



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

8th February 2021

To Members of the Tackling Poverty Working Group.

The inaugural meeting of the Tackling Poverty Working Group will be held by remote means at 7.00pm, Thursday 11th February 2021.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. To welcome all attendees and receive any apologies for absence.
2. To discuss and contribute ideas towards the draft tackling poverty strategy. **Appendix 1**

Members of the public and the press may attend and can obtain any documents referenced on the agenda which are not considered confidential prior to the meeting.

To request documents and or joining instructions contact clerk@llanharan-cc.gov.wales or 01443 231430.

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Anti-Poverty Strategy

Liveable Llanharan – plan for change

2021 - 2023



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1. Introduction

Llanharan Community Council is committed to reducing poverty and the impacts that poverty has upon its residents.

The impacts of poverty can last a lifetime and some interventions can take a lifetime to manifest themselves in a changed and improved situation.

This strategy outlines actions to tackle poverty in the Llanharan Community and to prioritise services where they will have the greatest impact.

2. What is poverty?

Poverty is a state or condition in which a person or community lacks the financial resources and essentials for a minimum standard of living.

3. A vision for Llanharan - **The Liveable Llanharan Programme**

Liveable Llanharan, is the Community Council's long-term plan for change.

Financial, demographic and social challenges facing Llanharan require radical approaches.

Liveable Llanharan is a programme of activity, tools and techniques that will help us to take a managed approach to the challenges that the Community faces.

The objectives are:

- to expand and improve services to the community
- to deliver better outcomes for residents to achieve financial sustainability
- to improve the environment to make Llanharan a better place to be
- to collaborate with community organisations/groups, businesses' and residents

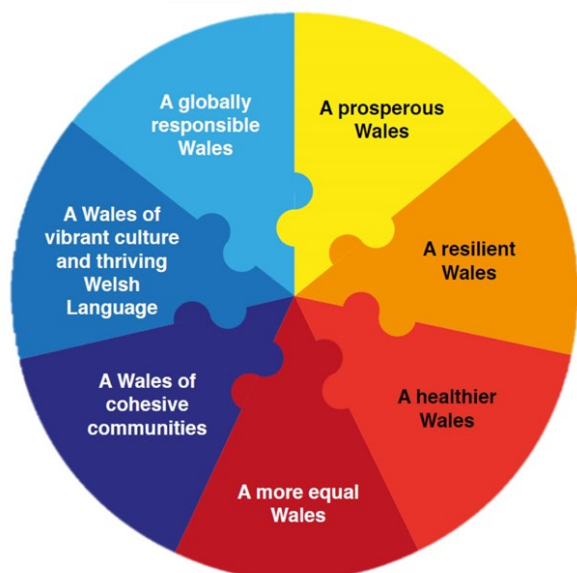
4. Well-being of Future Generations Act

Welsh Government has a national picture and approach to well-being through legislation within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The idea of embedding poverty prevention within the Community Council's work builds not only upon statutory requirements, but also emphasises a **local approach** to its delivery. It is essential that our approach aligns with the wider direction of Welsh Government, implemented locally through **Liveable Llanharan**. The wider strategic context can be seen here:

Well-being of Future Generations Act

Our Poverty strategy will make a positive contribution to Well Being Goals of the Act.



A resilient Wales - A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems supporting social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to (e.g. climate) change.

A prosperous Wales - An innovative, productive/low carbon society recognising

the limits of the global environment; using resources efficiently/proportionately and which develops a skilled and well-educated population, in a wealth generating economy, providing employment opportunities, allowing people to benefit from the wealth generated through securing decent work.

A healthier Wales - A society in which people's physical and mental wellbeing is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.

A more equal Wales - A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances.

A Wales of cohesive communities - Attractive/viable/safe and well-connected communities.

A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language - Society promoting/protecting culture/heritage/Welsh language, encouraging participation in arts/sports /recreation.

A globally responsible Wales. When improving the socio-economic environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, we consider the positive contribution to global well-being.

The Community Council's delivery of the Poverty Strategy takes into account the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Acts, alongside additional legislation such as the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

5. Our successes

Llanharan Community Council has a history of supporting residents using our statutory duties and powers.

