

DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM

24 April 2015

REDUCING POVERTY IN DERBYSHIRE

1. Purpose of the report

To provide an update on progress on the delivery and implementation of the Derbyshire Anti-Poverty Strategy and to agree actions to take forward work over the next six months.

2. Information and Analysis

The Derbyshire Anti-Poverty Strategy “Working together to tackle poverty in Derbyshire” was approved by the Forum at its meeting on 26 September 2014. Partners also approved the draft anti-poverty strategy action plan which sets out the key activities that have been identified to deliver priorities and agreed that an update on progress be presented to the Forum on a quarterly basis.

The action plan is a live working document which will be amended and updated on a regular basis to ensure it remains fit for purpose. An updated plan will be presented to the Forum, at each of its meetings alongside a summary of key achievements. Key achievements between September 2014 and March 2015 and the latest version of the action plan, which sets out the status of agreed actions, are attached to this report for information at Appendices A and B respectively.

A verbal update on relevant themes will also be made at each meeting. This will allow detailed discussion on specific issues which are of interest to partner agencies on a regular basis. At this meeting of the Forum, the verbal update will focus on progress made on the Financial Inclusion and Affordable Warmth themes of the Strategy.

Areas of focus for forthcoming six months

The Anti-Poverty Task Group will continue to undertake activity outlined in the attached action plan. The Group have identified the following areas of focus on which to concentrate effort over the forthcoming six months. These are as follows:

- **Income maximisation**

- Develop proposals to undertake a coordinated and targeted programme of activity to maximise the amount of income Derbyshire residents receive through the benefits system – Income Maximisation Sub-Group
- Plan an event for professionals to raise awareness, explore the impact and smooth the roll out of Universal Credit across Derbyshire - Financial Action and Advice Derbyshire

- **Developing links with economic partnership activity**
 - Identify ways in which to link work on anti-poverty into the new and emerging Combined Authority for Derbyshire – Anti-Poverty Task Group
- **Food Poverty**
 - Explore opportunities to develop a food partnership for the county tasked with identifying sustainable solutions to address food poverty across Derbyshire - DCC Public Health, Policy and Research and Rural Action Derbyshire
 - Commence work on the development of a “Feeding Derbyshire” strategy for the county - DCC Public Health, Rural Action Derbyshire
 - Explore opportunities to establish a Fareshare depot in Derbyshire – DCC Public Health
- **Affordable warmth**
 - Develop proposals to support the low carbon ambitions of the Combined Authority creating investment in the retrofit of existing housing stock - Local Authority Energy Partnership
 - Prepare a bid for Department of Energy and Climate Change’s recently announced £25m Central Heating Fund to help fuel poor households that are off the gas grid – Local Authority Energy Partnership
- **Promoting Credit Unions**
 - Raise awareness of credit unions and payroll deduction schemes, exploring opportunities to increase the number of employees able to access credit unions through their place of work - Anti-Poverty Task Group
- **Anti-poverty baseline and metrics**
 - Continue work on the development of an anti-poverty baseline for Derbyshire - Anti-Poverty Task Group
 - Develop dedicated space on the Derbyshire Observatory as a repository of information and research on poverty issues within the county – DCC Policy and Research
 - Develop key metrics to measure progress – DCC Policy and Research, North East Derbyshire District Council

Anti-Poverty Champions

A key cross cutting priority within the Anti-Poverty Strategy is the development of strong and effective leadership on the anti-poverty agenda across the Partnership. This is important in ensuring that there is a shared vision for Derbyshire with partners able to champion on behalf of those who are most affected. This will be an ongoing and challenging ambition to meet and will require the support from all partner agencies.

Identifying anti-poverty leads and/or Champions within partner agencies will support the achievement of this priority and partners are now asked to consider nominating a named individual within their organisation to undertake this role.

