



**Glasgow City Council**

**Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement Committee**

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## **GLASGOW'S LOCAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT 2024/25**

### **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) 2024/25.

### **Recommendations:**

Members are asked to:

1. note the contents of the attached draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) for 2024/25; 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 ☐

#### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

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### 1. Introduction

This report provides Elected Members with an overview of the work undertaken to reduce child poverty in Glasgow during 2024/25 and outlines the intended focus for the coming year. It also requests endorsement of the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) 2024/25 along with a recommendation to submit this for approval to the City Administration Committee.

### 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 7th 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 involved in producing a detailed report. It acknowledges the long-term nature of much of the work to tackle child poverty, including the foundational activity that is both fundamental and significant, even where impact may not be seen immediately.

3.2 On that basis, the Scottish Government welcomes annual reports providing a focus on specific activity, with a much deeper and more comprehensive report every three to four years. This aligns the LCPAR framework with other appropriate strategic reporting timeframes. The guidance continues to highlight the importance of detailing strategic context, a needs assessment, the involvement of those with lived experience, and reflection on success to date.

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- 3.3 Scottish Government feedback on last year's report welcomed Glasgow's strong focus on strategic alignment and systemic change, alongside the concise format with further detail made available through linked resources. They particularly valued the emphasis on partnership working and the use of data and lived experience to shape action. Feedback also highlighted the need for greater attention to intersectionality, ensuring the lived experience of families informs future planning and delivery.
- 3.4 Glasgow's seventh LCPAR provides detail on the critical work to ensure the appropriate strategic alignment of the child poverty agenda in the city. It outlines actions undertaken to strengthen this alignment and sets out the agreed next steps to ensure accountability and delivery on family poverty.
- 3.5 Bespoke statistical analysis of child poverty in the city, provided by the Centre for Civic Innovation, continues to inform our approach. This has been further enhanced in recent years through the inclusion of lived experience insights, with a stronger focus on the combined impact of different barriers, including the impact of Violence Against Women, to demonstrate how overlapping disadvantages affect families in practice.
- 3.6 The report also highlights how activity has been embedded across Community Planning partners, with the new performance framework under development providing a future basis for measuring and reporting collective impact. More detailed information on the range of child poverty activity in the city can be found on our associated LCPAR webpage.

## **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 city's focus for 2025/26 is on continuing to bring services and partners together around shared ambitions, gaining momentum and aligning activity so that families experience a more joined-up system of support.
- 4.2 This work is about more than immediate interventions. It is part of a longer-term journey towards public service reform, creating a sustainable model that addresses the wider structural barriers that keep families in poverty.
- 4.3 Glasgow will also continue to strengthen the links between child poverty and wider equalities agendas, recognising how multiple disadvantages can combine and intensify. A particular focus will be on working with those most affected by multiple and overlapping barriers, ensuring their voices shape both the design of services and the direction of future reform, with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) providing an important foundation for this work.
- 4.4 Alongside this, the city will continue to progress the co-design of a performance framework to demonstrate the collective impact of partners.

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## 5. Policy and Resource Implications

### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* None

*Legal:* None

*Personnel:* None

*Procurement:* None

### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.* Yes. The LCPAR describes a range of existing and new activity that contribute to the Council's Equality Outcomes. Supporting programmes will continue to be subject to Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) as required.

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* No significant negative impacts have been identified. The report sets out a positive direction of travel, with particular emphasis on intersectionality and supporting those most affected by multiple forms of disadvantage.

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.* Yes. The work described in the LCPAR is targeted to assist families experiencing financial hardship, recognising the links between income, cost of living, wellbeing, and access to opportunity.

### Climate Impacts:

*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:* Yes. Activity described in the LCPAR aligns with Climate Theme 1 (Communication and Community Engagement) and Climate Theme 4 (Health & Wellbeing). In addition, place-based initiatives and circular economy approaches, such as pre-loved provision, contribute to sustainable outcomes.

*What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?* No adverse impacts identified.

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*Will the proposal  
contribute to  
Glasgow's net zero  
carbon target?*

Yes.

**Privacy and Data  
Protection Impacts:**

None

**6 Recommendations**

6.1 Members are asked to:

1. note the contents of the attached draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) for 2024/25; and
2. agree that the draft LCPAR is referred by the Committee to the City Administration Committee for approval.

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