

CHILD POVERTY BOARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a) On behalf of the Local Strategic partnership, to discharge the functions of a 'Child Poverty Partnership' as required by the Child Poverty Act 2010, including the new **duty to prepare and publish a local child poverty needs assessment**, as prescribed in the Act, to understand the drivers and characteristics of child poverty across the whole Borough;
- b) To establish the local vision for child poverty through publishing a **joint Child Poverty Strategy**¹ by April 2011, which must set out the contribution that each partner will make and must address the issues raised in the needs assessment;
- c) To ensure that all **named partners are represented and engaged in order to fulfil the duty on local authorities and named partner authorities to cooperate to reduce, and mitigate the effects of, child poverty in every local area** by integrating local services and developing partnership approaches that can steer the use of resources and delivery of services to ensure coordinated services that best meet local needs.
- d) Assist the delivery of the **Total Place** plan for Ellesmere Port with a specific focus on cross-cutting child poverty issues affecting children, parents and families and to identify issues to be referred to the Children's Trust Board, LSP and other thematic partnerships.
- e) To oversee the strategic planning and delivery of the **Family Intervention Project (FIP)** model of working as a key Child Poverty project;
- f) To ensure that child poverty issues and needs are taken into account when the Local Authority is preparing or revising the **Sustainable Community Strategy, Children and Young People's Plan, Local Economic Assessment, Worklessness and Adult Skills, Housing, Transport, and Health Inequalities** strategies.
- g) To report on progress to the Children's Trust Board and the LSP Executive.

Membership

Jane Middleton, Head of Integrated Strategy and Commissioning (CHAIR)

Cliff Mallows, Head of Regeneration (*VICE CHAIR - to be confirmed*)

Paul Boyce, Head of Safeguarding

Alan Slater, Head of Strategic Housing

Julie Webster, Director of Public Health, NHS Western Cheshire

Elaine Parry, Childcare and Partnerships Manager, Job Centre Plus

Superintendent Jon Betts, Neighbourhood Policing, Cheshire Constabulary

Maria O'Brien, Total Place

Alistair Jeffs, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Performance

Pauline Ruth, Voluntary Community and Faith Sector Hub (*to be confirmed*)

Chris Hindle, Head of Transport and Planning (*to be confirmed*)

Jerry Faulkener, Revenues and Benefits (*to be confirmed*)

Adults Services (Social Care and Adult Mental Health) - (*to be confirmed*)

¹ A joint child poverty strategy is a specific duty of the Child Poverty Act 2010 and must be developed and understood as part of a wider local strategy, involving all partners in the Local Strategic Partnership, the Children's Trust Board [and other named partners in the Act]. The Government expects all key local authority services to play their part in tackling child poverty. This includes all those agencies who have an influence in reducing the numbers of children living in poverty or mitigating the impacts of living in poverty including: economic prosperity, employment, skills, education, healthcare, childcare, financial support, housing, transport, planning, regeneration, and leisure