# STOCKPORT COUNCIL

#### REPORT TO CABINET-SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Anti-Poverty Objectives 2024-2027 Report to Cabinet **Date: 12 March 2024** Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture & Sport Key Decision: (b) N Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Mark with a Y if applicable)

## **Summary:**

This report contains the proposed Anti-Poverty objectives for 2024-2027.

The proposed objectives are:

- To ensure a strategic and systematic approach to anti-poverty work is in place which is rooted in the lived experience of people experiencing poverty.
- To maximise the income of residents through access to fairly paid, flexible and good quality work.
- To maximise the income of residents through provision of high quality easy to access advice including on benefit entitlements.
- To provide support to residents in a financial crisis.
- To prevent next-generation poverty by working with children, young people and their families.
- To increase the numbers of people in affordable and stable housing and reduce homelessness.

## Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

The Council's Fair and Inclusive programme is about tackling poverty and inequality. Our vision is that: "Stockport is a great, diverse place to live, where everyone can thrive". Just as our equality, diversity and inclusion priorities are set out in our published Equality Objectives, these proposed Anti-Poverty objectives set out our priorities for tackling poverty. Together, both sets of objectives encapsulate our Fair and Inclusive programme.

To achieve these objectives, a fair and inclusive approach needs to be embedded across the Council and our wider partners: public sector bodies, businesses, voluntary and community organisations and local people working together as One Stockport.

The draft Anti-Poverty Objectives have been reviewed by all Council Senior Management Teams (SMTs), by Corporate Leadership Team (CLT), and by the Cross-Party Fair & Inclusive Working Group. In addition the objectives have been reviewed twice by the Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee on 20 November 2023 and 26 February 2024.

#### Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

To note the contents of the report and approve the proposed Anti-Poverty objectives for 2024-2027.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)

Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)

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'Urgent Business': (g) No

## **Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.