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## TACKLING POVERTY COORDINATION GROUP

**24 MARCH 2021**

THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY NOTE OF MEETING

*Working together to put our sector first*  
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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## KEY POINTS

- The Tackling Poverty Coordination Group forms part of the formal Community Planning Structure in Dumfries and Galloway. The Group meets quarterly. Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway sits on the group representing the interests of the third sector.
- As part of the review of the Council's approach to tackling poverty, a paper was taken to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on the 12 March 2021, outlining a proposed partnership approach to tackling poverty and inequalities. The paper and its appendices can be accessed [HERE](#) (note, this will open as a Zip folder and may appear in your downloads).
- The CPP Board agreed that the partnership approach should include four outcome objectives and two enabling objectives, as follows:

Outcome Objective 1: Tackle severe and persistent poverty and destitution

Outcome Objective 2: Maximising income of people facing poverty

Outcome Objective 3: Reducing the financial pressures on people in poverty

Outcome Objective 4: Building individuals and communities' ability to deal with the effects of poverty

Enabling Objective 1: Building organisational and system capacity

Enabling Objective 2: Addressing barriers to access

- As part of the development of a partnership approach to tackling poverty it was agreed that the Tackling Poverty Coordination Group should evolve into the **Poverty and Inequalities Partnership**. As a result, this was to be the last meeting of the Tackling Poverty Coordination Group.
- The Poverty and Inequalities Partnership will play a critical role moving forward and will report to the CPP Board on a quarterly basis.
- The CPP Board agreed the remit and membership of the Partnership, found in Appendix 2 of the CPB report [HERE](#). They agreed that the remit would be:
  - to drive forward the Community Planning Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Strategy through a shared Action Plan
  - to work on and develop collaborative projects that tackle poverty and inequalities
  - to share advice from a "lived experience" perspective
  - to access expertise from other areas and at national level and share our work with them
  - to identify any hidden barriers to access and participation and ways of overcoming them
  - to create opportunities for engagement between partner organisations and people experiencing poverty
  - act as a forum for consultation, engagement and information exchange
  - to take a partnership approach to the monitoring and evaluation of the shared Action Plan reporting to CPP Board.
- As part of the development of the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership the membership of the Coordination Group is to be refreshed to ensure that the most appropriate person is present from each member organisation. This will include a review of Council membership on the group to ensure that the Council does not dominate the membership.
- The membership of the Partnership will initially be based on the current membership of the Tackling Poverty Coordination Group, but it was emphasised that it will not be a closed group. Suggestions for new members would be taken to the CPP Board as part of the quarterly reporting process.



- A recruitment process will take place to identify and secure an independent Chair for the Partnership. This will be an unpaid role and will involve an open recruitment process to ensure independence and impartiality. The Chair will have no involvement with any of the organisations represented on the Partnership. A subgroup of the current Coordination group will scope out the role description for the position of Chair; TSDG will sit on this subgroup.
- The Partnership will develop a joint action plan which works towards achieving the 6 outcome and enabling objectives, presenting an effective platform for change, encouraging collaborative working and maximising opportunities for tackling poverty. The first stage in the development of this joint action plan will be a workshop in late April facilitated by IBP, who carried out the review of the approach to tackling poverty in Dumfries and Galloway.
- The draft action plan will be presented at the first meeting of the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership in May 2021.
- The Poverty and Inequalities Partnership will be responsible for the monitoring, evaluation and scrutiny of the joint action plan; the Chair will be responsible for reporting to the CPP Board on a quarterly basis.
- TSDG will ensure that the voice of the third sector is heard on the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership through engagement with its Third Sector Tackling Poverty Forum.

