

CHILD WELLBEING UPDATE

Purpose of the report

1. To take forward the conclusions of the 7th January 2016 board meeting when a discussion took place concerning child poverty in Salisbury.
2. To seek the board's agreement to make child wellbeing a priority, taking this forward as a focused task and finish group, to report back to the Area Board in 12 months.
3. To nominate a unitary councillor to lead the task and finish group.

Background

4. On the 7th January 2016, the board was brought up to date regarding key facts and statistics on the topic of child poverty in Salisbury. This information came from Wiltshire Council's public health department. The Director of Public Health has asked all area boards to take a lead in helping communities to shine a light on child poverty and to respond with local action to tackle the issues.
5. [Appendix 1](#) is a copy of the voting slide from the 7th January meeting, when the approximately 70 people in attendance were asked to prioritise what they considered to be the top issues and top actions required.
6. Key representatives in attendance were local charities, rotary, GPs, health visitors, children centres, housing, the community and voluntary sector, unitary and city councillors, churches, police, fire and young people. The hope is that a number of these will come together to form the task and finish group.
7. The proposal is that the issues on the voting slide be the starting point to inform local strategy and an action plan on child wellbeing.

Recommendations

8. To note the outcome of the 7th January 2016 discussion.
9. To set up a focused task and finish group to have the responsibility of forming and implementing a local action plan for child wellbeing in Salisbury.
10. To nominate a unitary councillor to lead this work.