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Title: Tackling Deprivation within Selby District

Summary:

At the April 2017 meeting of the Policy Review Committee, it was agreed that the Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers would be asked to provide a briefing to councillors in relation to Council policies aimed to support residents in areas of deprivation (Policy Review Committee April 2017 minutes). To follow up on this request, a presentation on the matter raised is to be given at this meeting (January 2018) of the Policy Review Committee.

Recommendations:

- i. To note and consider the content of the presentation; and**
- ii. To:**
 - a. Endorse the strategic approach to improving quality of life across the District outlined in the presentation, which focuses on fostering inclusive growth to improve prospects for all of the District's residents, and supporting our residents and local communities; or**
 - b. Consider undertaking an inquiry to review whether the Council's existing policies adequately address the issues relating to deprivation raised within the presentation in order to form corresponding policy recommendations.**

Reasons for recommendation

To resolve the Committee's request for an update on Council policies aimed to support residents living in areas of high deprivation and enable the Committee to review the effectiveness of these policies.

1. Introduction and background

1.1 Officers have recently looked at data and statistics concerning levels of deprivation within Selby District. It was identified that generally the District is a prosperous area with low levels of deprivation, ranked 241 out of England's 326 Local Authorities by the Index of Multiple Deprivation (where 1 = most deprived and 326 = least deprived). However, it was found that there are two small areas within Selby Town with comparatively high levels of deprivation.

1.2 The two areas of comparatively high levels of deprivation are:

- Selby 005C – an area north of Selby town centre near Charles Street and Flaxley Road which ranks within the 10% of the most deprived areas in England; and
- Selby 005E - an area near Abbots Road estate in the south of Selby Town which ranks within the 20% most deprived areas in England.

2 The Report

2.1 The presentation will provide an overview of deprivation levels within Selby District and the District's particular strengths and challenges, before emphasising the need to take a long-term, whole system approach to these challenges.

2.2 The presentation takes a strategic look at the issues in question and what as a District we can do to achieve the most impact to improve quality of life across the District, outlining our ongoing work (at both a strategic and operational level) to achieve this.

2.3 The presentation is broadly structured into 4 sections:

- An overview of what deprivation is and how it is measured
- Deprivation levels within Selby District
- Ongoing work and priorities to address these and related issues across the District (including partnership working; economic development; health and wellbeing; support for vulnerable residents and communities)
- Selby Big Local's work in the high deprivation areas of Selby Town.

2.4 A representative from Selby Big Local has contributed to the presentation and will also attend Policy Review Committee to provide an update on their ongoing work and future priorities for the high deprivation areas of Selby Town.

3 Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters

Legal Issues

3.4 None as a result of this report.

Financial Issues

3.5 None as a result of this report.

Impact Assessment

3.6 Any specific policy decisions made relating to the issues outlined in this report and accompanying presentation will be subject to a full impact assessment.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The presentation will provide an overview of deprivation levels within Selby District and ongoing work to improve quality of life across the District, responding to Policy Review Committee's request for an update on these issues.

5. Background Documents

None.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Presentation