

Fair for All Advisory Panel



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Fair for All Advisory Panel** on **Wednesday 11 March 2020** from **1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.** in the **Garnock Committee Room, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.**

BUSINESS

1.30 – 1.35	1.	-	Welcome and Apologies <i>Councillor Joe Cullinane, Leader of the Council</i>
1.35 – 1.40	2.	Pg 2	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 28 August 2019 <i>Councillor Joe Cullinane, Leader of the Council.</i>
1.40 – 2.00	3.	Verbal	Get Heard <i>Receive update from Neil Cowan, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Poverty Alliance.</i>
2.00 – 2.20	4.	Verbal	Carnegie Trust UK <i>Receive update from Jennifer Wallace, Head of Policy Carnegie UK Trust.</i>
2.20 – 2.40	5.	Presentation	Kindness <i>Receive presentation from Morna Rae, Senior Manager, Policy, Performance and Community Planning, North Ayrshire Council.</i>
Comfort Break			
2.50 – 3.10	6.	Presentation	Child Poverty Action Plan <i>Receive presentation from Lauren Cameron, Policy Officer (Children's Services), North Ayrshire Council.</i>
3.10 – 3.30	7.	Verbal	Fair For All Commission <i>Receive update from Audrey Sutton, Interim Executive Director (Communities), North Ayrshire Council.</i>
3.30 – 3.50	8.	Verbal	Food Forum <i>Receive update from Audrey Sutton, Interim Executive Director (Communities), North Ayrshire Council.</i>
3.50 – 4.00	9.	-	AOCB
Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27 August 2020 at 1.30 pm			



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At a meeting of the Fair for All Advisory Panel on 28 August 2019, Garnock Committee Room, Cunninghame House, Irvine.

PRESENT

Councillor Joe Cullinane (North Ayrshire Council) **(Chair)**
Councillor Marie Burns (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Louise McPhater (North Ayrshire Council)
Craig Hatton (North Ayrshire Council)
Rhona Arthur (North Ayrshire Council)
Morna Rae (North Ayrshire Council)
Greig Robson (North Ayrshire Council)
John Dickie (Child Poverty Action Group)
Alan McGregor (University of Glasgow)
Jennifer Wallace (Carnegie UK Trust)
Tommy Whitelaw (Dementia Carers Voices)
Pete Seaman (Glasgow Centre for Population and Health)

Jennifer McGee (North Ayrshire Council) (Minutes)

IN ATTENDANCE

David Hornell (North Ayrshire Council) (Item 4 only)
Felicity Shoesmith – North Tyneside Council
Mandi Cresswell – Meadow Well Connected (North Tyneside)
Keith Hardy – VODA (North Tyneside)
David W Bavaird – DWB Incholm (North Tyneside)
Wayne Dobson - Cedarwood Trust (North Tyneside)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Todd Ferguson
Councillor Donald L Reid (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Shaun Macaulay (North Ayrshire Council)
Audrey Sutton (North Ayrshire Council)
Gerry Mclaughlin (NHS Health Scotland)
Chris Chapman (Robert Owen Centre)
Tim Frew (YouthLink Scotland)
Jim McCormick (Joseph Rowntree Foundation)

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cullinane welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.

2. MINUTE/ACTION NOTE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 19 March 2019

The Minute/Action Note of the Meeting of the Fair for All Advisory Panel held on 19 March was confirmed.

3. ALLIANCE SCOTLAND

Tommy Whitelaw provided the Panel with an overview on the work of ALLIANCE Scotland and the project he is involved in, 'You Can Make A Difference'.

ALLIANCE Scotland was formed back in 2006, its vision is for a Scotland where people who are disabled or living with long term conditions and unpaid carers have a strong voice and enjoy their right to live well.

The Project Tommy has been leading on 'You Can Make A Difference' has held improvement sessions with students and health and social care staff in hospitals, care homes, universities and colleges across the UK & Ireland, with 941 talks held to date.

Tommy advised that during this process the Team have engaged with around 170,000 people, collecting 23,000 pledges to date. The pledges encompass practical improvements in the workplace, as well as more personal reflections.

Following on from the improvement sessions overnight rooms and dementia friendly lounges have been created, 'What Matters to You?' boards – which displays patients likes, name preference etc have been put up in wards and patients have been married in hospital. ALLIANCE Scotland plan to produce a legacy report summarising the outcomes from the campaign. Attendees discussed the effectiveness of this work and its impact on individuals their cares and the workforce.

The Panel thanked Tommy for his excellent presentation.

4. CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

John Dickie provided the panel with a presentation on the work of the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland.

John advised the Panel that one in four children in Scotland (260,000) are currently living in poverty and the Institute for Fiscal Studies forecasts an increase of more than 50% in the proportion of children living in poverty in the UK by 2020/21.

Some of the work CPAG are doing at local level to reduce child poverty are:

- **The Early Warning System (EWS)** – this was set up by CPAG to collect and analyse case evidence about how changes in the benefit system are affecting the wellbeing of children, their families and the communities and services that support them. The cases and research are enabling us to develop and share their knowledge on the impact of changes to the benefit system and to identify how policies and services in Scotland can continue to contribute to delivery of better outcomes for children.
- **The Cost of the School Day** – this work is undertaken at school and local authority level to reduce and remove financial costs in schools, reducing financial pressures on families and enabling children to fully participate at school. Some of the assistance provided included:

- **Menu for Change** - This project supports system change at local and national level to ensure families facing income crisis can access cash and rights based support as dignified alternative to foodbanks. CPAG and a number of other partners are currently working in Dundee, East Ayrshire and Fife to support public and third sector services to move away from using emergency food aid as the primary response to food crisis by developing models of intervention that address the underlying causes of food insecurity to prevent repeat crises - ultimately reducing the need for food banks and other emergency food aid.

CPAG also provide second tier welfare rights information, training and casework advice can support local services ensure families get the financial support they are entitled to.

The Panel thanked John for his presentation and how this is very much on the Council's agenda for the work on reducing Child Poverty in North Ayrshire.

5. THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF A NO DEAL BREXIT ON EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS

Professor Alan McGregor provided the Panel with an overview of the potential impacts for North Ayrshire should there be a no deal Brexit.

Professor McGregor highlighted that the likely impacts of a no deal/hard Brexit North Ayrshire would be more exposed on jobs side than on labour supply, particularly taking into account the relatively low employment rates. North Ayrshire are more short of jobs than of labour.

Greig Robson advised Professor McGregor that the Council are already working with business to help minimise any impacts Brexit may impose. There was more detailed discussions on the potential impact in North Ayrshire.

The panel thanked Professor McGregor for his insightful presentation.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Morna highlighted that the Council's joint Child Poverty Action Plan had now been published. Copies were circulated to the Panel for interest.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.