



**Glasgow City Council**

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

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**GLASGOW'S LOCAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT 2022/23**

**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 endorsement of the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) 2022/23 prior to its submission to the City Administration Committee for approval.

**Recommendations:**

Members are asked to:

1. note the contents of the attached draft Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) for 2022/23; and
2. agree the draft LCPAR is referred by the Committee to the City Administration Committee for approval.

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 2022/23 and outlines the intended focus for the coming year. It also requests endorsement of the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report 2022/23 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 has 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 this year

- 3.1 The Scottish Government provides guidance to Local Authorities and Health Boards on the completion of the LCPAR. Whilst setting out the core components of an annual report, this guidance also recognises the significant endeavour required to collate a detailed report each year. Furthermore, acknowledgement is also given to the longer term nature of much of the work to tackle poverty, including the requirement for preparatory work that is both fundamental and significant, but may not see outcomes immediately.
- 3.2 On that basis, Scottish Government have provided scope for annual reports to be focused on specific activity, with a much deeper and more comprehensive report every 3 to 4 years. This is designed to align 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 also reflection on success to date.

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- 3.3 Glasgow's fifth LCPAR therefore focuses specifically on outlining the significant work undertaken to date to ensure the appropriate strategic alignment of the child poverty agenda in the city. It outlines actions undertaken to develop this as well as the agreed next steps to strengthen this further.
- 3.4 In addition, the report also provides a snapshot of the work undertaken and an overview of the progress made towards our 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 fourth year. Using this data, it is possible to begin to identify trends and patterns that, alongside the evidenced insights from those with lived experience, will inform our approach to tackle child poverty in the city.
- 3.5 The report provides a short overview of actions taken in 2022/23. More detailed information on the range of child poverty activity in the city can be found at our associated LCPAR webpage. This provides links to appropriate reports, documents and monitoring information as it is published, ensuring the most up to date information is always available.

## 4. Future Actions

- 4.1 The LCPAR 2022/23 recognises that much remains to be done if Glasgow is to meet the challenging child poverty targets set for 2030. The report therefore sets out our key priorities for 2023/24. This will include building on the shared strategic planning agenda, facilitating a shift towards prevention and early intervention and continuing to use insights from those with lived experience alongside our data to inform specific actions.

## 5 Policy and Resource Implications

### Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	None
<i>Legal:</i>	None
<i>Personnel:</i>	None
<i>Procurement:</i>	None

### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.</i>	The Equality Impact Assessment for the Glasgow Local Child Poverty Action Plan is available <a href="#">here</a> . The EQIA builds on existing activity and reflects emerging research and consultation to identify key priorities for 2023/24. Supporting programmes would be
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subject to an EQIA as required, in line with standard practice.

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?*

No significant impact, positive impact or negative impacts identified at this stage

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.*

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.

### Climate Impacts:

*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:*

Yes. Climate Theme 1 Communication and Community Engagement and Climate Theme 4 Health & Wellbeing

*What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?*

None

*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:

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