

Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel

Review on Child Poverty (2021/2022); Scope and Terms of Reference

Review Topic	Review / Project Title
Rationale	<p>The percentage of children living in poverty has increased in recent years, both nationally and within Haringey. The current Borough Plan 2019-23 has a number of priorities that address the issue, both directly and indirectly. Children and young people are a particular priority, with a number of outcomes focussed upon their specific needs. There are also a number of other priority areas within the Plan that have a considerable impact on child poverty, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing;• A safe, green and clean environment; and• A local economy that provides good training and job opportunities. <p>Since the Borough Plan was agreed, the Covid pandemic has taken place and this has had a severe impact on children and young people. The Plan is due to be refreshed in 2022.</p> <p>The review will seek to identify the current levels of child poverty within the borough and how these have developed since the start of the current Borough Plan. In addition, it will also consider interventions that may be the most effective in responding to the current challenges presented by child poverty and how these may be incorporated strategically within the updated Borough Plan to develop a coordinated approach to the issue.</p>
Scrutiny Membership	<p>Councillors Makbule Gunes (Chair), James Chiriyankandath, Josh Dixon, Emine Ibrahim, Tammy Palmer and Daniel Stone</p> <p>Co-optees/Non Voting Members: Anita Jakhu and Kanupriya Jhunhunwala (Parent governor representatives), Yvonne Denny and Lourdes Keever (Church representatives)</p>

Terms of Reference (Purpose of the Review/ Objectives)	To consider and make recommendations to Cabinet on Interventions that may have the potential to be the most effective in addressing child poverty and how these may be incorporated strategically within the updated Borough Plan.
Links to the Borough Plan	People - where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.
Evidence Sources	<p>These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant performance; • Guidance, research and policy documents; • Interviews with key officers, partners and community organisations; and • Information and data from other local authorities.
Witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Taylor – Head of Policy • Margaret Gallagher – Performance Manager • Other London boroughs • Relevant national/regional organisations
Methodology/Approach	<p>A variety of methods will be used to gather evidence from the witnesses above, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk top research; • Evidence gathering sessions with witnesses; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits
Equalities Implications	<p>Child poverty disproportionately affects children and young people;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from Black and Minority Ethnic communities; • with disabilities; and • from lone parent families, who are predominantly led by women.
Timescale	<p>The Panel will aim to complete its evidence gathering by the end of this calendar year with a view to the final report being submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 March 2022.</p>
Reporting arrangements	<p>The Assistant Director for Strategy, Policy and Communications will co-ordinate a response to the recommendations.</p>
Publicity	<p>The review will be publicised through the scrutiny website and scrutiny newsletter providing details of the scope and how local people and community groups may be involved. The outcomes of the review will be similarly published once complete.</p>
Constraints/Barriers/Risks	<p>Risks: Not being able to undertake all the necessary evidence gathering work by the Panel before the beginning of the pre-election period.</p>
Officer Support	<p>Lead Officer; Robert Mack, Scrutiny Policy Officer, 0208 489 2921 rob.mack@haringey.gov.uk</p> <p>Service Contact; Jean Taylor, Head of Policy</p>