

Report of the Chief Executive

CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN 2020/221. Purpose of report

To update the Child Poverty Action Plan.

2. Background

The life chances of children growing up in poverty are severely constrained by their circumstances. There is compelling evidence demonstrating the negative effect of poverty on child development. According to government figures, in 2018/19, there were 2.74 million children in families in Relative Low Income and 2.27 million children in Absolute Low income families across Great Britain. 82% of children were aged under 16 for both Relative and Absolute measures.

At the January 2019 meeting of the Community Safety 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
- Substance Misuse and Alcohol Dependency
- Child Health
- Non-Cognitive Development
- Home Learning Environment, Parenting Styles and Aspirations

Progress on this plan was reported to this Committee in December 2019. The revised Child Poverty Action Plan 2020-22 is attached at appendix 1. Notes on methodology and definitions, along with local data, is given in appendix 2.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to NOTE the updated Child Poverty Action Plan 2020/22.

Background papers

Nil