

Time for Change – Poverty in Wales (Nov 22)

On-going

Action	17263	Target date	31/12/2023
Action promised	AUDIT WALES: That councils improve their understanding of their residents' 'lived experience' through meaningful involvement in decision-making using 'experience mapping' and/or 'Poverty Truth Commissions' to review and improve accessibility to and use of council services		
Comment	Discussions have taken place on undertaking a Poverty truth Commission in Carmarthenshire with links established with the Poverty truth network to support. next step is to fully scope requirements and develop a costed plan for undertaking		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	
Action	17265	Target date	31/03/2024 (original target 30/09/2023)
Action promised	AUDIT WALES: To streamline & improve application & information services for people in poverty councils should: establish corporate data standards & coding that all services use for their core data; undertake an audit; create a central integrated customer account; undertake a data audit; review & update data sharing protocols		
Comment	Work underway and is being supported through the Officer Working Group. Customer account managed through the Hwb Advisor service.		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	
Action	17266	Target date	31/12/2023
Action promised	AUDIT WALES: Councils review their integrated impact assessments or equivalent to: ensure that they draw on relevant, comprehensive & current data (nothing over 12 months old) to support analysis; ensure integrated impact assessments capture information on: involvement activity; cumulative impact/mitigation; monitor & evaluate impact; action plan		
Comment	IIA method fully updated and tested and now being used by some departments. Full go live planned for January 2024 following final testing of the cover sheet element (to draw on information from the IIA as part of the committee cover sheet process).		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	

Completed 30/09/2023

Action	17261	Target date	31/05/2023
Action promised	AUDIT WALES: Local strategies, targets & performance reporting for tackling & alleviating poverty: Wellbeing Plans to focus on tackling poverty to co-ordinate efforts, meet local needs & support revised national plan targets & actions - SMART local actions; resourcing plan; involvement; outcome indicators/measures; annual public reporting		
Comment	Tackling Poverty embedded as a thematic priority across the Council and included as a specific well-being objective in the PSB well-being plan. Progress will be monitored through these channels. Council published its' Tackling Poverty Plan in July 2023 and actions from that plan will be embedded in divisional business plans and monitored through regular performance monitoring channels and by the tackling Poverty Advisory Panel.		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	
Action	17262	Target date	31/12/2022
Action promised	AUDIT WALES: That each council designate a cabinet member as the council's poverty champion and designate a senior officer to lead and be accountable for the anti-poverty agenda		
Comment	Cllr Linda Evans designated as the lead Cabinet member for Tackling Poverty for Carmarthenshire County Council		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	
Action	17264	Target date	30/04/2023
Action promised	AUDIT WALES: Ensure people are able to get the information & advice they need, we recommend councils optimise their digital services by creating a single landing page on their website - directly accessible on home page; provides links to services provided by us that relate to poverty; provides information on the work of partners to assist people		
Comment	Carmarthenshire County Council website has dedicated cost of living pages with information and support available through Claim What's Yours and Hwb Advisors. Face to face advice also available through Hwbs at Llanelli, Carmarthen and Ammanford and Hwb Bach Y Wlad (funded by SPF) launched in September 2023 to visit the 10 rural towns		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	