

Scrutiny Panel 24th April 2023 Item 4 – Poverty Reduction Voluntary Sector Partners Update	Item No 4
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OUTLINE

Since 2016 the UK Government has had no official measurement for poverty nor targets for poverty reduction. Despite this the Hackney Labour party manifesto pledged in 2018: ‘We will tackle poverty, including child poverty, as well as key inequalities in health, education and employment based on a solid understanding of the barriers and needs of our different communities, listening to their concerns and expanding the use of social value and co-design.’

The need to address poverty in Hackney was a key finding in the consultation for the Community Strategy 2018-2028 and tackling inequality and entrenched poverty is a key priority. This concern has been amplified by the current cost of living crisis.

The Scrutiny Panel received an update last year about the strategic framework outlining the Council’s approach to poverty reduction, the aims, and objectives.

The purpose of this discussion is to review how the Council’s Poverty Reduction Strategic Framework is working in practice, the impact it is having and how it has been embedded across council services. In addition, the Panel wants to understand how the council is working in partnership with key local stakeholders in the voluntary sector to meet the needs of residents.

To support this discussion the Panel will be attending a site visit to: **Woodberry Aid, Chicken Soup Shelter and Volunteer Centre Hackney.**

Report in the agenda:

To support this discussion the following presentation is included for information.

- Presentation slides on poverty reduction work from London Borough of Hackney.

Invited and Attending for this item

H.O.P.E AT MORNINGSIDE

Nicolette Nixon, H.O.P.E AT Morningside



London Borough of Hackney

- **Cllr Chris Kennedy**, Cabinet Member Health, adult social care, voluntary sector and culture
- **Cllr Rob Chapman**, Cabinet Member Finance, insourcing and customer service
- **Cllr Caroline Woodley**, Cabinet Member Families, early years, parks and play
- **Cllr Carole Williams**, Cabinet Member Employment, human resources and equalities
- **Sonia Khan**, Head of Policy and Strategic Delivery
- **Jenny Zienau**, Strategic Lead (Change and Transformation).

ACTION

Scrutiny Panel is requested to consider the presentation and to ask questions.