

## **Member questions on Scrutiny Task Group – Tackling Multiple Deprivation – progress report (Agenda item 9)**

### **1. Question from Councillor Jackie Chelin**

The sheer amount of activity (and associated effort) outlined in this paper, in answer to the recommendations of the scrutiny sub-committee, are testament to the hard work and commitment of a range of colleagues across the council, working in partnership with community members and other local (and national) organisations to tackle a whole range of issues. Indeed, the paper provides a fantastic record of current practice.

Some of the activities are clearly (or ideally) integrated into the existing work of various council departments. Others have been initiated, more specifically, as a result of the investigation and recommendations of the sub group. My question is regarding next steps.

What will become (or already is) “business as usual” for some areas of this work? Which aspects are complete? Which need further energy / funding - and how will that be provided? Indeed, how do we know which of the many initiatives have had the biggest impact and which, therefore, might need to be focused upon, now, and continue to be measured?

### **Answer:**

Thank you for question about next steps. As you have noted, the report illustrates that there is a significant amount of work being undertaken across the organisation to support our communities. But as the report was requested as an update, it does not make any recommendations about next steps.

It would be relatively easy to identify what activities are business as usual, but any discussions about priorities and the allocation of resources would need to be led by relevant cabinet members.