

## PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

24 November 2016

### POVERTY SCRUTINY PROJECT

#### Report of the Director for Places (Development & Economy)

Strategic Aim:	All	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	<p>Cllr Tony Mathias, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Places (Highways, Environment, Transport and Community Safety) and Market Towns</p> <p>Cllr Oliver Helmsley, Portfolio Holder for Resources (excluding Finance), Culture, Sport &amp; Recreation, Tourism and Housing</p>	
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Ward Councillors	N/A	

#### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:

1. considers the topics 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. The following areas were identified for the Places Scrutiny Panel to take forward:

- Housing / homelessness
- Domestic abuse
- Transport (which will be covered at a later meeting of the Scrutiny Panel).

Family breakdown was also raised, which is sometimes connected with the first two issues. This report provides some information in relation to those areas.

2.2 Scrutiny Commission have agreed the following timetable for this review:

Stage	Panel	Date
All member workshop		13 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
Panel work to develop Green Paper	Adults	22 <sup>nd</sup> September and 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016
	Children's	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 and 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017
	Places	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 and 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
	Resources	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 and 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Green paper to Cabinet	N/R	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
Panel work on White Paper	Adults	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
	Children's	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
	Places	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
	Resources	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
White Paper to Cabinet	N/R	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
White Paper to Council	N/R	June Council

2.3 Further to a meeting with the Chair of the Places Scrutiny Panel, it was agreed that this Panel would focus on a number of key areas:

- Homelessness prevention;
- Domestic abuse.

- 2.4 To facilitate a discussion of each area, two short papers have been produced which are included as appendices to this report. The papers are not exhaustive but provide information to facilitate a discussion in each area. To assist the discussion, officers have highlighted some questions the Panel may wish to consider.
- 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 – Homelessness
- 5.2 Appendix B – Domestic Abuse.

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