

Report of the Chief Executive

UPDATE ON CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN 2018/201. Purpose of report

To update on progress on the Child Poverty Action Plan 2018/20.

2. Background

At the January 2018 meeting of this Committee, members approved a Child Poverty Action Plan for the period 2018-20 to capture the actions Broxtowe Borough Council will be taking to tackle the drivers of child poverty. This was based on the Government's 2014 report "*An evidence review of the drivers of child poverty for families in poverty now and for poor children growing up to be poor adults*" which considers drivers for poverty other than just fiscal measures, which are:

- Worklessness (Long-term) and Low Earnings
- Parental Qualifications
- Family Instability
- Family Size
- Parental Health and Disability
- Educational Attainment
- Housing
- Neighbourhood
- Debt
- Drug and Alcohol Dependency
- Child Health
- Non-Cognitive Development
- Home Learning Environment, Parenting Styles and Aspirations.

Further detail on the latest figures is included at appendix 1.

The updated Child Poverty Action Plan is attached at the appendix 2.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to NOTE the progress on the Child Poverty Action Plan 2018/20.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

The latest data from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) which uses benefits and tax credit data to measure the proportion of children falling under an income threshold gives a slightly different result to that of the "Households below average income" (HBAI) report which is produced by the Department for Work and Pension. However, the HBAI report only gives child poverty figures down to a regional level, and not districts.

The figures for children under 16 in poverty taken as a snap shot at 31 August 2016 from the HMRC report are as follows:

Area	Percentage of children under 16 in poverty
England	17.0%
East Midlands	16.6%
Nottinghamshire	15.6%
Ashfield	21.1%
Bassetlaw	16.2%
Broxtowe	13.5%
Gelding	14.2%
Mansfield	20.4%
Newark and Sherwood	15.0%
Rushcliffe	6.9%