners are illustrated in the following section:

8. Managing the Local Child Poverty Report



Strategic Direction

West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will provide strategic oversight and scrutiny to ensure the West Dunbartonshire Local Child Poverty Report not only complies with the statutory requirements within the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act but also makes a real contribution to addressing child poverty in West Dunbartonshire.

Management and Activity Reporting

Each Delivery Improvement Group consists of representation from key strategic partners and has responsibility for specific policy and strategic areas and will have an interest in the various components of the West Dunbartonshire Local Child Poverty Report. The Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group will play a lead role in development, delivery and monitoring progress of actions within the Local Child Poverty report. The Nurtured DIG is also lead group, among other strategic management responsibilities, for the *Integrated Children Services Plan* and the *Community Learning and Development Plan*.

Report Responsibility and Support

The responsibility for the local child poverty report lies with West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Working 4U staff members will take responsibility for compiling the annual report with support from staff at NHS GG&C.

Delivery

Each of the key partners within and beyond West Dunbartonshire Council and Health Services will contribute towards the child poverty objectives. The Key partners will also contribute towards activity that will address child poverty through the various local partnership structures/organisations. These partnerships draw membership from public, private and third sector organisations.

Timescales

The first draft report will be presented to the NHS GG&C Board through the Public Health Committee in April 2019. This will also be presented to the Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group, West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Board and West Dunbartonshire Council Housing and Communities Committee and West Dunbartonshire Council in programmed meetings in April/May 2019.

The Final West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Report will be published in **June 2019**.

9. What We Are Doing – Good Practice Case Studies

We have produced four case studies to illustrate the breadth of the work currently undertaken in West Dunbartonshire to address child poverty.

Working 4U – Integrated Case Managed Support- Maximising Income

Working4U is a West Dunbartonshire Council service which is part of the Housing and Employability Service. This integrated service that supports residents to improve their quality of life, skills, learning and financial situations and assist them to secure and stay in employment. The specialist components of Working 4U's services are:

Learning and Development.

Learning and Development primarily supports disadvantaged or vulnerable groups and individuals of all ages to engage in learning, with a focus on bringing about positive change in their lives. This covers a wide range of activity, such as youth work, family and adult learning, including adult literacy and English for Speakers of Other languages (ESOL). Working 4U is responsible for the Community Learning and Development three year plan.

Employability

Employability encompasses all the things that enable people to increase their chances of getting a job, staying in a job, and progressing further in work. Working 4U's approach adapts national approaches to the specific context in West Dunbartonshire and is flexible enough to adopt a 'whole person approach'.

Information and Advice

Information and Advice is set within the policy context designed to support a flourishing Scottish economy and help people to lead productive lives in safe and secure communities. Working 4U pursues this through the provision of debt counselling, income maximisation support, money advice and welfare benefit advice services.

In addition, Working 4U manages and coordinates the *West Dunbartonshire Information and Advice Partnership*. The Partnership was set up to co-ordinate existing services to identify and pursue more effective and efficient services and was responsible for establishing the local plan to address issues emerging from welfare reform and the introduction of Universal Credit

In the period from April 2018 to March 2019, Working 4U:

- Assisted 430 people to secure employment, including 83 apprenticeships;
- Supported residents to maximise benefits income by £9.8million;
- Supported residents to manage £3.4m of debt.

'Help Us Help You' Campaign- Reducing Costs

West Dunbartonshire Council is determined to reduce the rent arrears burden among council tenants in West Dunbartonshire and has initiated a number of actions to pursue this aim. This includes the '*Help Us Help You*' campaign.

The general approach centres on preventative action that brings together a number of agencies and services as a single temporary '*Help Us Help You*' Action Team. The team consists of West Dunbartonshire housing officers and Corporate Debt Team members, Working 4U Employability case workers and West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau (energy efficiency team). The team focusses on vulnerable tenants and provides comprehensive support to:

- address emerging and growing rent arrears;
- address general debt issues and financial hardship;
- maximise benefits;
- reduce the cost of living (energy efficiency); and
- facilitate access to learning and work opportunities.

On the week beginning Monday the 29th October the '*Help Us Help You*' action team was mobilised and focussed its efforts on council tenants residing in a set of five multi storey flats in North Drumry (Cleddans View, Duncombe View, Garscadden View, Gleniffer View and Peel View).

