

Poverty Leadership Panel

Date: 3 October 2013

Agenda item number: 6

Title: Resources to support the Poverty Leadership Panel's work plan

Summary: This paper outlines resources already identified to support the Panel's work.

It also outlines a proposal which would support organisations to assist people with direct experience of poverty be involved in the Panel's work.

This report is for: Information

Recommendation: The Panel:

- (i) notes the resources already identified;
- (ii) considers which partners could assist in developing the proposal outlined overleaf.

Poverty Leadership Panel Supporting Organisations Proposal

Purpose

This paper outlines a proposal to ensure that people with direct experience of poverty are supported to participate in the formation of the city-wide anti-poverty strategy.

Background

The Poverty Leadership Panel is clear that the most effective way of tackling poverty is by tapping into the skills and experiences of people who have been directly affected by poverty.

To assist in this aim, the Glasgow City Council has already committed to:

- Providing expenses for people who participate in either the Panel or its working groups' meetings. This fund is being administered by Faith in Community Scotland.
- Fund two Poverty Panel Assistant posts. These posts are 12 month, living wage positions within Faith in Community Scotland. The two employees' responsibilities include administering the work of the Panel, co-ordinating the participation of people's attendance at meetings and undertaking community development work with people in poverty.

Over the last 6 months, as the Panel has been established (and in particular the Wee Panel members have been identified) and the Action Plan has been developed, there has been an increasing dependence on partner organisations to identify and support people in poverty to contribute to the Panel's work.

Proposal

It is proposed that the Council will provide a development budget to support organisations facilitating the participation of their members. This budget is in recognition of the time and resources organisations need to dedicate to building the capacity of those volunteering to do this work.

The proposal has two goals:

1. people who may not have the confidence to ordinarily engage with structures and processes will be supported to do so;
2. the actions undertaken as part of the Panel's work will be strengthened by the contribution of people with direct experience of the issues.

Next Steps

It is proposed that a small sub-group (2-3 people) be established to develop this aspect of the programme. Panel members with a particular interest in this work may want to volunteer their organisations' time to assist in this development work.