



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

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GLASGOW'S LOCAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT 2023/24

Purpose of Report:

This report provides Elected Members with an overview of work undertaken to reduce child poverty in Glasgow over the last financial year. It outlines the proposed approach for the coming year and seeks approval to publish the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) 2023/24.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

1. note the contents of the attached draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) for 2023/24; and
2. agree the publication of the LCPAR and its associated tracker documentation.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides Elected Members with an overview of the work undertaken to reduce child poverty in Glasgow in 2023/24 and outlines the intended focus for the coming year. It requests approval to publish the Local Child Poverty Action Report 2023/24 along with the associated tracker documentation detailing the impact of specific funded initiatives.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (“the Act”) places a statutory duty on Local Authorities and NHS Boards to jointly develop and publish an annual Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR). This is Glasgow’s 6th LCPAR.
- 2.2 The Act is a key driver for change, as child poverty can undermine health, wellbeing, educational attainment and all aspects of a young person’s life with a lasting impact into adulthood. The Act sets out four ambitious headline targets for 2030, which are shown below:
- Less than 10% of children are in relative poverty
 - Less than 5% of children are in absolute poverty
 - Less than 5% of children are in combined low income and material deprivation
 - Less than 5% of children are in persistent poverty
- 2.3 The Scottish Government also identified the three main drivers to address child poverty. These are:
- Income from employment
 - Cost of living
 - Income from social security and benefits in kind

3. LCPAR Focus

- 3.1 The Scottish Government guidance to Local Authorities and Health Boards on the completion of the LCPAR, sets out the core components required and recognises the significant endeavour required to collate a detailed report. Acknowledgement is given to the longer term nature of the fundamental and significant foundational work necessary to tackle poverty and that impact may not be seen immediately.
- 3.2 On that basis, Scottish Government acknowledge the benefit of shorter, more focused annual reports, with a much deeper and more comprehensive report every 3 to 4 years. This will align the LCPAR framework with other appropriate strategic reporting timeframes. It is the intention to align future reporting on child poverty with the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Performance Framework for the Community Plan, itself focused on addressing family poverty.

- 3.3 Glasgow's sixth LCPAR provides detail on the critical work undertaken to ensure the appropriate strategic alignment of the child poverty agenda in the city. It outlines the actions taken to solidify this as well as the agreed next steps to both strengthen this and ensure city accountability to deliver on family poverty.
- 3.4 This LCPAR provides a snapshot of the work undertaken and an overview of Glasgow's position in terms of the child poverty targets. Glasgow's bespoke statistical analysis of child poverty in the city, provided by the Centre for Civic Innovation is now in its fifth year <https://cciglasgow.org/reports/child-poverty-report-24.pdf> This data, alongside the evidenced insights from those with lived experience, will continue to inform our approach to tackle child poverty in the city.
- 3.4 The report provides a short overview of actions taken in 2023/24. More detailed information on the range of child poverty activity in the city can be found at our associated [LCPAR webpage](#) including a detailed 'Child Poverty Tracker'. This sets out the impact of a range of initiatives underway in the city that will support the families identified as at greater risk of poverty including work undertaken to tackle violence against women.

4. Future Actions

- 4.1 There is much still to be done if Glasgow is to meet the challenging child poverty targets set for 2030. The report sets out the city's key priorities for 2024/25. This includes further strengthening the shared strategic planning agenda, securing co-ordination of our resources to tackle child poverty and continuing to build our data insights. Increasing further our engagement with citizens, as well as embedding the United Nations Conventions on the Right of the Child will also be prioritised. Work will also be undertaken to progress the co-design of a city performance framework to demonstrate the collective impact of city partners, embedding our future reporting within the Community Planning cycle.

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.</i>	The LCPAR describes a range of existing activity that will each contribute to the Council's Equality Outcomes. Supporting programmes would be subject to an EQIA as required, in line with standard practice.
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<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	No significant impact, positive impact or negative impacts identified at this stage
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<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.</i>	The work described in the LCPAR is targeted to assist families struggling with finances, which in turn impact on a range of other issues in their lives.
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Climate Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:</i>	Yes. Climate Theme 1 Communication and Community Engagement and Climate Theme 4 Health & Wellbeing
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<i>What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?</i>	None
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<i>Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?</i>	Yes.
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Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:	None
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6 Recommendations

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