During the course of the week the '*Help Us Help You*' Action Team prioritised their efforts and visited 165 of 203 dwellings considered to be medium to high risk. Over the five day period the team provided 47 tenants with support. As a result of the campaign:

- 29 tenants discussed and made arrangements to address rent, council tax and sundry accounts (rechargeable repairs, community alarms), seven of these tenants received support from Working 4U Money to support them to maximise benefit income;
- Three tenants received support from the team to address financial hardship issues (food and utilities);
- Four tenants received support on energy efficiency; and
- Two accessed employability support.

As a result of the approach we learned:

- It is important to focus on a limited catchment (140 – 180 tenancies) to manage the workload that will require multiple visits- not all tenants will be receptive to the approach;
- Pre start marketing is critical - The role of caretakers communicating forthcoming/ongoing activity and encouraging participation is vital to success, this is a role that could be taken on by the community council and/or Tenants and Resident Association in other areas;
- Good ICT connectivity will maximise service access and allow staff to intensify support.

These lessons will be applied to future campaigns that will be conducted on a quarterly basis.

Family Opportunity Hubs – No One Left behind

The West Dunbartonshire Family Opportunities Hub is a collaborative effort between West Dunbartonshire Council, 'Housing and Employability Service' (Working 4U) and West Dunbartonshire, 'Education Services' which are partly funded through European Social Funds and Scottish Attainment Challenge Funds.

The Hubs are located in two secondary schools in West Dunbartonshire ('Our Lady and St Patrick's' and 'Clydebank High School') with support extended to local primary schools. The Hubs directly employ five members of staff with experience of employability and welfare rights services.

The aim is to provide support for families, particularly those on the verge of crisis, to stabilise their family circumstances and help their children to meet the demands of the school day.

The Team uses of a broad assessment tool on a 1:2:1 basis to identify and address issues that contribute to poverty. This self-assessment that explores issues such as:

- '**Pockets**', - maximising household resources/income from benefits and addressing debt;
- '**Prospects**' tackling the underlying barriers that prevent people from capitalising on opportunity, for example issues related to health and well being, numeracy/literacy, confidence, skills;
- '**Place**' addressing place based issues that act as a barrier to inclusion and progression, for example, cost of living, energy efficiency housing and community based issues.

Tailored, customised support includes a combination of intensive general and specialist advice on money, welfare, fuel and financial services as well as improving financial capability, access to affordable products and support to develop a proactive and preventative approach to financial problems. As a result the intervention will improve financial inclusion and increase financial capability for the target client groups.

In addition we also facilitate access to, and deliver, training and learning that will focus on language skills, literacy, numeracy and vocational and non vocational skills that will allow participants: to make a positive contribution to their own and the development needs of their families; contribute to their local community, engage with government initiatives (for example, addressing health issues and complying with demands of Universal Credit and Welfare Reform); and consider, compete for, and remain in employment.

During the period April 2018 to March 2019, the Family Opportunity Hub Team supported:

- 100 people to develop an action plan to improve their circumstances;
- 18 people with literacies or confidence building
- 27 people to address their financial circumstances
- 14 people to receive fuel poverty assistance
- 9 people to secure employment

No Home for Domestic Abuse – No One Left behind

West Dunbartonshire has a higher than average incidence of domestic abuse. Figures from Police Scotland show 1,395 recorded incidents of domestic abuse were reported in West Dunbartonshire last year and 186 households presented to the Council as homeless. This has the potential to have devastating consequences on families with children.

As such West Dunbartonshire Council has established a procedure to tackle domestic abuse. This procedure follows two main routes of action and are based on the consent of the victim(s).

These two action points are:-

- Offering the victim and any dependant/s legal claim back to the matrimonial home via Matrimonial Homes Act (Scotland) 1981; and
- Identifying and pursuing appropriate legal restriction to tackle behaviour of the offender.

The procedure is built an approach that is designed to protect victims and change the behaviour of perpetrators by the combined use of Multi Agency Risk and Communications Committee' model (MARAC) and a Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) process.

The MARAC model involves a thorough risk assessment in all reported cases of domestic abuse to identify those at highest risk and to establish the foundation for a multi-agency approach.

