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**THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY**

**REPORT OF MEETINGS**

**Poverty and Inequalities Partnership**

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY**

## KEY POINTS

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A PERSONAL RECORD BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TSDG, NORMA AUSTIN HART. IT IS BASED ON MY OWN OBSERVATIONS. IT IS NOT A FORMAL MINUTE OF THE MEETING.**

1. The meeting welcomed Richard Grieveson Director of Communities at DGC and taking over from Liz Manson as the senior council official supporting the partnership.
2. The PIP heard a presentation on the monitoring and evaluation framework. This is planned for the work of the four sub-groups, which have a total of 140 actions.
3. There are three elements to the framework: partnership process from October to December 2022, elements of activity monitoring will inform this; activity monitoring; environment scanning- second half of 2023.
4. Partnership process; there is no baseline for this, it is for the PIP to decide.
5. Environment scanning is reviewing comprehensively what is already out there to be used for measuring. This will have qualitative and quantitative elements. But these do not tell us what difference we have made (via the PIP actions) to poverty. This will be addressed by activity monitoring.
6. Objectives/actions will lead to identification of inputs which lead to outputs and indicators.
7. Short term actions are to be in place by September.
8. There was a demonstration of the activity monitoring form.
9. All actions will need an owner who will be responsible for the monitoring and evaluation; each should be reviewed at least monthly. A small group will be set up to refine the activity monitoring tool.
10. The partnership spent some time discussing the arrangements for sub-groups and changes to the council's officer support for the PIP in the poverty and inequalities team.
11. The Scottish Improvement Service (IS) secured additional funding to investigate child poverty work in eight local authority areas one of which is D&G. The first workshop was held week beginning 16 May.
12. IS is interested in looking at good practice; it wants to know about what is stopping us gaining an improved understanding and better working relationships. This work will be ongoing.
13. I mentioned the digital inclusion research project (DIRP) and its implications for the PIP. I agreed to ensure the PIP is invited to the launch of the report in September.