Raising Awareness and Promotion

Raising awareness of and promoting work taking place across the county to reduce poverty is also an important priority, not least to share good practice and to avoid duplication of both effort and resource. Over the next six months work will take place to develop improved mechanisms to share information through the DPF website and through a quarterly newsletter.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Partners note progress made on the delivery and implementation of Derbyshire's Anti-Poverty Strategy and proposed actions to take forward work over the next six months.
2. Partner agencies agree proposals to identify anti-poverty leads/Champions to support the Partnership's aim of reducing poverty in Derbyshire and nominate individuals within their organisations to undertake this role.
3. Partners note proposals to develop improved mechanisms to share information through the DPF website and a quarterly newsletter.
4. Further reports on progress be presented to the Forum on a quarterly basis.

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DPF Anti-Poverty Strategy

Summary of key achievements – September 2014 – March 2015

Financial Inclusion

Financial Action & Advice Derbyshire is a new partnership of public and voluntary sector agencies committed to tackling financial inclusion.

FAAD is the key delivery vehicle for many of the actions in this theme.

The key aims of the theme are to:

- Improve access to financial products by increasing participation in credit unions
- Improve financial capability and numeracy skills through training and education
- Improve financial resilience by helping people maximise their income, promoting a saving and insurance culture and by providing access to good quality advice

Key achievements

- Delivered 22 financial capability training sessions to vulnerable young people including NEETs.
- Delivered 23 training sessions on teaching money management through the curriculum reaching 176 primary school teachers.
- Launched “Worried about Money” leaflet and website. www.FaaDerbyshire.org.uk
- Delivered six Better Signposting events reaching 155 frontline workers to help them refer more effectively.
- Campaigned on issues such as Payday Lenders and Bedroom Tax.
- Ensured that everyone in Derbyshire now has access to a credit union by supporting the expansion of ECU into Derbyshire Dales.

Affordable warmth and fuel poverty

The Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP) is the key delivery vehicle for the actions within this theme which acts as the countywide affordable warmth and fuel poverty strategy for Derbyshire.

The work of Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP) and constituent members is highly regarded nationally and is an excellent model for how by working together far more investment can be drawn into the county than would otherwise be achieved in isolation.

The work of partners in raising the profile of affordable warmth and fuel poverty on the health and wellbeing of Derbyshire residents is seen as best practice, but far more can still be achieved to ensure that every opportunity is taken, so access to advice and options is normal practice within health and social care pathways.

Key achievements

- Received a combined **£238,900** for the LAEP and Amber Valley Borough Council, from the Department of Energy and Climate Change's (DECC) recently announced **Fuel Poverty and Health Booster Fund**.
- Nationally nine existing ‘warmth on prescription’ projects were awarded funding from a total fund of £1m, to increase the number of households they planned to assist. For Derbyshire to have two successful bids is a real success.
- Commenced work on the pilot phase of the DCC Public Health funded Healthy Home project which is delivered by the LAEP in Matlock and Bakewell generating 20 referrals to date.
- Received £40,000 from the National Grid to establish a hardship fund

associated with the Healthy Home project.

Child Poverty

Derbyshire County Council leads work on child poverty working with partners through the Children's Trust.

To support the priority of improving the life chances of children in poverty, the key aims of this theme are to:

- Support parents and carers to give their children the best possible start in life
- Improve children's readiness for school and early years outcomes
- Close the gap in outcomes for the most vulnerable children and children in care
- Raise the aspirations of young people and their families
- Ensure that children and young people have the skills they need for life and work

Key achievements

- Joint funded with Public Health a £180,000 school breakfast club pilot, with 24 breakfast clubs established benefitting 1,055 children.
- Increased the number of children and young people receiving early years funding.
- Provided support in Children's Centres to help people access their entitlements and to manage other social issues such as debt.
- Delivered training events on benefit issues to CAB's and other voluntary sector advice agencies, including on Universal Credit.
- Established the Local Offer website which provides a wide range of information relevant to young people 0-25 with special education needs and their families, including advice and support on preparing for and entering adulthood.
- Established the Chesterfield & North East Derbyshire Credit Union Junior Saver Scheme.

Employment and Skills

The Derbyshire Economic Strategy Statement supports the employment and skills agenda, its key aim being to ensure that Derbyshire residents of all ages have the skills required to access good quality employment opportunities.

