

WELLBEING, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 24th September 2026.

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.

Present: Roza Salih (Chair), Chris Cunningham (substitute for Annette Christie), Stephen Dornan, Sharon Greer, Greg Hepburn (substitute for Angus Millar), Fiona Higgins, Mhairi Hunter, Ann Jenkins, Paul McCabe (substitute for Christina Cannon), Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney and Irene Loudon.

Apologies: Christina Cannon, Annette Christie, Angus Millar and Eva Murray.

Attending: E Paton (Clerk); M Booth, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; L Haddow (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance); and F Moss, (on behalf of Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

Glasgow's Local Child Poverty Action Report 2025/26 – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

1 There was submitted a report by the Head of Financial Inclusion & Transformation providing an overview of the work undertaken to reduce child poverty in Glasgow during 2025/26 and the proposed approach for the coming year contained within the Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) 2025/26, advising

- (1) that under the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, local authorities and NHS Boards had a statutory duty to jointly develop and publish annual Local Child Poverty Action Reports (LCPAR) and that this was Glasgow's 8th LCPAR;
- (2) that the Scottish Government's 2026-2031: Bringing Hope, Building Futures was the 3rd plan prepared under the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 and that the plan had introduced 4 national themes which had also been used within Glasgow's 2025/26 LCPAR to describe progress namely:-
 - (a) increasing earned incomes;
 - (b) reducing the costs of living;
 - (c) maximising incomes from Social Security and Benefits in kind; and
 - (d) supporting children and families to thrive;
- (3) of the Scottish Government guidance to local authorities and health boards on the completion of the LCPAR and that Glasgow's 8th LCPAR had built on an

- approach retaining a concise and strategic focus while providing greater consideration of the barriers and challenges that could limit progress;
- (4) that the LCPAR 2025/26 also provided a snapshot of the work undertaken, an overview of the progress made towards child poverty targets provided by the Centre for Civic Innovation, highlighting activity embedded across Community Planning partners and of the significant investment being aligned across the Council, Scottish Government and Community Planning partners, as detailed in an appendix to the report; and
 - (5) that it was recognised much still remained to be done to meet the challenging child poverty targets set for 2030, building on progress during 2025/26 and that the city would continue to bring services and partners together around shared ambitions, with a greater focus on understanding and addressing the barriers that limited progress for families, which was part of a longer-term journey towards public service reform to create a sustainability model that addressed the wider structural barriers that keep families in poverty.

After consideration, the Committee

- (i) noted the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) 2025/26; and
- (ii) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee for approval the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report 2025/26.