

Child Poverty Action Plan October 2020 to September 2022

ACTION / DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER (Title)	Due Date	UPDATE
Monitor child poverty across Broxtowe.	Communities Officer (Health)	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	Latest update uses different methodology to previous. The figures using the new system are still provisional.
Produce Food Poverty Strategy	Head of Public Protection	tbc	The authority is part of a county-wide task and finish group looking at the issue of food poverty which has been brought into sharp focus as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. A preliminary report has been submitted to General Management Team and a strategy will be produced following on from the findings of the county group.
Retain Council Tax Support Scheme	Head of Revenues & Benefits	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	Broxtowe Borough Council have maintained a Council Tax Support Scheme that is almost identical to the previous Council Tax Benefit scheme. This has allowed greater clarity to residents and also removed the need to recover small amounts of Council Tax, which other Councils have shown is difficult. It is proposed to remain with the current scheme, especially when considering the impact of Covid-19.
Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme (demand lead)	Head of Revenues & Benefits	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	The Current DHP scheme has proved to be successful and has supported a significant number of residents that have found themselves in hardship. It is anticipated that there will be no amendments to the scheme.
Reduce housing disrepair.	Senior Private Sector Housing Officer	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	In 2018/2019 The Private Sector Housing dealt with 18 cases of disrepair in private rented properties in family homes ensuring any necessary repairs were completed. In 2019/2020 The number of cases was 12. There is no baseline as this a reactive service – measure closed cases

Monitor Disabled Facilities Grant cases for children	Senior Private Sector Housing Officer	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	In 2018/19 2 Disabled Facilities grants were progressed to completion where the works were specifically for the needs of a child. In 2019/20 there were again 2 such grants completed. This is a reactive service – measure closed cases.
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<p>Improve / upgrade free play areas for children and families:</p> <p>Upgrade Play area at Hallom Wong Open Space Kimberley</p> <p>Upgrade Play area at Swiney Way Chilwell</p> <p>Upgrade Play area at Pasture Road Recreation Ground ,Stapleford</p> <p>Upgrade Play area at Jubilee Park Eastwood</p> <p>Upgrade Play area at Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground ,Beeston</p>	<p>Parks and Green Spaces Manager</p>	<p>30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)</p>	<p>Completed July 2020</p> <p>Work scheduled for Autumn 2020</p> <p>Work Scheduled for Spring 2022</p> <p>Work scheduled for Autumn 2021</p> <p>Work scheduled for Spring 2021</p>
<p>Solid wall properties in council owned dwellings require external / internal insulation</p>	<p>Modernisations Manager</p>	<p>30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)</p>	<p>Carried over from previous action plan. Approximately 60 properties still to complete.</p>

Offer work experience placements within the Council	Human Resources Manager	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	The Council is committed to helping people improve their career aspirations and employment prospects by providing high quality work experience placements to pupils, students and residents of the Borough. No requests have been received in 2020 due to Covid19 and the 2 that had already been organised were cancelled. Our offer of work placements is currently suspended due to Covid19 restrictions.
Offer apprenticeships within the Council	Human Resources Manager	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	The Council is utilising the Apprenticeship Levy to support nine apprentices across the Council. Two new apprentices are being recruited and two existing apprentices who are close to completing their final end point assessments are likely to gain permanent employment with the Council.
As a Disability Confident Employer offer work experience placements	Human Resources Manager	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	The Council is a Disability Confident employer and is committed to helping people improve their employment prospects by working with Beeston Job Centre to provide disability confident work experience placements, of 4 weeks long to residents of the Borough. The 1 request received early in the year was suspended due to Covid19 restrictions. Our offer of disability work placements is currently suspended due to Covid19.
Grants to voluntary and community organisations and charitable bodies	Chief Audit & Control Officer	30 September 2022 (with annual review)	Details of the grant aid scheme are available on the Council's website at: https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/benefits-grants/grant-aid/ . Details of the grants paid are listed at: https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/about-the-council/open-data-and-registers/open-data-transparency/finance-open-data/

Grant to Citizen's Advice Broxtowe	Chief Audit & Control Officer	New grant aid application will need to be considered from April 2021	A three-year grant funding settlement to Citizens Advice Broxtowe at £73,750 per annum was approved by the Finance and Resources Committee on 12 July 2018. This arrangement is due to expire in 2020/21 when a new grant aid application will need to be considered by Members
Home Sweet Home project to prevent youth homelessness and raise awareness to Yr. 10/11 students through school workshops;	Homelessness Manager	Annual Review 30 September 20-22	Between October 2019 and March 2020 14 school sessions were delivered to 273 young people.

Support actions within the Nottinghamshire Life Chances for Children & Families Strategy	Communities Officer (Children & Young People)	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	The Communities Officer (C&YP) supports the Nottinghamshire Life Chances for Children & Families Strategy through the delivery of a wide variety of actions within the Broxtowe Partnership Children and Young People's Action Plan. The Plan for 2020/22 is currently being developed but has been delayed due to the closure or refocussing of the activity of partner organisations and redeployment of Communities Officers during the pandemic.
Safeguarding Workshop to review Child Poverty Action Plan progress	Chief Executive	30 Sept 2022	Dates to be confirmed
Tenancy Sustainment Officer (updates)	Housing Operations Manager	30 Sept 2022 (with annual review)	The Tenancy Sustainment Officer supports our most vulnerable tenants to sustain their tenancies

Financial Inclusion Officers (updates)	Housing Operations Manager	30 Sept 2022 (annual review)	Due to the success of this scheme there are now 2 officers. They mainly deal with preparation for Universal Credit borough wide and dealing with the highest rent arrears cases.
Provide job clubs for areas across Broxtowe	Economic Development	30 Sept 2022 (annual review)	Jobs Club is currently being delivered in Eastwood. However, this may have been postponed due to Covid-19.
Organise job fairs across Broxtowe	Economic Development	30 Sept 2022 (annual review)	These have been delayed due to officer capacity and Covid-19. They will be restarted when it is safe to do so.