This is complemented by the MATAC process that aims to identify and target the most harmful perpetrators through analysis of incidents, their frequency and gravity of offending. Identified perpetrators will be referred into the MATAC process where a bespoke set of interventions will be established using a '*Domestic Abuse Toolkit for West Dunbartonshire*'.

The No Home for Domestic Abuse service, whether MARAC or MATAC offers

- a comprehensive, confidential assessment of accommodation and support needs;
- advice, assistance and housing options as well as advice on rights as a homeless person;
- temporary or permanent accommodation as appropriate or where required
- access to specialists support services such as Women's Aid and Cara Project;
- access to benefits and debt and money advice to maximise income and reduce the burden of debt.

10. Investment in Addressing Child Poverty

The funding for activity comes from a complex range of sources, including:

West Dunbartonshire Funding: Child Poverty Activities (Broad Estimates)	
Source of Funding	Estimated Value
West Dunbartonshire direct funding for service provision – (for example, Housing, Education, Working 4U (Employability, Welfare and Community Learning) and additional funding for Third Sector strategic Partners (Information and Advice and Youth Activities);	£2million each year
West Dunbartonshire Council direct investment for apprenticeships;	£1million over four years
European Social Funding (Including West Dunbartonshire Council match funding for 'The Employability Pipeline, Poverty and Social Inclusion); Delivered by Working 4U.	£0.65m each year
Scottish Government (Pupil Equity Funding and Scottish Attainment Challenge- managed by West Dunbartonshire Council Education Services) – possible funding from Scottish Government will include funds for delivery of child poverty action plan actions associated with in-work support for 'Families in Work'; Education Services supported by third sector partners.	£0.1m each year (partner projects with Working 4U)
SDS National Training Programme Funding – Activity Agreements, Foundation Apprenticeships, Employability Fund, Modern Apprenticeships and Third Sector Challenge Funding. Local delivery partners include West Dunbartonshire Council and third sector organisations	Approx. 0.6million Excluding Third sector Challenge Fund
DWP – Universal Support (service support to aid Universal Credit claimants up to point of successful claim)- Delivered by West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£40,000 each year (18 months)
A range of miscellaneous support for one off project support – (Improvement Service – to embed employability/welfare rights services in GP surgeries and Energy Awareness (CAB), Cashback for Communities	£18,000 £30,000 £20,000
Funds for the development of the Local Child Poverty Report	£4,000

These are very broad estimates, used to provide an indication of the relative scale of activity that is outlined in the tables of Key Actions.

11. West Dunbartonshire – Key Actions and Progress Indicators

There are a number of actions that are appropriate for inclusion in 'Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families': West Dunbartonshire: Local Child Poverty Action Report. These actions centre on the key drivers and will contribute to maximising income, reducing the cost of living and maximising opportunities from public sector investment. The key actions are supported by a number of milestones with progress indicators developed to demonstrate achievements.

The Key actions and progress indicators in the forthcoming period are...

a. Maximise Income through Employment

Actions to...Maximise Income through employment for families affected by poverty	Assigned To
E/1718DP/DYW/09 Develop and implement refinements to the Senior Phase curriculum to increase options for employment	WDC Education Services
H&E/1819/W4U/004 Continued development of Working 4U employability and learning services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/03 Address Barriers to Opportunity ensuring no one left behind by delivery of Phase 2 European Funding Employability Pipeline.	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1727/17 Deliver the 'Scotland's' young workforce programme	WDC Education Services
LOIP/F/1727/18 Develop and implement refinements to the Senior Phase curriculum to increase options for employment	WDC Education Services
LOIP/F/1922/05 Maintain and reinforce WD employability pipeline	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1922/12 Improve joint working on employability	SDS
LOIP/F/1922/13 Strengthen education measures to support employability and employment initiatives	WDC Education Services

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through employment for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
CED/PPP/007 Employment rate	72.08%	71.75%		72%	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/001AE Number of local people receiving support through Working4U Adult Employability	679	615		615	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/001YEL Number of local people receiving support through Working4U - Youth Employability & Literacies	172	120		120	Working 4U Youth Employability

