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Anti Poverty Policy Statement
Working together to mitigate the impact of poverty for the Borough of
Hinckley and Bosworth

Purpose

To set out the local authority's corporate commitment, and approach, in working towards mitigating the impact of poverty and deprivation in our communities.

Corporate Commitment

The overarching vision for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council is to 'improve the quality of life for people who live and work in the Borough'. The HBBC Corporate Plan 2013 – 2016, sets out our approach and priorities for working towards this.

The Corporate Plan includes the following priorities:

- To identify and support the most vulnerable in our communities
- To reduce the impact of poverty to improve health and wellbeing

The main manifestations of poverty include: low income, unemployment, poor housing and environmental issues, poor educational attainment, poor health, crime, and barriers to accessing services.

The alleviation of poverty and deprivation will require a sustained and strategically co-ordinated commitment, which creates the economic, social and environmental conditions which will enable people to break out of the cycle of poverty.

Therefore, this policy sets out the specific arrangements for the locality of Hinckley and Bosworth, to ensure an ongoing focus, to support our most vulnerable, and mitigate the impact of poverty and deprivation, and to ensure that this is embedded within our service planning framework.

Mitigating the impact of poverty and deprivation – an approach for
Hinckley and Bosworth

To ensure effective mitigation of the impact of poverty in the Borough the authority will:

- Facilitate a regular review (at least every 3 years) of the State of the Borough position in relation to the high level determinants/factors that contribute to poverty and deprivation e.g. unemployment, low income, educational attainment, housing, etc.

- Present this position utilising relevant national and local data sets, to include details of the most effected geographical areas in the Borough, to at least Lower Super Output Area (LSOA represents 1000 households)
- From this base line evidence agree priority work streams and outcomes in relation to the key determinants, including any specific focus in relevant geographical areas of the Borough
- Set out these priorities within Service Improvement Plans across all council service areas, and develop underpinning detailed delivery plans
- Delivery plans to detail specific actions to develop and enhance collaboration/partnership working with all key stakeholder agencies, including the voluntary and community sector for the Borough, in achieving these priorities
- Ensure ongoing review and monitoring of delivery through the Service Improvement Planning process

Develop an annual performance report which will include:

- The direction of travel for the Borough in relation to key determinants of poverty and deprivation, utilising national and local data sources
 - A detailed review of progress in relation to the agreed priorities, outcomes and impact
 - A proposed programme of work for the following year based on this performance report, including the identification of risks, and emerging gaps in service provision
- Present an annual performance report to the Hinckley & Bosworth LSP, Scrutiny and Executive members, to inform focus and priorities for the following year.