A key focus of work over the last six months has been driving improvements in the skills and employment opportunities that are available for young people.

The Young People into Employment Board will champion improvements in the provision of employment and skills services and will act as a focus for their co-ordination and development both

Key achievements

- Established the Young People into Employment Board to improve the way DCC works to improve employment outcomes for all young people, including disabled people.
- Developed a Youth Employment Strategy which will be in place from June 2015 onwards.
- Commenced work to establish a dedicated employment and skills functions within the County Council.
- Supported the design of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's ESF Programme.
- Supported children in care who are identified as work ready, four of which

across the Council and with external partners, within the context of the emerging D2 Combined Authority.

- are currently employed within an apprenticeship role within the Council.
- Established the 'Ambition' scheme in Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales and North East Derbyshire with the aim of supporting 157 young people who are claiming Job Seekers Allowance, or are identified as being at risk of becoming long term unemployed, into work.
- Established the 'Talent Match' scheme in Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales and North East Derbyshire to deliver creative ways to help 'hard to reach' NEET young people aged 18-24 who have been out of work or training for over 12 months to become job ready, find work or start their own enterprises.

Cross Cutting Achievements

The Derbyshire Anti-Poverty Strategy identifies five cross cutting priorities to address recognise gaps as follows:

- Developing strong and effective leadership to reduce and mitigate the impact of poverty in Derbyshire
- Developing and promoting a shared understanding of poverty
- Maximising household income
- Developing a coordinated and sustainable approach to tackling food poverty
- Tackling poverty and inequalities, building resilience and capacity

Key achievements

- Seen an increase in the number of Derbyshire local authorities who have introduced the living wage
- Provided emergency financial support through the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund to local people experiencing a financial crisis and successfully campaigned for continued funding for 2015/16.
- Provided additional funding to local Credit Unions to offer residents cheap, low cost loans.
- Supported the provision of debt advice in 98 Derbyshire GP surgeries and all Children's Centres.
- Developed a partnership with Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) and local advice agencies, to receive complex casework and appeal referrals.
- Provided £126,000 to support food banks and created food collections points in libraries across the county
- Launched the Heart of Derbyshire campaign to increase the range of healthy options and healthy food available to people in Derbyshire.
- Developed a dedicated resource on

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	the Derbyshire Observatory to share research and information and created a Derbyshire Poverty profile.
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Theme	Key Tasks and Actions	Priority	Timescale	Resources	Responsibility
Develop strong and effective leadership which seeks to reduce and mitigate the impact of poverty in Derbyshire					
Ensure that there is a clear vision and strategic direction for reducing poverty in Derbyshire	Develop an anti-poverty strategy for Derbyshire with partner agencies	High	Completed	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Appoint an Anti-Poverty Champion for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum (DPF)	High	By June 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire Partnership Forum
	Establish and develop a multi-agency DPF Sub Group to lead work on anti-poverty for Derbyshire	High	Completed	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
	Ensure that lines of communication and reporting through the partnership are developed and maintained	High	On-going	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire LAEP
	Encourage the appointment of anti-poverty leads/ Champions in partner organisations	Medium	June 2015	Officer and Elected Member time	All partner agencies
Use the collective weight of partner organisations to promote good practice and to lobby and campaign on key poverty issues for Derbyshire	Work with partners to identify a priority list of key poverty issues of importance to Derbyshire communities on which to lobby and campaign	High	By September 2015	Officer and Elected Member time	All partner agencies Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Develop briefing materials on key poverty issues to facilitate sharing of information across partner agencies and amongst key influencers	Medium	June 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Work in alliance with other councils, community and pressure groups and directly lobby central government and Derbyshire MPs on key poverty issues	Medium	On-going	Officer and Elected Member time	All partner agencies
	Lobby to ensure continuation of the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund	High	Completed March 2015	Officer and Elected Member time	Derbyshire County Council All partner organisations
	Monitor progress and share success stories/case studies highlighting good practice with relevant local, regional and national agencies, Derbyshire MPs etc.	Low	Quarterly	Officer time	All partner agencies Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
Ensure that the reduction of poverty is mainstreamed into	Ensure that the reduction of poverty is included as a priority in key partnership and organisational strategies and plans	High	On-going	Officer time	All partner agencies

