

## Stage 2 Evidence Gathering and Consultation

<b>A. Title of Proposal:</b>	Local Child Poverty Progress Report 2022/23 and Local Child Poverty Report and Action Plan 2023/24
<b>B. Service Area: Department:</b>	Resilient Communities
<b>C. Lead Officer: (Name and job title)</b>	Janice Robertson, Strategic Planning & Policy Manager
<b>D. Other Officers/Partners involved: (List names, job titles and organisations)</b>	Multiple – these are cross-partnership Reports incorporating partners from Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders and the third sector. These can be made available upon request
<b>E. Date(s) IIA completed:</b>	March 23 April 23 May 23

## Section 1 Data and Information

### A. What evidence has been used to inform this proposal?

(Information can include, for example, surveys, databases, focus groups, in-depth interviews, pilot projects, reviews of complaints made, user feedback, academic publications and consultants' reports).

Information from Agencies and partners

National Statistics

Local Data and Statistics

Lived Experience information via case studies and feedback

Case Studies

Publications

Action Plans and Progress Reports

Other key plans and strategies

**B. Describe any gaps in the available evidence, then record this within the improvement plan together with all of the actions you are taking in relation to this** (e.g. new research, further analysis, and when this is planned)

The Child Poverty Action Group will identify key collaborative priorities throughout the year.

Work to consolidate partner actions to align more closely with Child Poverty drivers continues.

These actions will help to highlight any gaps in our approach to Child Poverty.

## Section 2 Consultation and Involvement

**A. Which groups are involved in this process and describe their involvement**

Various multi-agency partners are involved in the process. Any consultations undertaken by partners inform the content of the report.

The review of Action Plan and Progress Report will be ongoing and all groups and agencies will be involved in this.

**B. Describe any planned involvement saying when this will take place and who is responsible for managing the process**

Planning is underway to hold a multi-agency partner workshop in 2023-24 to encourage collaborative partnership working and positive outcomes in reducing Child Poverty. The Child Poverty Action Group (a multi-agency working group) will be responsible for managing the process.

**C. Describe the results of any involvement and how you have taken this into account.**

All involvement is recorded in the Action Plan and Progress Report.

**D. Describe any events held and views obtained (if applicable). Add or remove as needed.**

n/a

## Stage 3 Summary and Next Steps

### Section 1 Summary

**Summarise what you have learned then develop this further.**

(Describe the conclusion(s) you have reached from the evidence, and state where the information can be found.)

**Please consider the following:**

**What have you learned from the evidence you have and the involvement undertaken? Does the initial assessment remain valid?**

**What new (if any) impacts have become evident?**

**Is the proposal not to proceed because of a disproportionate impact on equality or Fairer Scotland characteristics?**

Evidence has been gathered and input provided partners to inform the report. This process will be re-examined as part of the data observatory aim below.

Data and statistics have been specifically gathered for this report. In future, the aim is to address this by developing a data observatory (or equivalent) to store data and statistics when available. The Council's strategic assessment is an example of this.

Cost of living has impacted Child Poverty and actions are set out in the plan to address this.

The Child Poverty report meets Fairer Scotland considerations and has a positive impact on this as well as the Equality Act.

The initial assessment remains valid because child poverty is a prominent issue within the Scottish Borders. The 6 high risk groups identified in the national delivery plan Best Start Bright Futures are considered in the plan and align closely with the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act.

#### **A. Please indicate if the proposal will proceed**

Yes, please see below section 3 for next steps

- No, the proposal will not proceed based on disproportionate impact on equality or Fairer Scotland characteristics

## Section 2 Sign Off

<b>Signed by Lead Officer:</b>	Janice Robertson
<b>Designation:</b>	Strategic Planning and Policy Manager
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Counter Signature Director:</b>	Jenni Craig Director – Resilient Communities
<b>Date:</b>	

## Section 3 Monitoring and Review (complete if relevant, remove if not)

**B. State how the implementation and impact of the proposal will be monitored, including implementation of any amendments? For example what type of monitoring will there be? How frequent?**

Annual Reports will be prepared and reported to Community Planning Partnership

Child Poverty Action Group will monitor the implementation of the Action Plan

**C. What are the practical arrangements for monitoring? For example who will put this in place? When will it start?**

Child Poverty Action Group meeting – quarterly

**D. When is the proposal due for review?**

Statutory publication in June

**E. Who is responsible for ensuring that this happens?**

Child Poverty Action Group and the Community Planning Partnership

**F. Please indicate if you have developed an Action Plan to take forward any remaining actions**

- Yes, please see attached on final page  
 No, no further actions required