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through employment for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/002/AE Number of Local People receiving support from Working4U Adult Employability with a disability or health issues	261	227		227	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/002/YEL Number of Local People receiving support from Working4U - Youth Employability & Literacies with a disability or health issues		60		60	Working 4U Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/003 Number of people receiving support through Working 4U with more than one barrier to employment (aggregate)	1,293	1,249		1,293	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/010 Number of local people entering employment through Working 4U	459	357		357	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/013 Number of local people in employment six months after leaving	241	202		202	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/014 Number of employed participants with multiple barriers with an improved labour market situation six months after leaving	14	11		11	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/017/AE Number of Partnership Events hosted by Working4U Adult Employability	3	3		3	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/017/YEL Number of Partnership Events hosted by Working4U Youth Employability & Literacies	5	5		5	Working 4U Youth Employability
SP/1722/09 % of households that are workless	22.65%	22%		21.90%	Working 4U

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b. Maximise Income through Welfare Benefits

Actions to...Maximise Income through welfare benefits for families affected by poverty	Assigned To
CA/WDC/3008/005 Universal Credit (CAB led strategy)	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/08 Maximise service opportunities and outcomes through partnership planning and working with strategic stakeholders in community learning, employability and advice information services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/10 Maximise Income for West Dunbartonshire residents by supporting them to secure full benefit entitlement	WDC Working 4U
H/18-19/SSHC/035 Develop and implement a mitigation plan for full roll out of Universal Credit	WDC Housing Services
LOIP/F/1922/11 Develop the capacity of advice available in WD to meet the emerging challenges Universal Credit	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/I/1922/16 Seek to develop supported housing solutions for younger adults with complex needs	HSCP

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through welfare benefits for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
CS/FICT/LPI007 Percentage of new claims outstanding over 50 days.	4%	5%		5%	WDC Corporate Services
CS/FICT/LPI008 Percentage of new claims decided within 14 days of receiving all information.	86%	90%		90%	WDC Corporate Services
CS/FICT/LPI009 Percentage of Rent Allowance claims paid on time or within 7 days of decision being made.					WDC Corporate Services
H&E/W4U/001FI Number of local people receiving support through Working4U-Money	4,616	3,767		4,000	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/002FI Number of Local People receiving support from W4U Money with a disability or health issues	3,128	694		2,500	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/018 Total Number of Cases supported by Working4U Money	6,202	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/019 Total Value (£) of Income Generated	£11,826,475	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/023 Number of expectant mothers receiving support for income maximisation	53	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/024 Number of families with children receiving support for income maximisation	548	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/025 Total value of income generated for expectant mothers and	£1,363,428	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through welfare benefits for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
families with children					Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/029 Number of Appeal Representations (Maximising Benefits)	137	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/030 Number of Mandatory Reconsideration Before Appeal Representations (Maximising Benefits)	131	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/034 Out of work benefit claimants	2,086.08	-		-	Working 4
SP/1722/07 Percentage of Children living poverty (after housing costs)	26.50%	26%		25.75%	Working 4
CED/PPP/012 Percentage of local people with increased or sustained income through reduced debt liability/debt management	94%	80%		80%	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice

- Indicators without a target are for data purposes only - in order to establish trends or a baseline.

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c. Reduce the Cost of Living

Actions to...Reduce the cost of living for families affected by poverty and disadvantage	Assigned To
CA/WDC/2012/002 Ending Period Poverty	WDC Education Services
E&N/19-20/001 Review the implications of new school meals legislation for WDC and identify any specific actions in response	WDC Education Services
E/1819DP/PFE/04 Increase provision of out of hours and holiday programmes	WDC Education Services
H&E/1718/ASB/002 Implement campaign to challenge domestic abuse in Council homes	WDC Housing Services
H&E/1819/HD&H/002 Maximise the delivery of new affordable housing in West Dunbartonshire through More Homes Better Homes West Dunbartonshire approach	WDC Housing Services
H&E/1819/W4U/001 Develop and maintain Information and Advice partnership	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/002 Continued development of Working 4U Information and Advice Services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/HO/03 Digital inclusion – carry out review of provision of wifi inclusion into new build properties and priority areas of deprivation	WDC Housing Services
H&E/1920/W4U/10 Maximise Income for West Dunbartonshire residents by supporting them to secure full benefit entitlement	WDC Working 4U
H/18-19/SSHC/036 Relaunch the "Help Us to Help U with Rent" campaign and include article in autumn Housing News	WDC Housing Services

