

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Executive
Date: 25 July 2022
Report for: Approval
Report of: Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Strategic Partnerships

Report Title

Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25 and Trafford VCFSE Strategy 2022-27

Summary

To provide a summary of the work completed to date to develop the Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25 and Trafford VCFSE Strategy 2022-27.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Executive acknowledge the work completed to date and approve the Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25 and Trafford VCFSE Strategy 2022-27 for publication.

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Implications:

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	The Poverty Strategy and VCFSE Strategy support the delivery of the Corporate Plan and Strategic Priorities.
Relationship to GM Policy or Strategy Framework	The Poverty Strategy and VCFSE Strategy is aligned to the GM policy and strategy.
Financial	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report
Legal Implications:	Outlined in the body of the report
Equality/Diversity Implications	The aim of the Strategies is to meet our equalities duty
Sustainability Implications	There is nothing in the report that would undermine our sustainability plans
Carbon Reduction	The Poverty Strategy and VCFSE Strategy aim to improve life opportunities which can assist in supporting carbon reduction
Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets	No direct impact
Risk Management Implications	No direct impact
Health & Wellbeing Implications	Health and wellbeing will be improved through the implementation of this Strategy and Action Plan through improved access to services and opportunities.
Health and Safety Implications	No direct impact

1. CURRENT POSITION

- 1.1 The Strategic Partnerships and Policy Team have been working in partnership on the development of a Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25, building on the one year strategy that currently exists, and a Trafford VCFSE Strategy. These strategies have been co-produced with public services, VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) organisations across the borough and council teams.
- 1.2 Both strategies have been approved by the partners involved in development and have been presented at relevant boards and strategic partnerships for endorsement.

2. TRAFFORD POVERTY STRATEGY 2022-25

- 2.1 In December 2020, Trafford Council's one year Poverty Strategy for 2021/22 was published to identify short term actions to alleviate poverty in the borough whilst a longer-term partnership strategy was developed.
- 2.2 This longer-term Poverty Strategy for 2022-25 has been developed through the Trafford Poverty Action Group and the facilitation of several partnership workshops since December 2021; these workshops have engaged over 25 different partner organisations from across Trafford.

- 2.3 The strategy is focused around five themes with the aim of tackling the causes of poverty and raising people out of poverty. The workshops identified actions under each of these themes which can be delivered in partnership over the next three years.
- 2.4 The strategy recognises and complements the existing strategies and programmes of work across Trafford and Greater Manchester and is key to the delivery of the strategic priority 'Supporting People out of Poverty' in Trafford Council's Corporate Plan.
- 2.5 Trafford's Poverty Truth Commission was launched in May 2022, in which people with lived experience of poverty are building relationships with those in positions of influence, working together to create meaningful solutions and change.
- 2.6 Trafford Poverty Truth Commission will conclude in March 2023 and a recommendation report published. The Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25 will therefore be reviewed in summer 2023 to incorporate these recommendations.
- 2.7 The delivery and evaluation of the Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25 will be overseen by the Trafford Poverty Action Group.

3. TRAFFORD VCFSE STRATEGY 2022-27

- 3.1 The importance of Trafford's VCFSE sector has become more evident in recent years where the sector has shown great leadership, working in partnership and stepping up quickly to respond to the needs of vulnerable people in our borough.
- 3.2 The strategy has been developed through a collaboration between Trafford Council, Trafford Housing Trust, Thrive Trafford and Trafford Community Collective, and as a work stream of the Living Well in my Community Strategic Group.
- 3.3 The strategy sets out aims and outcomes to develop a thriving and sustainable VCFSE sector in Trafford over the next five years.
- 3.4 Public services and VCFSE organisations across the borough have contributed to the content and development of this strategy to ensure their commitment to strengthening our VCFSE sector in Trafford.
- 3.5 The strategy is aligned with the GM VCSE Accord and a thriving and sustainable VCFSE sector will enable us to achieve the outcomes of the Trafford Corporate Plan.
- 3.6 The delivery and evaluation of the Trafford VCFSE Strategy 2022-27 will be overseen by the Living Well in my Community Strategic Group, and an action plan will be developed detailing commitments from partners.

4. OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 The only other alternative is to do nothing and not adopt a long-term Poverty Strategy or a VCFSE Strategy. However, it is important that the Council's aims and objectives to tackle poverty across the borough are delivered and that the VCFSE sector is strengthened to support the Council's delivery of the corporate plan and strategic priorities.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 At this stage no consultation has been undertaken or is required in respect of the Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25 or Trafford VCFSE Strategy 2022-27.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Executive approve both the Trafford Poverty Strategy 2022-25 and Trafford VCFSE Strategy 2022-27 for publication to establish the Council's strategic priority to address poverty and to strengthen the VCFSE sector across the borough.

Key Decision: Yes

If Key Decision, has 28-day notice been given? No – Chair of Scrutiny notified

Finance Officer Clearance GB

Legal Officer Clearance DS

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE & CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: Sara Saleh

To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered and the Executive Member has cleared the report.

