

Report of:	Erik Scollay, Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration Councillor Dorothy Davison, Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Submitted to:	Executive – 14 July 2020
Subject:	Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel's Final Report - Foodbanks - Service Response

Summary

Proposed decision(s)
That Executive approves the cross-departmental response and action plan to the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel’s final report on Foodbanks

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent? ¹
Decision	No	Not Applicable	No

Contribution to delivery of the 2018-22 Strategic Plan		
Business Imperatives	Physical Regeneration	Social Regeneration
		<i>The proposed recommendations are in line with the ambitions of the social regeneration strategy</i>

Ward(s) affected
The Panel report resulting in the attached action plan concerns the whole of Middlesbrough population, the action plan therefore relates to all wards.

What is the purpose of this report?

1. To provide the cross-departmental response and action plan to the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel’s final report on Foodbanks.

¹ Remove for non-Executive reports

Why does this report require a Member decision?

2. The report is necessary as, following suggestions by the Panel, the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel sought to examine the use of foodbanks in Middlesbrough and how the Council can support them.

Report Background

3. The Scrutiny Panel's investigation set out to focus upon the examination of foodbanks in Middlesbrough, the number of residents accessing foodbanks and the level of poverty across the town.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

4. That Executive approves the attached action plan.

Why is this being recommended?

5. The proposed action plan is appropriate as it provides the Culture and Communities scrutiny panel with a cross-departmental framework of action that will raise awareness of the issues surrounding foodbanks with Council staff and aim to support the continuous operation of foodbanks through donations of food and volunteer time.
6. No stakeholder consultation was required.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

7. No alternative decisions were considered as the recommendation by the Culture and Communities scrutiny panel are straightforward to implement and there are no significant resource implications.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

8. Following from the Culture and Communities scrutiny panel's greater understanding of the key issues, concepts and impact surrounding foodbank provision for our population, interventions will be considered that improve provision.
9. The action plan will be implemented in partnership with the Trussel Trust.

Legal

10. None Identified

Financial

11. None Identified

Policy Framework

12. The proposed action has no impact on the Council's policy framework.

Equality and Diversity

13. The purpose of the Culture and Communities scrutiny report is to consider foodbank provision for our population with a focused aim to reduce disadvantage experienced by all protected characteristics and to end hunger across the town.

14. No Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Risk

15. The implementation of the Culture and Communities scrutiny panel recommendations will support the Council in ensuring that our population who have difficulty purchasing enough to avoid hunger or who are unable to make ends meet, are able to access foodbanks.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

16. Progress on implementation of the identified actions will be provided to the Scrutiny Officer on a quarterly basis.

Appendices

17. There are no appendices.

Background papers

Body	Report title	Date
Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel	Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel – Foodbanks	18 th January 2020

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