**Poverty Leadership Panel**

**8th October 2019**

**Saracen House**

**Coplaw St**

**Notes from meeting**

**(List of attendees & apologies at Appendix)**

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| **1.** | **Welcome and apologies**  Innocent Jakisa (CAP) and Sandra McDermott (GCC) co-chaired this PLP. Councillor Gow attended but had to leave before the end of the meeting. | **Actions/attachments** |
| **2.** | **Notes from previous meeting**  The action notes from the May 2019 were agreed and seconded.  Action points from previous meeting were cleared |  |
| **3.** | A day in the life of – Govanhill Foodbank Mngr.  Audrey Flannagan  Audrey provided a comprehensive overview of her experience as a manager of a foodbank.  Glasgow SW Foodbank has been going for 8 years, it’s opened for 2 hours 4 days a week in Govanhill and for 2 hours 3 days a week in Castlemilk. Audrey stated that there has been a 30% increase in the demand for food parcels.  There are approximately 50 referrals a day, and they have 180 referral partners, although the majority of the referrals come via DWP. Non referred clients will still get help but this can be more difficult to manage. Client types are generally those with addiction issues, on benefits and low wages. They have a support officer based in the foodbank, who helps clients with benefit advice and appeals. Food parcels are made up to last the client for 3 days and they are allowed up to 6 over a 6 month period. The food stock is mainly from public donations although they also receive food from Fareshare.  The foodbank are able to provide “top ups” for when clients have no electricity, that allows clients to get their electric back on.  Urban Roots has an on-line map of all foodbanks in the city…see link. | <https://www.urbanroots.org.uk/freefood/> |
| **4.** | Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)  Two council officers, Hannah Christie and Alex McLaughlin (GCC STEM Development Officers) presented the council’s STEM strategy |  |
| **5.** | Challenge Poverty Week update:   * Feedback from the Young People debate Gena Howe   Gena provided feedback from the Young People debate held in the debating chamber in the City Chambers building. The session was a real success and the main themes discussed were:   * + Further support needed in terms of building confidence and self-belief   + Support in terms of budgeting/saving/advice on financial wellbeing   + More encouragement and info on alternative destinations other than university.   Other comments were:   1. Ant-stigma training/poverty awareness sessions 2. Scheduled 1-2-1 every month with pastoral care to talk 3. Free Travel for young people at school 4. Information on support available in school with the cost of school trips 5. Youth Clubs, promote what is available in local areas 6. Provide a discount or free access for young people to use sports or youth clubs 7. Increase the minimum wage for young people 16/17  * Launch of the PLP Progress Report Gerry Quinn * Anti-Stigma awareness for GCC staff Gerry & Innocent   *There still some work to be done on the GCC on-line course but should be available to staff within the next week.*   * Other activities (see attached slide) Gerry Quinn * Short film on the UC Hub support:   Link: [**https://vimeo.com/363588030**](https://vimeo.com/363588030)  Password is: **UCPROMO** |  |
| **6.** | **Date of next meeting**: **28th January 2020 – Location TBA** |  |
| **Any ideas or suggestions for agenda items, presentations and locations for the next and subsequent PLP meetings please let me know.** | | |

**Appendix**

**In attendance (alpha order)**

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| **Name** | **Title/service/department** |
| Alex McLaughlin | GCC - STEM Development Officer |
| Allan Gow (Councillor) | City Treasurer GCC (co-chair) |
| Alex McLaughlin | GCC - STEM Development Officer |
| Bernard Rospendowski | CAP member |
| Brian Scott | Glasgow Disability Alliance |
| Brian Land | NW Community Connector |
| David White | Scottish Social Security |
| Gena Howe | GCC |
| Gerry Quinn | GCC |
| Hannah Christie | GCC - STEM Development Officer |
| Innocent Jakisa | CAP member (co-chair) |
| Jim Percival | Wise Group (Gheat) |
| Linda McGregor | Scottish Social Security |
| Lynn Naven | GCPH |
| Mandy Dowling | Community Benefits Officer GCC |
| Marie Spalding | OPFS |
| Martin Booth | GCC – Executive Director of Finance |
| Maureen Mulvey | GCC |
| Michael Igoe | CAP member |
| Morag Sweeney | DWP |
| Pauline Lyons | Wheatley Group |
| Pete Seaman | GCPH |
| Sandra McDermott | GCC |
| Shaw Anderson | GCC |

**Apologies**

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| **Name** | **Title/service/department** |
| Alison McCrae | GCC |
| Carol Tannahill | GCPH |
| Linda De Caestecker | Director of Public Health |
| Peter Kelly | Poverty Alliance |
| Stuart Patrick | Chamber of Commerce |
| Tressa Burke | Glasgow Disability Alliance |
| Hilda Campbell | COPE Scotland |
| Shona Stephen | Queens Cross Housing |
| Frank Smart | CAP member |
| Andy White | GCC |
| David Ramsay | Glasgow Homelessness Network (GHN) |
| David Maxwell | Volunteer Glasgow |
| Donna Henderson | CAP member |
| Margaret Fraser | NG Homes |
| Mike McNally | GCC |
| Richard Gass | Social Work |
| Fiona Moss | Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS |
| Florence O’Hale | CAP member |
| Linda Pople | OPFS |
| Liz Willis | Parkhead CAB |
| Lorraine Harris | Scottish Social Security |
| Maureen Adamson | CAP |
| Steven Andrew | CAP member |