

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

2 September 2015

Appointment of Anti-Poverty Champion

Report of the Governance Manager

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To appoint a member of Cabinet as an Anti-poverty Champion for North East Derbyshire District Council.

1 Report Details

1.1 At the last meeting of Derbyshire Partnership Forum, a progress report on the delivery and implementation of Derbyshire's Anti-poverty Strategy was presented to the Board alongside proposed actions to take forward work over the next six months.

1.2 It was agreed that key to this work are 'Anti-poverty champions', who would be identified to support the Partnership's aim of reducing poverty in Derbyshire and that organisations would nominate individuals to undertake this role. These roles would play an important part in highlighting key issues, co-ordinating activity and promoting a corporate approach to champion poverty issues with key partners.

1.3 Anti-poverty champions may be expected to actively:

- **Encourage** involvement and commitment from each and every segment of partner services to participate in the fight against poverty and exclusion
- **Engage** with partners across organisational boundaries to improve methods of communication and look for new ways of working that fight poverty;
- **Challenge** stereotypes and stigmas attached to poverty and challenge the attitude that little can be done to alleviate circumstances in deprived communities;
- **Give voice** to the concerns and needs of people experiencing poverty, providing narratives to real issues at play in local communities;

- **Promote** sustainable agendas which look to add value in communities, and taking a long-term approach to developing quality of life, social well-being and equal opportunities for all;
- **Share** ideas, good practice, success and innovation across the county. Look to develop networks and facilitate joint approaches which can ensure resources are disseminated and allocated where they are most needed.

1.4 Steve Lee, Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator will provide any necessary support to the relevant member.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 Derbyshire County Council requested that Anti-poverty champions were identified to support the Partnership's aim of reducing poverty in Derbyshire and that organisations would nominate individuals to undertake this role.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 N/A

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 None

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

N/A

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

N/A

5.3 Human Resources Implications

N/A

6 Recommendations

6.1 That a member of Cabinet be nominated to be an Anti-poverty champion, supported by the Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	N/A
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	N/A

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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