

To: **Improving Life Chances Group**

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Report by:
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**TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS AND KEY AREAS OF
FOCUS FOR THE IMPROVING LIFE CHANCES GROUP
JANUARY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020**

1 Summary

The purpose of the report is to submit for consideration the proposed calendar of meeting dates for the Improving Life Chances Group for the period January 2020 to December 2020 and to consider key areas of focus for the Improving Life Chances group over the coming year.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the timetable of meetings from January 2020 to December 2020, as indicated within the report, be agreed; and
- 2.2 Discuss and agree the key areas of focus by the Improving Life Chances Group for 2020.

3 Background

- 3.2 The proposed dates are as follows:
 - Thursday 19 March 2020 at 10.30am – CMR2, Renfrewshire House
 - Thursday 14 May 2020 at 10.30am – CMR1, Renfrewshire House
 - Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 2.00pm – CMR1, Renfrewshire House
 - Thursday 3 December at 2.00pm – CMR1, Renfrewshire House
- 3.3 The timetable takes account of all standard meetings of the Improving Life Chances Group but does not take into account any ad-hoc meetings which might be held as and when necessary.

4 Key Areas of Focus

- 4.1 A development workshop was held in September 2018 and considered the issues of life chances and how the Improving Life Chances Group should work and what the area of focus should be. It was agreed that the Group would initially focus on child poverty, skills and employability and address loneliness and isolation through physical activity.
- 4.2 Taking the key areas of focus above into consideration, it is proposed that the Improving Life Chances Group consider some key areas for discussion and action over the coming year. Some suggestions have been provided below to stimulate discussion and action:
- Inclusive Growth – linking closely to the Economic Strategy, in particular the Skills Plan;
 - Gender Based Violence toolkit;
 - Encouraging physically inactive children to be active;
- 4.3 Further proposals regarding child poverty will also be brought back to the group for discussion.

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