



Subject:	Members' Poverty Workshop
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This paper provides an update on the requested Member poverty workshop and to agree to proceed as outlined in the report.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the update in the report & agree: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. A poverty workshop be arranged in early September 2018ii. JRF be appointed to facilitateiii. The Belfast Youth Forum be invited to present the findings of their poverty report andiv. agree the outline approach for an agenda

3.0	Main report
	Background and context
3.1	Members have a sustained focus on the condition of poverty particularly in light of the Belfast Agenda ambition, 'to leave no one behind'.
3.2	All Members have been invited to an Inclusive Growth workshop on 26 June where poverty is likely to be referenced as part of discussions to define and generate an Inclusive Growth Framework.
3.3	Addressing poverty is a clear priority for Members as demonstrated by several of the most recent Member' Notices of Motion e.g. affordable warmth, welfare reform, tribunal service, sustainable food etc. which aim to mitigate poverty.
3.4	In addition Party Group Leaders recently met the Belfast Youth Forum (April 2018) to discuss their report on Poverty and agreed their research would be shared with all Members.
3.5	<p>It is recommended that a Member poverty workshop is held to provide Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ with an update on poverty in Belfast/NI, ▪ an opportunity to review the previous actions agreed by council, ▪ to discuss and agree next step actions.
3.6	It is expected this work will simultaneously influence the development of the Inclusive Growth Framework.
3.7	<p>Members are asked to approve the workshop likely to be in early September, the proposed approach is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ reengage Joseph Rowntree Foundation to facilitate the workshop; ▪ invite representatives of Belfast Youth Forum to present their findings; ▪ provide support papers for the workshop. ▪ continue through cross-departmental working to align the poverty workshop to the Inclusive Growth agenda and action.
	External environment
3.8	It is for note that this is a Member-only workshop, however it is seen as a stepping stone to addressing poverty in partnership with key external stakeholders in the future.

3.9	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Officers are awaiting confirmation from JRF on the potential costs associated with the workshop to be met within existing departmental budgets. Further resource scoping will be required post workshop.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.10 Equality and good relations considerations will be factored into the development of a programme of work.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None