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strategies, plans and broader service developments	Encourage all partners to develop their own anti-poverty action plans setting out their contribution to the reduction of poverty locally	High	On-going	Officer time	All partner agencies
Identify external funding streams to support poverty reduction and maximise the amount of funding into the county	Establish links with the D2N2 LEP Social inclusion Advisory Group, ensuring Derbyshire's interests are represented	High	Completed and on-going	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
	Feed into the consultation exercise on the D2N2 European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) strategy implementation plan	High	Completed and on-going	Officer time	All partner agencies Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
	Work with partners to identify projects and activities which are eligible for ESF funding support	Medium	April 2015 – March 2016	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Identify alternative funding streams to support poverty reduction initiatives	Medium	Initial trawl by June 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
Learn from and share good practice with agencies and experts from areas with similar problems	Undertake desk top research to identify other areas prioritising the reduction of poverty in their plans	Medium	Part of progress report to DPF – June 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Arrange visits to localities with established Fairness Commissions and collect and share evidence of what works with organisations within the county	Medium	September 2015	Officer and Elected Member time	Anti-Poverty Working Group DCC Public Health
	Identify areas of good practice applicable to Derbyshire and disseminate across the partnership	Medium	On-going	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
Develop and promote a shared understanding of poverty and inequality in Derbyshire					
Establish and maintain a shared poverty baseline and develop effective mechanisms for monitoring progress in Derbyshire	Collect local and national data and intelligence on a range of poverty themes/issues	High	Completed	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research All partner agencies
	Develop a poverty baseline for Derbyshire to support planning and strategy development	High	Completed	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research
	Establish mechanisms to monitor progress	Medium	September 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research North East Derbyshire District Council
	Review and refresh baseline on an annual basis	Medium	September – March annually	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
	Ensure that any gap analysis continues to feed into the on-going development of the anti-poverty action plan.	Medium	On-going	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Provide a mechanism for publishing and sharing baseline information on the Derbyshire Observatory	Medium	Completed	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research

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Further develop the partnership's understanding of poverty and the impact this has on communities in Derbyshire	Develop briefing packs and template presentation materials for partners to disseminate key information within their organisations	Medium	By June 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research All partner agencies
	Undertake presentations and briefings to key stakeholders including Elected Members, managers, frontline staff, voluntary and community sector etc	Medium	On-going	Officer and Elected Member time	All partner agencies
Increase awareness of the wide range of activities to support the reduction of poverty that are already taking place in Derbyshire	Map activity taking place within partner organisations and across Derbyshire	Medium	Completed Review September 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Develop a database to capture partner organisation activity	High	September 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research
	Develop and publish a DPF anti-poverty newsletter to share information and promote good practice	Medium	June 2015	To be fully costed	DCC Policy and Research Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Publish information on the Derbyshire Partnership Forum website	Medium	June 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research
Undertake additional research into housing and poverty identifying potential challenges and gaps in current activity	Work with housing authorities, social housing providers and the voluntary and community sector to identify issues and challenges relating to housing and poverty in Derbyshire	Medium	By June 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Undertake an assessment on homelessness in Derbyshire and monitor changes in current position	Medium	September 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Update poverty baseline where appropriate to ensure housing and homeless and covered	Medium	September 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research
	Assess potential gaps in current provision and identify appropriate actions to be included in strategy/action plan	Medium	September 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
Maximise household income					
Encourage partner organisations and other key employers to pay the Living Wage	Undertake a survey to establish which partner organisations are currently paying the Living Wage	Medium	By September 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
	Work with CVSs and the Chamber of Commerce to identify other private and voluntary organisations participating	Medium	September 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
	Develop and maintain a database of public, private and voluntary sector organisations in Derbyshire	Low	On-going	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
	Develop a series of case studies which highlight the business case and organisation experiences of paying the Living Wage	Medium	June 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research Anti-Poverty Working Group