Progress Indicator: Reduce the cost of living for families affected by poverty and disadvantage	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/018 Total Number of Cases supported by Working4U Money	6,202	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/026 Number of expectant mothers receiving support to manage debt	3	-		-	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/027 Number of families with children receiving support to manage debt	135	-		-	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/032 Value (£) of new debt managed	£4,400,068	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/034 Out of work benefit claimants	2,086	-		-	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/035 Number of instances of young people participating in diversionary	685	500		500	Working 4 Youth Learning/

Progress Indicator: Reduce the cost of living for families affected by poverty and disadvantage	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
activity					Literacies
SP/1722/06 Percentage of Households in Fuel Poverty	24.90%	24.50%		24%	Working 4
SP/1722/07 Percentage of Children living poverty (after housing costs)	26.50%	26%		25.75%	Working 4
CED/PPP/012 Percentage of local people with increased or sustained income through reduced debt liability/debt management	94%	80%		80%	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice

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d. Improve Access to Opportunity

Actions to...Maximise access to training, learning opportunities for families affected by poverty	Assigned To
H&E/1819/W4U/003 Work with external partners to establish access to a range of employment, training and learning opportunities	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/004 Continued development of Working 4U employability and learning services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/005 Work with external partners through the Youth Alliance and Adult learning partnership to establish access to a range of learning opportunities for all ages	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/006 Continued development of Working 4U learning services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/01 Address Barriers to Opportunity ensuring no one left behind by delivery of W4U (Learning) Learning Services and community learning plan.	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/02 Address Barriers to Opportunity ensuring no one left behind by delivery of Phase 2 European Funding: 'Poverty and Social Inclusion' Programme.	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1727/18 Develop and implement refinements to the Senior Phase curriculum to increase options for employment	WDC Education Services
LOIP/F/1922/06 Maintain and reinforce delivery of community learning and development plan	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1922/13 Strengthen education measures to support employability and employment initiatives	WDC Education Services
LOIP/N/1727/06 Extend SDS service offer under Developing the Young Workforce to include group work and 1:1 sessions	WDC Education Services
LOIP/N/1727/08 Improve positive destination outcomes for all young people	WDC Education Services
LOIP/N/1922/01 Continue to focus on increased uptake of universal programmes.	HSCP
Deliver developmental sessions for local area child poverty leads organised with input from NHS Health Scotland	NHS

Progress Indicator: Maximise access to training, learning opportunities for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/008 Number of unique individuals participating in courses across Working4U services targeted at improving literacy and numeracy.	184	-		-	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/004 Number of Young people in NEET group supported by Working4U	343	163		163	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/005 Number of local people entering education or training	1,180	677		677	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/007 Number of local people gaining an accredited qualification	824	530		530	Working 4U

Progress Indicator: Maximise access to training, learning opportunities for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/011 Number of people involved in volunteering activity to deliver Working4U services.	121				Working 4U

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e. Maximise Impact of Public Sector Investment

Actions to...Maximise the impact of public sector investment on child poverty target group	Assigned To
H&E/1819/W4U/003 Work with external partners to establish access to a range of employment, training and learning opportunities	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/007 Develop the apprenticeship programme that maximises use of available resources.	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/11 Maximise opportunities for local people from public sector investment and in-work progression (Inclusive Growth)	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/12 Reduce cost of living for West Dunbartonshire residents	WDC Working 4U
H/HOM/17-20/002 Review approach to ensuring that children are not adversely affected by homelessness	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/004 Tackle and reduce the levels of youth homelessness in West Dunbartonshire	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/005 Ensure that homelessness is avoided from households in Scottish Secure Tenancies	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/016 Develop an approach so homeless households & those at risk of homelessness get prompt/easy access to advice re income maximisation & employment/training opportunities	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/021 Mitigate the effects of aspects of welfare reform where this is appropriate	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/024 Review and develop partnership approach in place for those affected by domestic abuse	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
LOIP/F/1727/15 Increase the number of employers employing a Modern Apprentice by 30%	WDC Regeneration
LOIP/F/1922/15 Affordable Housing delivery and Quality	WDC Regeneration
RES/1718/PR/001 Develop and implement procurement plan to deliver community benefits through procurement processes	WDC Procurement Services
Promote NHS career opportunities and pathways into NHS employment	NHS

