

ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

2 February 2017

POVERTY SCRUTINY PROJECT

Report of the Director for People

Strategic Aim:	All		
Exempt Information		No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:

1. Considers the topic and related issues/questions covered in this report;
2. Identifies any further information or work it may wish to undertake;
3. Authorises the Chair to produce a written report of findings to feed back into the overall project.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Scrutiny Commission has agreed to undertake a review of Poverty in Rutland. The project objectives are:

- To develop an agreed definition(s) of Poverty in Rutland;

- To develop a Council policy in the form of a White Paper to be approved by Full Council that will outline for Rutland how the Council will act to positively impact on poverty within the County.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Further to the initial workshop attended by Members on 13 September 2016, a list of areas was highlighted for further investigation by individual Scrutiny Panels.
- 2.2 Scrutiny Commission have agreed the following timetable for this review:

Stage	Panel	Date
All member workshop		13 th September 2016
Panel work to develop Green Paper	Adults and Health	1 st December 2016 and 2 nd February 2017
	Children's	17 th November 2016 and 23 rd February 2017
	Places	24 th November 2016 and 9 th February 2017
	Resources	10 th November 2016 and 16 th February 2017
Green paper to Cabinet	N/R	21 st March 2017
Panel work on White Paper	Adults	6 th April 2017
	Children's	4 th May 2017
	Places	20 th April 2017
	Resources	27 th April 2017
White Paper to Cabinet	N/R	16 th May 2017
White Paper to Council	N/R	June Council

- 2.3 Further to a meeting with the Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel, it was agreed that this Panel would focus on fuel poverty as a key issue affecting vulnerable people, particularly as there is a push for people to be cared for more in their own home.
- 2.4 To facilitate a discussion a short paper has been produced which is included as appendix to this report. The paper is not exhaustive but provides information to facilitate a discussion.
- 2.5 Further to the outcome of this meeting the Chair of the Panel will report back to the working group to consider next steps but this will be confirmed at the meeting.

3 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This report gives further information requested by the initial Poverty project workshop.

4 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 4.1 There are no additional papers.

5 APPENDICES

5.1 Appendix A – Fuel Poverty

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Appendix A. Fuel Poverty