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	Publicise and promote the benefits widely to encourage participation amongst other Derbyshire organisations/ businesses	Medium	On-going	Officer and Elected Member time	All partner agencies
Work with the Derbyshire Economic Partnership to ensure that disadvantaged communities/those living in poverty experience the benefits of economic growth	Develop and maintain links between partnerships and encourage DEP attendance/representation on the Anti-Poverty Working Group as necessary	High	Completed	Officer and Elected Member time	Derbyshire County Council
	Develop a briefing paper and presentation on poverty issues for a future meeting of the Economic Partnership	High	May 2015	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Ensure regular reports on progress on anti-poverty issues are fed into the work of the Economic Partnership	Medium	Quarterly	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Explore opportunities for further joint working	Medium	On-going	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
Ensure that partnership activities and strategies for growth reflect and have realistic plans in place to address growing levels of poverty in the county	Contribute to relevant consultation exercises ensuring poverty issues are fully reflected in economic strategy and plan development	Medium	As appropriate	Officer and Elected Member time	All partner agencies
	Identify opportunities to link work into the new and emerging Combined Authority for Derbyshire	High	By June 2015	Officer and Elected Member time	County Council/District and Borough Councils
	Ensure the Derbyshire Local Economic Assessment fully reflects poverty issues in the county	Low	Next review of the LEA	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
Develop a coordinated and cross agency programme of activity aimed at maximising the amount of income Derbyshire residents can access through the benefits system	Establish a small time limited task group comprising representatives from local authorities, CABs, Law Centre, Unemployed Workers Centre etc to take work forward	High	Completed	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Develop joint timetabled programme of activity, including road-shows, pop up shops etc across the county to maximisation of income/benefits	High	By June 2015	To be fully costed	Income Maximisation Sub-Group
	Develop a communications plan to promote programme	Medium	By September 2015	To be fully costed	TBC
	Identify realistic targets/metrics to measure success	High	By September 2015	Officer time	Income Maximisation Sub-Group
Promote credit unions, working harder to increase membership across Derbyshire particularly amongst employees	Work with existing credit unions to develop consistent, concise and clear information materials for dissemination across the partnership	Medium	Completed	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Ensure that information on credit unions is available within partner agencies and promotional information is included on partner websites	Medium	By June 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group

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	Publicise credit unions to employees using staff networks, newsletters and payslips etc	Medium	Ongoing	Officer time	All partner organisations
	Explore opportunities for staff to make contributions to credit unions through existing payroll - share good practice from organisations already participating	Low	By September 2015	Officer time	All partner organisations
Develop a coordinated and sustainable approach to tackling food poverty across the county					
Work with the growing number of food banks across Derbyshire, coordinating effort and support and targeting those areas in greatest need	Develop links and relationships with the twenty-two food banks operating in Derbyshire	High	Completed	Officer time	DCC Public Health
	Support the food bank network, identifying opportunities to share good practice, resources etc	High	On-going	Officer time	DCC Public Health Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
	Work with partner agencies to identify food collection points in the county particularly within partner agencies	Medium	On-going	Officer time	DCC Public Health Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
	Gather local intelligence, identifying gaps in current delivery and work with existing food banks to establish provision in areas where there is need	Medium	On-going	Officer time	DCC Public Health
Explore opportunities for other sustainable solutions to address food poverty such as social enterprise models that bulk buy or avoid food waste	Undertake desk top research on alternative sustainable solutions in place at a national and international level	Medium	Completed	Officer time	DCC Policy and Research
	Arrange visits to other areas within the UK operating sustainable models to establish how these work in practice	Medium	Ongoing	Officer and Elected Member time	DCC Public Health
	Identify a range of options for Derbyshire and report back to the DPF at a future meeting of the partnership	Medium	By June 2015	Officer time	DCC Public Health Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
Monitor trends and the use of food banks so that partners have accurate data	Work with existing food banks to develop effective mechanisms for collecting user data	High	By December 2014	Officer time	DCC Public Health
	Undertake analysis of data and ensure the findings are disseminated across the partnership to support lobbying/future decision making	Medium	Quarterly	Officer time	DCC Public Health
Visibly work to tackle inequalities, building resilience and capacity to support people to help themselves					
Use existing data and customer segmentation tools to identify the most vulnerable communities and	Work with district/borough councils to collect local up to date information to populate model for example credit union membership, food bank users etc	Medium	Ongoing	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
	Use customer segmentation tool to identify communities and cluster groups in greatest need of support	Medium	By September 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council