Progress Indicator: Maximise the impact of public sector investment on child poverty target group	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
ED/PPI/001 Percentage of young people entering Foundation Apprenticeships		18%		20%	WDC Education Services

Progress Indicator: Maximise the impact of public sector investment on child poverty target group	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/006FA2 Number of young people being supported through the W4U SDS Foundation Apprenticeship Programme	-	40		40	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA1 Number of local people accessing W4U SDS MA Programme Contract	53	50		50	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA2 Number of residents accessing Private Apprenticeships	60	30		30	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA3 Number of local people being supported through W4U SDS MA Programme	89	80		80	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA4 Number of local people receiving support through Private Apprenticeship Programmes		30		30	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/009 Number of Employability Fund opportunities provided	43	43		40	Working 4U Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/012MA Number of local people in employment six months after leaving the Apprenticeship programme (First update 2020)	-	-	-	-	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/013YEL Number of local people in employment six months after leaving	49	50		50	Working 4 Youth Employability

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12. Child Poverty Development Priorities – A Step Change

Through review of strategic and policy priorities and consultation a number of potential actions and projects have been identified. These potential actions could contribute towards continuous development, improvement and will represent a step change in our approach.

Development Actions to Address Child Poverty			
Action	Potential Lead	Measure of Success	Timescale - start
Stage a West Dunbartonshire wide event to understand experience and views of people with lived experience of poverty (Pledge for Poverty) Raise Awareness	West Dunbartonshire CPP – Empowered Delivery Improvement Group	Child Poverty Pledge developed Number signing to pledge Numbers attending Numbers attending reporting increased awareness of issues	One off event- June 2019
Embed the reducing the cost of school day project (reduce cost of living)	Education Services	Process established Information events Number of families benefitting	August 2019
Establish activity consistent with Scottish Government child poverty employability action plan (in work support) (maximise income through work)	(working with Scottish Government – Employability Unit) Thriving DIG Working 4U Strategic Employability Group	Financial resources Secured Number of parents supported Number of parents with additional salary	August 2019
Review uptake of school clothing grant to maximise take up through automation of payments (reduce cost of living)	Nurtured DIG Education Services WDC Corporate Services	Increased proportion of eligible children taking up free school meals Value of increased take up	August 2019
Embed process and management for effective use of community benefits from procurement (employment for target groups) (maximise impact of public sector)	Thriving DIG/Nurtured DIG Working 4U/ Education Services Strategic employability group	Number of contracts managed Number of jobs for target group Number of apprenticeships	September 2019
Build on and develop referral process between maternity and health visiting services and money	Nurtured DIG	Procedures developed	Developed/updated procedures by

Development Actions to Address Child Poverty			
Action	Potential Lead	Measure of Success	Timescale - start
advice services and establish effective referral procedure with social care. (maximise Income)	NHS GG&C Working 4U Information and Advice partnership	Number of referrals Health and social care staff reporting ease of referral	September 2019
Embed money/employability advice in GP Practices (maximise access to services – income max and debt management)	(working with Improvement Service) Independent DIG Working 4U WD CAB Information and Advice partnership	Procedures established Staff operating from GP practices Number of patients supported Value of maximised income Value of debt managed	March 2020
Establish Financial Capability Resources for families and deliver learning (income max and debt management)	Nurtured DIG Adult Learning partnership Working 4U	Appropriate material developed Number of sessions delivered Number of participants Number of participants reporting improved awareness	March 2020
Establish Financial Capability Resources for children and young people and deliver learning (income max and debt management)	Nurtured DIG Education Services/Youth Alliance Working 4U	Appropriate material developed Number of sessions delivered Number of participants Number of participants reporting improved awareness	March 2020
Targeted campaign to raise awareness of Universal Credit among child poverty target groups (maximise income)	Nurtured DIG Working 4U West Dunbartonshire Information and Advice Partnership	Number of sessions Number attending Number reporting increase in awareness of Universal Credit expectations	April 2020
Further development of joint approach to school holiday programme (reduce cost of living)	Nurtured DIG Education Services/Working 4U/ Ysorit West Dunbartonshire Youth Alliance.	Number of activities Number of participants	March 2020