

**To: Improving Life Chances Group**

**On: 5 September 2019**

**Report by: Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive's Service**

**TITLE: Priorities and Indicators**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Improving Life Chances group discussed and agreed initial priorities for action following a development workshop session and a subsequent meeting that amended these priorities. These priorities align with national policy direction and with indicators previously agreed by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Executive Group.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Improving Life Chances Group:

(a) Agree that the Improving Life Chances Group should focus on the indicators set out at section 4, aligned with the national and local strategy documents set out at sections 3.7-3.10.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The initial development workshop on Improving Life Chances considered the issues of what made group life chances, how the Improving Life Chances group should work and what the areas of focus should be. The following feedback summary was presented to the Improving Life Chances Group:

### **Good Life Chances**

- Encouragement – stable support network
- Aspirations, options, path to fulfil potential
- Positive start in life and positive transitions
- Absence of “chaos”
- Support to overcome barriers where they exist (circumstantial or societal attitudes)
- Access to decent income level and good housing

### What We Should Do As A Group

- Pick two or three issues to work on – research and identify improvements
- Look at our systems – where can we improve the experience people get and the contribution to outcomes (do we make things easy or difficult for people)
- What can we do now to make things different in a year’s time

### Areas Of Focus

- Skills, employability and income – joining up activity to improve actions for groups with poorer outcomes
- New duties regarding child poverty
- Physical exercise – focusing on less active children, transition “drop off” points, staying mobile and connected in later life
- Enabling positive transitions – life changes, rehabilitation, recovery
- Addressing stigma and perceptions

3.2 The meeting of the Improving Life Chances Group agreed that the three initial priorities initially to be considered by the group are:

- Child poverty.
- Skills and employability – with emphasis on positive destinations for people furthest away from the labour market.
- Mental health issues caused by loneliness and isolation – with an emphasis on how physical activity/exercise can help address these issues.

<b>Child Poverty</b>	<b>Skills and Employability</b>	<b>Impact of Physical Activity In Addressing Mental Health Issues Caused By Loneliness and Isolation</b>
Specific child poverty indicator will also be included in the finalised Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership indicator framework.	Employment rate 50+.  Employment rate of disabled people.  Participation of 16-19 year olds in education, training and employment.  Positive destinations for people further away from the labour market	Percentage of children in Primary 1 that are at risk of being obese or severely obese.  Percentage of people participating in 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week.  It is also proposed that an indicator be developed following the outcome of the current Scottish Government consultation on Loneliness and Isolation

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- 3.7 The focus on child poverty aligns with the requirements of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 and the national Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan published in 2018 (see link below).

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/publication/2018/03/child-chance-tackling-child-poverty-delivery-plan-2018-22/documents/00533606-pdf/00533606-pdf/govscot%3Adocument>

- 3.8 The Local Child Poverty Action Report 2018/19 for Renfrewshire was published in June 2019. This report sets out in details the actions to be taken to tackle child poverty (see link below).

[http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/media/9963/Local-Child-Poverty-Action-Report-2019/pdf/Renfrewshire\\_Local\\_Child\\_Poverty\\_Action\\_Report.pdf?m=1561452665203](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/media/9963/Local-Child-Poverty-Action-Report-2019/pdf/Renfrewshire_Local_Child_Poverty_Action_Report.pdf?m=1561452665203)

A report on Child Poverty was also presented to Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board in June 2019 (see link below)

<https://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=%2fwBKj7KNL115yFyazTizkwPVu5qF9K6E%2fx7MbdFwZ9XebFlemHjnJA%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNIh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzqA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlq%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCpMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3d>

- 3.9 The focus on skills and employability aligns with No One Left Behind – Next Steps For The Integration and Alignment Of Employability Support in Scotland (see link below).

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/publication/2018/03/one-left-behind-next-steps-integration-alignment-employability-support-scotland/documents/00533376-pdf/00533376-pdf/govscot%3Adocument>

- 3.10 Renfrewshire Council will publish a new Economic Strategy in autumn 2019 that will set the context for the focus on employability of people further away from the labour market.

- 3.11 The focus on mental health issues caused by loneliness and isolation and the mitigating benefits of physical activity align with emerging work on loneliness and isolation and the findings of the Children’s Health and Wellbeing survey in Renfrewshire. The focus on this work also aligns with the Scottish Government’s Active Scotland Delivery Plan and A Healthier Future – Scotland’s Diet and Healthy Weight Delivery Plan (see link below).

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/publication/2018/07/active-scotland-delivery-plan/documents/00537494-pdf/00537494-pdf/govscot%3Adocument>

- 3.12 Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership has a working group on Loneliness and Isolation that will produce a first report in autumn 2019. This will provide context for the work of the Improving Life Chances Group on this issue. Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership published its Strategic Plan 2019-2022 in summer 2019.

#### 4. **Indicators**

- 4.1 The Our Renfrewshire Community Plan monitors performance on the following indicators. The 2018/19 Annual Report will be finalised by 9 September 2019 and will contain updated performance information on the following indicators.

##### **Skill and Employability**

1. Employment rate 50+
2. Employment rate of disabled people
3. Participation of 16-19 year olds in education, training and employment
4. Percentage of school leavers with positive destinations

##### **Physical Activity**

1. Percentage of children in Primary 1 that are at risk of being obese or severely obese
2. Percentage of people participating in 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week.

##### **Loneliness and Isolation**

1. Indicator to be developed

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