

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A TASK AND FINISH GROUP CONCERNING CHILD POVERTY

1. THE ISSUE

- 1.1 From what is known of the data, there is a significant level of child poverty in the District. After two discussions in full Panel, there are uncertainties about the prevalence across the District and whether there is a role for local agencies and organisations in mitigating the impact of child poverty.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The Panel has identified the exploration of this subject to be suitable for a Task and Finish Group. The following terms of reference are proposed:

- Review current definitions of child poverty and determine what is a workable approach for the Council.
- Review the level of child poverty in the District itself; in relation to other Hampshire Districts and other comparators where appropriate.
- Consult with local organisations on the needs, as experienced across the District.
- Consider the implications of the data and evidence presented, for the delivery of Services, whether by the Council (directly or indirectly) or by other agencies where the Council may wish to influence delivery.
- Having undertaken the above activities, to produce a report of findings to include such recommendations as are felt appropriate to effect beneficial change in service delivery.

3. METHOD

- 3.1 It is suggested that the Panel is formed through the usual practice of inviting members from across the Council, with a lead member from the Panel itself.

The Task and Finish Group will then be supported by officers to carry forward its review of available data and seek contributions through direct discussion with organisations active in the District.

4. TIMESCALE

- 4.1 The Panel has requested a report back at the June 2015 Panel.

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Background Papers:

None