

## Turning The Tide on Poverty

### Update for Overview and Scrutiny Committee

#### Approach and Progress:

Six policy objectives were recommended in the Marmot review, to reduce health inequalities by addressing the social determinants of health; in a way which is proportionate to need. A multi-sector approach is needed to address these objectives and take meaningful action on a local level.

A number of workstream themes have been identified, each with a senior responsible officer to lead. For each of the themes, we are holding a workshop; inviting partners from across all sectors who have a particular interest or expertise in the relevant area.

Workshops seek to connect key stakeholders, set the local scene, providing intelligence and data to help clarify local challenges. The experiences of local people are included either through direct feedback or via community representation.

There is at each session focused small group discussion, to identify actions which could be taken within the Torbay system. Once all the workshops have been held, findings will be collated into an Action Plan for Torbay for 22/23.

The workstream themes are broadly as follows:

Workstream Theme	SRO	Workshop
<b>Best Start:</b> Give every child in Torbay the best start in life and enable them to maximise their capabilities and control over their lives	Nancy Meehan	Planned 10.2.22
<b>Fair Employment:</b> Maximise opportunities for people in Torbay to access good, fair work which pays a living wage	Alan Denby	22.11.20
<b>Ill Health Prevention:</b> Strengthen the role of ill-health prevention in Torbay	Dr Lincoln Sargeant	29.10.21
<b>Healthy Standard of Living:</b> Ensure that rented accommodation in Torbay is of a good standard that supports good health	Tara Harris	Planned 13.01.22

There will then be a final workshop to bring together the outputs from the workshops, and prioritise actions for short-to medium term improvements and long term sustainability.

## **Outputs:**

Outputs from the 2 workshops that have already taken place have been broken down into three areas:

1. Strategic principles - “How we should work”
2. Defined high-level actions – “What we need to do”
3. Challenges – “What gets in the way”

Due to the system-wide and complex nature of many of the actions that have been identified, many may need to be taken forward as projects in their own right, with dedicated resource.

## **Governance:**

Many actions identified within the plan will align with existing programmes of work, and thus responsibility for delivery may sit within these.

However, governance of the whole plan will be important, to ensure oversight, accountability and a clear route for escalation. This should sit with the Recovery Strategy Co-ordinating Board, of which workstream SROs are members. This Board will therefore act as a de facto Programme Board for the action plan.

## **Challenges**

- Capacity of senior officers to plan, prepare for and follow up on workshop outputs is extremely limited
- External pressures on Children’s Services in particular (such as SEND review) has resulted in workshops being postponed.
- Capacity of both council and external stakeholders to attend session when operational pressures are so high.
- Holding workshops remotely reduces opportunities for participants to connect.
- Topics are broad and complex, the extent to which these can be fully explored in a 2-hour workshop is limited.