

Health and Wellbeing Board

10th July 2013

York's anti-poverty programme

Background

1. In April Cabinet considered a report on facing the growing challenge of poverty in York. Cabinet agreed, with the support of its WOW strategic partners, to set work in train to develop a city-wide programme of measures and activities to reduce poverty with the emphasis in priority on those already in poverty.
2. Following the Cabinet decision, a task and finish Poverty Action Steering group (PASG) was set up, which included CYC, The Press, the faith sector, the NHS, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, South Yorkshire Credit Union and the York Economic Partnership.
3. PASG has developed a Vision for a poverty-free York and proposals for an anti-poverty programme which includes a series of initiatives to address poverty in the city to implement over the next two years.
4. These proposals have been endorsed by the WOW partnership and are due to be considered by Cabinet on 16th July.

Vision and anti-poverty programme proposals

5. The Vision and proposals are outlined in the attached presentation (Annex A)

Systems Leadership- Local Vision Programme

6. In June the council was successful in gaining a place on the Systems Leadership – Local Vision Programme, a ground-breaking collaboration between Public Health England, National Skills Academy for Social Care, NHS Leadership Academy, Virtual Staff College, Local Government Association and the Leadership Centre, that enables areas to create system wide change through leadership collaboration and development.

7. The breakthrough health issue identified by York was our determination to tackle poverty as a key determinant of health as evidenced by our partnership working on the Health and Wellbeing Board and with PASG to create an anti-poverty programme.
8. York will receive a range of support for the remainder of the financial year to support the partnership leadership of this strategic programme of work. This will include:
 - an expert enabler providing on-site support one day a week
 - learning networks hosted by the King's Fund
 - participation in Future Vision – a national leadership development programme
 - access to the knowledge-hub where information from the across the places will be shared
 - a number of free consultancy days from a limited range of private sector partners
 - for all places, participation in the Commissioning Academy

Council Plan

9. The proposals in this paper have particular relevance to the 'Protecting Vulnerable People' strands of the council plan.

Implications

Financial

10. As the anti-poverty work progresses and proposals are implemented there will be financial implications. However, at this stage in the programme, there are no known financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Human Resources (HR)

11. No HR implications

Equalities

12. The anti-poverty programme aims to make York a fairer, more equal city. Reducing inequalities, particularly health inequalities is a significant concern to the Health and Wellbeing Board and it is one of five health and wellbeing priorities set out in the Health and

Wellbeing Strategy. Poverty is a major non-medical cause of ill-health and it must be tackled to reduce health inequalities.

Legal

13. No legal implications

Crime and Disorder

14. No crime and disorder implications

Information Technology (IT)

15. No IT implications

Property

16. No Property implications

Other

17. No other implications

Risk Management

18. There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this paper.

Recommendations

19. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- a. Support the proposed Vision for a poverty-free York and the proposals for an anti-poverty programme
- b. Note the council's success in gaining a place on the Systems Leadership - Local Vision Programme
- c. Agree to work with the Leadership Programme to develop effective partnership leadership of initiatives to deliver the poverty-free Vision for the city

Reason: This work will support the delivery of one of the five priorities in York's Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Reducing Health Inequalities.

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All

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Annexes

Annex A – Vision and anti-poverty programme proposals