



Chester-le-Street District Council

Report to:	Council
Date of Meeting:	26 July 2007
Report from:	Director of Resources Revenues and Benefits Manager
Title of Report:	Anti Poverty Strategy
Agenda Item Number:	8

1. Purpose and Summary

- 1.1 The Corporate Anti-Poverty Strategy and action plan has been produced by the Corporate Anti-Poverty Working Group and Council is requested to consider the Strategy which will then be subject to consultation with partners and other stakeholders.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 Corporate Management Team has been consulted on the Anti-Poverty Strategy. The Corporate Anti-Poverty Working Group has been fully engaged in the production of the Strategy and the Action Plan. The Strategy has been considered by the Executive. If Council approves the Strategy, it will then be subject to consultation with partners and stakeholders.

3. Corporate Plan and Priorities

- 3.1 The development of a corporate anti-poverty strategy contributes to several of the Council's corporate priorities: customer excellence; working in partnership to deliver the community strategy and regenerating the district. In addition, it makes a direct contribution to the achievement of the sustainable community strategy.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications and Value for Money Statement

Weighting to each of the four value for money criteria:

Cost	5%
User Focus/ Community Engagement	45%
Quality	25%
Achievement of priority outcomes	25%

Achievements Expected:

Cost:

The development of the anti poverty strategy will have a cost in terms of staff time.

There will be costs of printing the strategy document which will be met from existing budgets.

In general, the costs of delivering the agreed actions will be met from existing service budgets. Where the actions require a review of existing policies, such as the discretionary rate relief policy, the financial implications will be identified before any changes are considered.

It is not possible to make any cost comparisons at this stage.

User Focus / Community Engagement

The aim of the anti-poverty strategy is to deliver actions to reduce poverty in the district.

The aim is to achieve real outcomes in terms of measurable improvements in the quality of life for our residents.

We will measure the success of the strategy through improvements in quality of life indicators, customer satisfaction levels and benefits take up.

Quality

We aim to deliver an anti-poverty strategy that delivers real, measurable outcomes.

We need to lead this work, but we need to involve others, we cannot progress this in isolation.

Achievement of Priority Outcomes

Although the development of an anti-poverty strategy is not a specified Community Strategy or Corporate Plan priority, it makes a direct contribution to both the Achievement of the Sustainable Community Strategy and several of our corporate priorities.

The work will make a direct contribution to customer excellence where there is an agreed action to develop a take up strategy to maximise benefits. The antipoverty strategy also makes an indirect contribution to regenerating the district and working in partnership to achieve the community strategy.

4.2 Legal

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4.3 Personnel

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4.4 Other Services

There will be implications for other services in delivering the anti-poverty strategy.

4.5 Diversity

The anti-poverty strategy aims to address the needs of disadvantaged people in the District. A diversity impact assessment has been carried out on the draft anti-poverty strategy.

4.6 Risk

Without a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy, there is a risk that the Council will not take a joined up approach to addressing poverty within the District.

4.7 Crime and Disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications

4.8 Data Quality

Every care has been taken in the development of this report to ensure that the information and data used in its preparation and the appendices attached are accurate, timely, consistent and comprehensive. The council's Data Quality Policy has been complied with in producing this report.

4.9 Other Implications

There are no other implications arising from the contents of the report.

5. Background ,Position Statement and Option Appraisal

5.1 The draft Anti-Poverty Strategy is detailed in the appendix to the report.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Council is requested to consider and approve the Corporate Anti-Poverty Strategy which is attached as an appendix to this report.

7. Background Papers/ Documents referred to

7.1 Notes of the Corporate Anti Poverty Working Group.

7.2 Risk Assessment

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KEY CHART 5 - REPORT WRITING RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

The Department / Service or / Project;		Resources Directorate		Risk Score	Rating	
Report Title/ Business Objective/ or Proposal		Anti Poverty Strategy		18-36	High	
Completed by:		Linda Chambers	Date completed: 11/7/2007	9-16	Medium	
Number		KEY OPPORTUNITIES		1-8	Low	
1	Opportunity to take a joined up approach to addressing poverty within the district.					
		Corporate Links				
		Working in partnership to achieve the Community Strategy; Customer Excellence and Regenerating the District.				
Number		KEY THREATS		Assessment of Residual Risk [With control measures implemented]		
				Likelihood (Probability)	Impact (Severity)	Residual Risk Score
				[L]	[I]	[L x I]
1	(Use drop-down list) Failure to engage other agencies in progressing the action plan	3	5	15	5	5
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		RISK CONTROL MEASURES				
		Involve partners, including the voluntary sector, in the development of the Strategy and Action Plan.				

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