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## Children & Young People's Plan Reducing Poverty



TBA: Accountable Officer  
TBA : lead officer  
Activity Plan 2009- 2010

### **Why is this important?**

The effect of child poverty on all outcomes is well researched and documented; particularly in relation to safeguarding issues. Steps to address it are already in hand in a variety of ways but there is no one recognised strategy for Devon. The frequency of child poverty occurring is likely to increase due to the recession.

In addition the recent Child Poverty Bill sets out four poverty targets (relative low income, material deprivation, absolute poverty and persistent poverty) that are targets for 2020. The Bill will place duties on local authorities and their partners to:

- work together to reduce, and mitigate the effects of, child poverty;
- produce a needs assessment setting out the characteristics of which children and families are in poverty in the local area;
- prepare a joint child poverty strategy based on the needs assessment setting out the steps that each partner will take;
- have regard to tackling child poverty in the production and revision of their Sustainable Communities Strategy

As a focused piece of work this is at a very early stage and the duties above will operate initially as our objectives. It seems appropriate that the Children's Trust should take the lead role but ensure that the strength of the Devon Strategic Partnership is engaged to ensure input and ownership beyond the Children's Trust.

### **Area of Activity 1:**

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## *Develop needs assessment with poverty focus*

| <b>Specific Tasks</b>  | <b>Resource</b>                            | <b>Lead Officer</b> | <b>Milestones</b>  |
|--|--|---------------------|--|
| <i>Review current needs assessment and develop detail from a child poverty perspective</i> | <i>Performance and Data Analysis Group</i> | <i>To be agreed</i> | <i>Presentation and themed discussion of Partnership Council November 2009</i> |

## **Area of Activity 2:**

### *Scope what is currently happening, what could happen and who should be engaged*

| <b>Specific Tasks</b>  | <b>Resource</b>          | <b>Lead Officer</b> | <b>Milestones</b>                           |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---|
| <i>Task and finish group established to report to Partnership Council as above with recommendations for further action and development of this plan. Group to include representatives across the partnership plus Economy, Environment and Culture Directorate of DCC, South West Pound and other interested organisations</i> | <i>All partners time</i> | <i>To be agreed</i> | <i>Partnership Council meeting November</i> |

## **Area of Activity 3:**

### *Build on the good practice of the benefits take-up campaign for families with additional needs*

| <b>Specific Tasks</b>   | <b>Resource</b>            | <b>Lead Officer</b> | <b>Milestones</b>   |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| <i>Mainstream current work and widen work for next priority group based on the needs assessment</i> | <i>LPSA2 reward monies</i> | <i>Ian Hobbs</i>    | <i>Proposals to November meeting of Partnership Council</i> |
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## **Risk Management**

Identify the risks associated with achieving the objectives. Describe how the risks are to be managed and monitored under Business Continuity Intentions column. Calculate the likelihood and potential impact (Risk score) where 1 is unlikely to occur or low impact if it does occur and 5 is expected to occur and catastrophic if it does occur. Complete the risk table below as example. Only register here if risk over 15

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Example: Likelihood 4 x Impact 5 = 20

| Identified Risk  | Business Continuity Intentions or measures to address risk identified          | Risk score |
|--|--|------------|
| <i>Duplication of work/confusion with LAA plans</i>                  | <i>Engage LAA co-ordinators and Devon Strategic Partnership at early stage</i> | 9          |
| <i>Scale of task and reduction in resources limits achievability</i> | <i>Ensure plans are streamlined and practical</i>                              | 16         |
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## Performance Management

Identify the performance measures associated with achieving the objectives These can be inputs, outputs and outcome measures. All local measures described will need to be set up in SPAR.net. A template is available if measures are not currently reported through SPAR.net, (contact [julie.mitchell@devon.gov.uk](mailto:julie.mitchell@devon.gov.uk)).

| National/<br>Local | Performance Measures/ indicators      | Target 2009/10 (if appropriate) | Responsible Officer |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
|                    | <i>Tba following needs assessment</i> |                                 |                     |
|                    |                                       |                                 |                     |
|                    |                                       |                                 |                     |

## Final checklist:

Have you addressed all **green issues** related to the delivery of these actions?

Have you identified how the **voices of children and young people** will be heard and how this will impact on improved delivery?

Have you identified and planned for **equality and diversity** implications arising from your proposed activities?