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groups requiring support	Disseminate information across partnership to support action planning and decision making at a locality level	Medium	By December 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
Develop a targeted programme of support based upon Gamesley Health and Wellbeing Outreach project	Use customer segmentation model to identify priority list of geographical communities to focus support	Medium	By September 2015	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Develop and promote timetabled programme and undertake coordinated outreach support	Medium	By September 2015	To be fully costed	DCC Public Health Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
Work with partners to ensure that those who are digitally excluded are able to access online services	Monitor issues in relation to digital exclusion and assess whether welfare reforms are impacting upon the take up of existing services	Medium	By September 2015	Officer time	All partner agencies
	Promote online services and support available in local libraries and other local venues	Medium	On-going	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council All partner agencies
	Feed in information and evidence of poverty issues to the development of digital plans and strategies	Low	As appropriate	Officer time	All partner agencies
Work with individuals and families in local communities to identify factors which are preventing people from helping themselves	Share learning from the Thriving Families initiative about ways in which harder to reach families and communities can be engaged and involved	Medium	On-going	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council
	Disseminate findings from ethnographies undertaken in four communities – Cotmanhay, Gamesley, Danesmoor and Shirebrook - across Derbyshire	Medium	June 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council Partners involved in locality pilots
	Identify mechanisms to engage with families and local communities, ensuring capacity and resilience are a feature of engagement processes	Medium	December 2015	Officer time	All partner agencies Derbyshire Consultation and Engagement Group
	Explore opportunities for local Elected Members to be actively involved in their role as community leaders	Medium	December 2015	Officer and Elected Member time	Derbyshire County Council and District/Borough Councils
	Identify gaps in current delivery and explore ways in which these can be addressed across the partnership	Medium	December 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire Consultation and Engagement Group
	Ensure feedback from communities is disseminated and shared across partner agencies	Medium	On-going	Officer time	All partner agencies
Explore with communities what additional activities can be undertaken to develop local capacity	Pull together a briefing paper for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum on factors and make recommendations for future working	Medium	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Explore opportunities to establish a Derbyshire Volunteer Network	Medium	TBC	TBC	TBC
Commence work on the	Establish a small time limited sub group to pull together	Low	September 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council

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identification of community assets across Derbyshire	existing work				
	Develop a methodology/database for collecting information on community assets	Low	December 2015	Officer time	Derbyshire County Council and relevant partner agencies
	Work with partner agencies, particularly voluntary and community sector organisations to identify community assets	Low	By March 2016	Officer time	All partner agencies

Financial Inclusion - to take action and give advice to make sure that Derbyshire people have enough to live on

Improve access to financial products by increasing participation in credit unions	Promote the need for and delivering financial capability training across the county	High	Ongoing	Officer time Funded through BLF	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
	Explore the potential to develop volunteer money mentors and budget buddies	High	Ongoing	Officer time Funded through Santander	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire
Improve financial capability and numeracy skills through training and education	Build on financial capability in schools by delivering money management training	Medium	September 2015	Officer time	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire DCC Children and Younger Adults
Improve financial resilience by helping people maximise their income, promoting a saving and insurance culture and by providing access to good quality advice	Promote supportive services including credit unions and access to personal bank accounts	High	Ongoing	Officer time	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire Credit Unions DCC Public Health
	Look at the collective purchasing of home insurance	Low	April 2016	Officer time	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire RSLs
	Undertake a range of campaigns on issues such as Welfare Reform, Money Lenders, Pensions and the Living Wage	High	Ongoing	Officer time Promotional resources Event Costs	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire Social Policy Group
	Highlight the impact of new Welfare Reforms on local communities	High	Ongoing	Officer Time Conference costs	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire DCC Welfare Rights

