



## Notes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

- **Introductions:**

- Gerry Quinn provided an update on personnel changes within the PLP:
  - Sandra McDermott, Head of Financial Inclusion and Improving the Cancer Journey has retired and John Sherry has taken over Sandra's team.
  - Rosie Illet has left the post of Child Poverty Co-ordinator with CPAG has left to be replaced by Anna Baillie.
- Co-chair Innocent Jakisa opened the meeting and introduced the new co-chair representing the council, Councillor Richard Bell the City Treasurer who replaces Councillor Allan Gow.
- Councillor Bell gave his commitment to tackling poverty for our citizens. He asked that issues are raised with him to consider and looked forward to working closely with all the PLP partners.

- **Update on Child Poverty report:**

- Gena Howe GCC Child Poverty Manager gave a brief overview of some of the content of the Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) for 2019/20 and the potential timescales for issuing it.
- Gena was asked a number of questions which she responded to:
  - One in particular from Brian Scott GDA, was about families where a member had a disability. Gena advised of the work that was underway already and Brian offered to work with Gena on any disability related work on the future.
  - Twimkuye Mushaka from the Poverty Alliance enquired about the involvement of families from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds in the production of the LCPAR. Gena provided a couple of examples of work and re-iterated that BME families a priority group across GCC, NHCGGC & HSCP.
- Gena will share the LCPAR when ready to be published and would welcome support from the PLP to review

- **Hilda Campbell from COPE** presented the issues she and her organisation have faced due to Covid-19



PLP day in the  
life.pptx

Feedback from PLP members was really positive, as the detrimental impact of COVID 19 on people's mental health resonated across the group; Hilda offered the ['Whit's Happening?'](#) newsletter as a potential vehicle for the PLP to raise awareness of its work.

- **Update from David Ramsay from Homelessness Network Scotland – Prevent Homelessness Project**



Staying In workshop  
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Again, really positive re David's presentation and an exciting project which the PLP can support.

- Community Activist Panel members in attendance spoke about the prevalence of poverty in news across the world, including garment workers in India. It was stressed that we all have a part to play in tackling low pay and poverty. David Ramsey acknowledged that CAP members have an important role in informing the direction of the PLP with their insight and ideas.
- Gerry asked partners for ideas on how we take the PLP forward and continue to make it relevant, taking into account the current issues with group meetings, lack of community face to face meetings, funding and resource issues and increase in poverty issues. **Closing date 25<sup>th</sup> January.**
- Date of next meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021