

## Poverty Leadership Panel

### Meeting note

3 October 2013

#### Present:

Gordon Matheson, Leader of the Council  
Ghazala Hakeem, Poverty Truth Commission  
Matt Kerr, Executive Member for Health and Social Care  
Aileen Colleran, Executive Member for Communities  
Sandra Collins, Pearce Institute  
Jean Forrester, Poverty Truth Commission  
Kirsty Birkner, Glasgow Disability Alliance  
Blair Green, Poverty Truth Commission  
Steven Andrew, Glasgow Disability Alliance  
David Ramsay, Glasgow Homelessness Network  
Martin Johnson, Third Sector Forum  
Brian Scott, Glasgow Disability Alliance  
Colin Borland, Head of External Affairs, Federation of Small Business  
Duncan Wilson, Head of Strategy and Legal, Scottish Human Rights Commission  
Martin Armstrong, Chief Executive, Glasgow Housing Association  
Carol Tannahill, Director, Glasgow Centre for Population Health  
Linda De Caestecker, Director of Public Health  
Stephanie Plotnikoff, Glasgow Homelessness Network  
Catriona Lindsay, District Manager, DWP  
Jim McCormick, Advisor, Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
Fraser Falconer, Head of Children in Need Scotland  
Lynn Brown, Executive Director of Financial Services, GCC  
Richard Brown, Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services, GCC  
Jim Gray, Head of Democratic Services, GCC

#### Apologies:

Ailsa McKay, Professor of Economics, Glasgow Caledonian University  
Peter Kelly, Director, Poverty Alliance  
Jonathon Squire, Convenor of the Board, Ethnic Minorities Ethnic Law Centre  
Tressa Burke, Director, Glasgow Disability Alliance

#### Present:

Diane Murchison, Tackling Poverty Assistant  
Charles Dunn, Tackling Poverty Assistant

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Apologies</b> <b>Introductions</b>	

2.	<b>Minutes - Agreed</b>	
3.	<b>Revisions to documents</b> <b>Agreed:</b> The revised Vision and Terms of Reference for the Leadership Panel were agreed.	
4.	<b>Development of Glasgow's Plan for Action</b> Priority stream leads and Wee Panel leads provided background on the process of developing the Action Plan.  The Panel noted the considerable activity undertaken to develop the Action Plan.	
5.	<p><b>Action Plan for Change</b> The Action Plan was discussed according to Priority. In terms of the overall comments the following points were agreed:</p> <p><b>Agreed that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>The Action Plan would be the foundation for the Panel's work and more specific implementation plans</b></li> <li>(ii) <b>Further suggestions for changes to be sent to the Leader's Office by 11 October</b></li> <li>(iii) <b>A revised version of the Action Plan will be circulated</b></li> <li>(iv) <b>Each Panel member will consider how they plan to obtain organisational commitment to this action plan</b></li> <li>(v) <b>There is scope for organisations other than the Council to take the lead on some of the actions</b></li> <li>(vi) <b>GDA and Wheatley Housing Group will work with the Third Sector Forum and Wee Panel to develop an 'easy read' version of the Plan.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>During the discussion more specific points arose, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implementation of welfare reform more broadly would benefit from a human rights based approach, with a focus on getting decisions right in the first instance.</li> <li>• DWP will discuss issues relating to sanctions for particular groups such as pregnant women and those with young children.</li> <li>• DWP will work with partners to gain a more consistent approach to appeal letters by GPs.</li> <li>• The Panel could consider a less punitive approach to welfare reform for Glasgow, which for example, would not penalise people for volunteering, on a similar basis to the Thames Gateway model.</li> <li>• The Plan could be more ambitious – rather than 'mitigating' welfare reform, the Panel's priority should be 'challenging' welfare reform.</li> <li>• There will be some consideration given to options for reduced fares/ free transport for children and those with young families, and how this interacts with the provision of 'free' services.</li> <li>• Further work will promote ways other than the Living Wage to help make a difference to income levels</li> <li>• Wheatley/ GHA will work with the City Advisory Panel to share their experience of working with Scottish Power to secure lower tariffs for their customers and staff.</li> <li>• The work by the Digital Inclusion Partnership/ Financial Inclusion Strategy and the work of the Sustainable Food Group will be included in the appendix of the Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>LO All  All  GDA/GHA /TSF  SHRC/ DWP  DWP/ Child pov group/ NHS JRF/DWP /GCC GCC  Child Pov Group  FSB GHA/ CAP  LO</p>

6.	<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p><b>Agreed:</b> that GDA and GHN will work with the Leader's Office to develop the proposal to support organisational capacity around the Panel's work.</p>	<b>LO</b>
7.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting is 13 November 2-4pm at the City Chambers, with a themed focus on child poverty.</p>	