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	Ensure the continuation of the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund beyond 2015	High	April 2016	Officer time	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire DCC Welfare Rights
Affordable warmth and fuel poverty - local authorities and partners tackling fuel poverty and affordable warmth in a consistent and strategic manner					
Development and implementation of a county-wide strategy to systematically identify and refer vulnerable households should be prioritised, co-ordinated through a suitable forum such as the LAEP or the Derbyshire Housing and Health Strategy Group (DPH R3)	Prioritise implementation of the Derbyshire County Council affordable warmth programme to identify individuals with poor health at increased risk of winter mortality and ensure that their staff are aware that the programme has been identified as a strategic priority. (DPH R4)	High	Review in Sept 15	Officer time	Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Local Authority Energy Partnership
	Identify and targeting support to residents whose health is at risk from cold related illnesses	Medium	Review in Sept 15	Officer time	Local Authority Energy Partnership
	Deliver the Derbyshire Healthy Homes Project	High	End of August 2016	Officer time	Local Authority Energy Partnership
	Work across the partnership to ensure that opportunities are maximised to encourage those most in need to seek energy efficiency advice	Medium	Review in Sept 15	Officer time	Anti-Poverty Working Group Derbyshire Partnership Forum Local District based forums
	Optimise the use of data to be able to increase the success of targeted interventions at those that need assistance the most	Medium	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time LAEP funds from partners to secure data and management	Local Authority Energy Partnership GP Practices Individual Local Authorities
Partner agencies across Derbyshire, using LAEP as a coordinating forum should mitigate the reduction in financial resources available from central government for affordable warmth schemes, by working cooperatively to maximise access to	Secure investment for measures for fuel poor households and those whose health conditions put them at greater risk.	High	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time Match Funding where possible	Local Authority Energy Partnership Individual Local Authorities
	Develop relationships with obligated energy suppliers and others to secure ECO investment into the county	Low	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time Financial input to match would increase likelihood of success	Local Authority Energy Partnership Individual Local Authorities
	Support the Local Authority Energy Partnership to maximise funding that can be attracted to support low income households for fuel poverty investment.	High	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Derbyshire Partnership Forum Individual Local Authorities

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affordable warmth schemes, grants, incentives and opportunities (DPH R1)	Seek capital investment for larger scale solid wall insulation schemes or similar measures thereby supporting both employment and regeneration in areas of need	Low	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Local Authority Energy Partnership D2N2 (Combined Authority)
Encourage households to take up measures to increase their access to affordable warmth	Support the promotion of Big Deals and other collective fuel switching and oil buying schemes	Low	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Support residents in accessing and taking advantage of the best energy tariffs	Medium	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire Anti-Poverty Working Group
	Encourage vulnerable people to take advantage of the register of fuel providers and other forms of subsidy	Low	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Financial Advice and Action Derbyshire Anti-Poverty Working Group
Raise awareness of the impact of fuel poverty and the solutions that are available	Work with partners to increase awareness of the importance of housing conditions through the use of the "Happy in Your Home" DVD and other similar mechanisms	Medium	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Derbyshire Partnership Forum Anti-Poverty Working Group Individual Local Authorities
	Work across the partnership to increase the access to housing advice and housing options	Medium	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Derbyshire Partnership Forum
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire LAEP, and other local organisations representing those most in need, should advocate to the Department of Energy and Climate Change on the impact of the changes in government policy and subsequent impact on the housing condition and health of vulnerable households. (DPH R2)	Work with partners to lobby Government Departments to show greater priority to the fuel poor and ensure that policies increase the likelihood of investment doing the most good.	Medium	Review in Sept 15	Officer Time	Local Authority Energy Partnership Health and Wellbeing Board Clinical Commissioning Groups