

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

24 JANUARY 2012

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

ANTI POVERTY STRATEGY STATEMENT

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from Members on the Melton Anti Poverty Strategy Statement 2012-2015.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **Members approve the Melton Anti Poverty Strategy Statement 2012-15**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Background

3.2 The Melton Anti Poverty Strategy will provide the strategic direction to reduce the number of children and families in poverty in Melton by 2015. The Strategy has been developed within the context of the Melton Corporate Plan 2011-2015 and the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2013 key areas.

3.3 The statement has been developed in conjunctions with other national, regional and local legislative documents supporting the eradication of child poverty by 2020. It is a statement that focuses on families rather than just the child.

3.4 The full Anti Poverty Strategy document can be found at Appendix A

3.5 The Strategy Statement will be subject to an annual review to ensure it fits in with corporate and national policy.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Anti Poverty strategy statement relates to the Melton Corporate Plan. Some of the clear priorities that relate to this strategy are:

- Supporting people and businesses through the economic downturn
- Improving the well-being of vulnerable people
- Encouraging people to take an active role in their communities
- Meet the Economic needs of the Borough
- Improved quality of life for people living in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial or other resource implications as a direct result of this report.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no other legal implications directly arising from this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 There are no direct links in this report, however, links within the Corporate Plan and community safety have been identified in 4.1

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Please see attached Equalities Impact Assessment, Appendix B.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 The risks are considered in the table below

Probability



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|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Very High A | | | | |
| High B | | | | |
| Significant C | | | | |
| Low D | | | 1, 2 | |
| Very Low E | | | 3 | |
| Almost Impossible F | | | | |
| | IV Negligi- ble | III Margin- al | II Critical | I Catast- rophic |

Impact →

| Risk No. | Description |
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| 1 | The actions identified do not tackle the Anti- Poverty issues. |
| 2 | Number of households in Poverty increase |
| 3 | Partner support for actions is not forthcoming |
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10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues directly arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation was held with the Strategic Management Team on 16 January 2012. The Strategy has been developed in line with current polices and priorities contained in:

- Melton's Corporate Plan 2011 - 2015
- Melton Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 - 2013
- Analysis of the changes for IDACI (Income of Deprivation Affecting Children's Income) 2010

- Homeless Housing Strategy 2008-2011
- Unemployment Bulletins (2011)
- Economic Regeneration Strategy 2008-2013
- Department of Health – Melton’s Health Profile 2011
- Melton Integrated Youth Support Services Action Plan 2011 – 2012
- Decent Place to Live Action Plan 2011
- Interviews: People Manager
Place Manager
Planning Policy Manager
Children Centre Coordinator
Financial inclusion officer
Customer Insight officer
Chief Executive CAB
Chief Officer VAM
Head Teacher of Grove Primary School

11.2 The Strategy has also been available on the Council’s Website from 12 December 2011.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards affected.

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| Date: | 03/01/12 |
| Appendices: | Appendix A- Anti Poverty Strategy Appendix B- Equalities Impact Assessment |
| Background Papers: | None |
| Reference: | X: Committees/CSA/? |