

Anti-Poverty Plan summary v1.0

Note

This is an initial draft and by no means a complete picture of everything that is being done or could be done. We probably won't be able to do everything in the second table (what more could we do) within existing resources, but we think it is important to think about what we would want to do if we were able to find additional funding. We want to use this as a starting point to talk to people about what should go into our new plan.

Suggested questions

We've written some questions here to get you started but you don't have to answer them all and you can tell us something different if you think it is important.

- Did we have / have we got the right priorities?
- What is the most important action to take?
- What would be appropriate actions to meet our aims?
- Thinking about the last strategy and the underpinning delivery plan, were they the most effective things we could have chosen to do? If not, why? / what would have been better?
- Are there things we previously committed to that we should stop doing / do less of?
- Are there things we should keep doing?
- What's working well?
- Are there new opportunities now?

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Cross-cutting themes to be worked in

There are some things that we want to do which don't fit neatly into our categories. The ones we have already thought about are listed below. We want to know what other people think about these and we may add to the list over time.

- 'Making it easier for people' including the whole household approach, making every contact count and new approaches
- A continued focus on groups most at risk of poverty
- Engagement with people experiencing poverty and co-production
- Developing family resilience and a stronger focus on community leadership and development – building on strengths within communities – the new Local Area Partnerships may have a role to play in considering anti-poverty work at neighbourhood level and focussing on local initiatives

- Poverty proofing including training and awareness raising and partnership working as well as exploring poverty reduction principle as part of procurement / commissioning

Some actions might sensibly appear in both tables below because we are already taking some action, but there is more we could do slightly differently in future. We haven't repeated all actions that would simply continue as they are but we have given a couple of examples of where we might want new and different action in future such as Living Wage and Apprenticeships.

Area of focus		What are we already doing?	Partners																					
Tackling some of the root causes of poverty	Improving living standards		Advice services	CCG and GPs	Credit Union	Crisis support provision	Energy providers	Early Years providers	Employability support	Employers	Fire & Rescue Service	JCP	Learning providers	Landlords	NHS England	NHS Foundation Trusts	Police	Probation	SCC	Sheffield businesses	SYPTE	VCF sector	YJS	
Tackling some of the root causes of poverty	Improving living standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving housing quality and choice and helping people to keep their homes for longer Reduce heating bills Schemes to tackle food poverty Access to affordable credit including initial development of Finance for Sheffield Advice and advocacy including debt support and preparation for benefit changes Discretionary support for people in crisis (LAS, DHP etc) Work to improve health and increase access to health services by Healthy Communities team and others 	✓											✓			✓							
	Supporting people into work and increasing their earnings																							
Breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty	Giving children the best start in life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing the economy with a focus on higher level skills Start of Living Wage campaign (Council and some others) Targeted support for people facing barriers to work Apprenticeships Improving adult skills 																						
	Improving educational attainment for children																							

Area of focus		What more could we do?	Partners																					
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Improving living standards	Tackling some of the root causes of poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Money management Improve access to services – including health, digital inclusion and transport schemes Work to improve health Increase council tax support Join up discretionary funds to provide a simpler more effective safety net More action to tackle poverty premium – e.g. white goods via credit union Free meals / credit union accounts Finance for Sheffield initiative Explore options for making housing more affordable put forward in Fairness Commission 																						
Supporting people into work and increasing their earnings	Breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-work progression – career escalators Subsidised childcare Family friendly jobs / fair employer code of practice inclu Living Wage campaign Improve programmes to support people into work by delivering them locally More apprenticeship programmes Increase jobs through links to LEP, Regional Growth Strategy, City Deal etc. Improved attainment, regulation and structure – Best Start work More work on narrowing the gap in early years Targeted work to monitor and address attainment of pupils eligible for pupil premium Support to enable people to achieve their aspirations as outlined in the Fairness Commission report Effective approaches to parental engagement in learning Engaging people experiencing poverty in solutions to tackle it 																						