We have a number of examples (below) of successful anti-poverty projects;

- school holiday support for the local foodbank
- annual grants to community organisations
- emergency Covid-19 Grants in the face of the Pandemic
- senior citizen Christmas dinners
- Christmas hampers for vulnerable people
- Weekly food pantry in collaboration with Fair Share Cymru

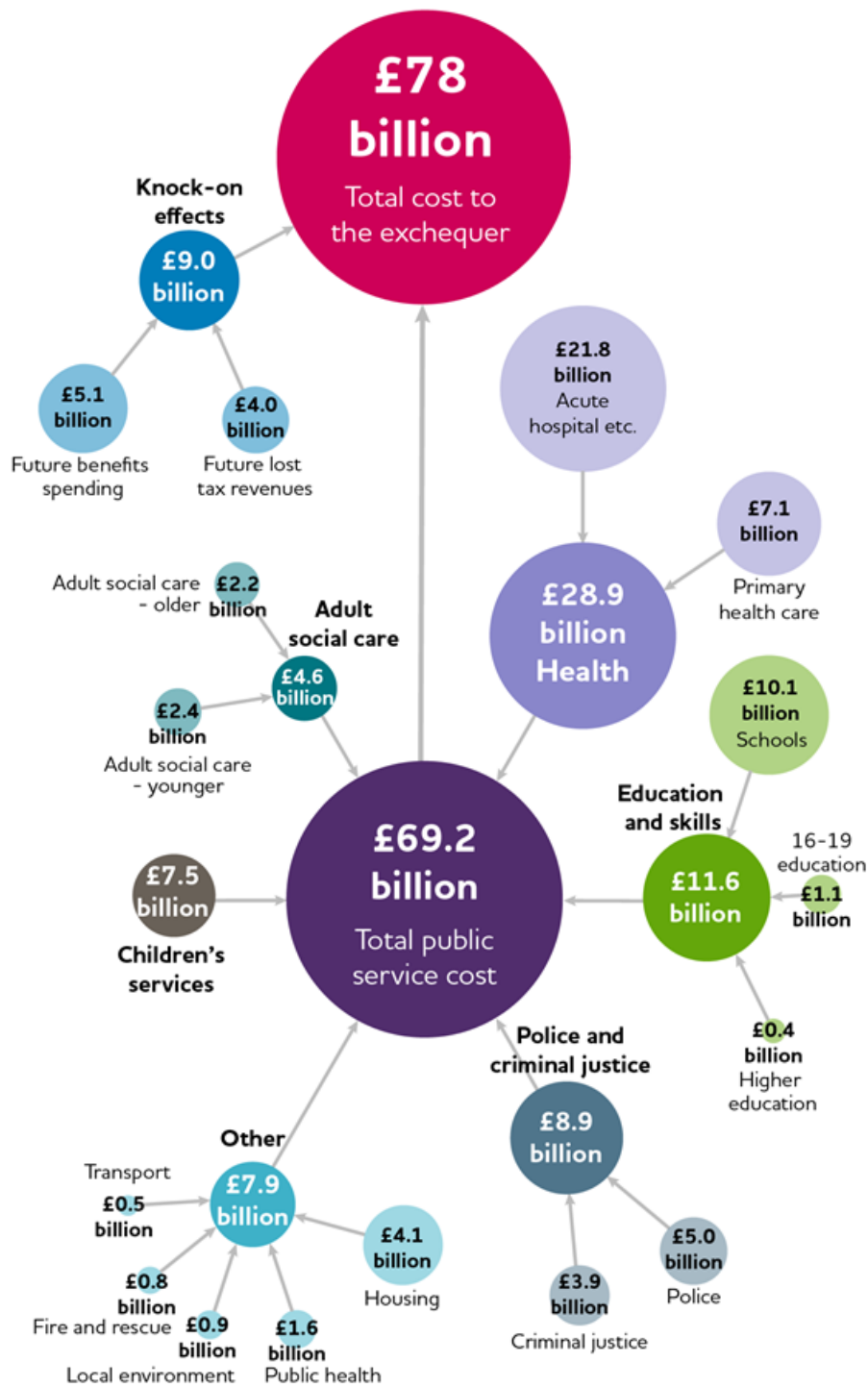
6. Impact Assessment

There will be an annual impact assessment as follows:

- link to the Well-being of Future Generations Act and Social Services and Well-being Act
- focus on a clear sustainable Llanharan
- clear and measurable milestones
- a definition of poverty
- work with people and organisations experiencing poverty to develop provision
- tackling Poverty Strategy Working Group - the purpose of the group is to examine – ***how can the Community Council's Tackling Poverty Strategy be improved***

7. The costs of poverty were highlighted by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in 2016 with its 'Prosperity without Poverty' Report.

The cost of poverty to the UK's exchequer



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8. The effects of poverty

Poverty affects every stage of people's lives.

- children have poorer mental and physical health
- people have fewer years free from illness and are likely to die sooner
- children achieve worse results at every stage in school, restricting potential and increasing the risk of passing poverty between generations
- people pay more for essential goods and services such as fuel, transport and food

9. The importance of partnerships

We recognise that reducing poverty is everyone's business.

Community Councils are the grassroots level of local government and has a leading role in setting priorities and providing the framework, but businesses, community organisations/groups and residents have a vital part to play too.

Local Partners

- The Llanharan Community Development Project
- The Llanharan OAP Association
- The Brynna OAP Association
- The Llanharan Recreational Ground Trust
- The Brynna Community Trust
- Interlink
- Trivallis Homes
- The Welsh Wildlife Trust