

# Anti-Poverty Strategy 2020- onwards

## Action Plan

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<b>Objective 1 - Helping people on low incomes to maximise their household income and minimise their costs, building financial resilience and reducing indebtedness.</b>				
1.1	Exploring the opportunity for developing a poverty dashboard that draws on data from a range of different sources to allow us to gather, understand and use the data to help shape policy and inform on future interventions.	Finance	Subject to resources following Covid-19 response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Understanding of the different types of poverty and issues being experienced in different demographic areas of district.</li> <li>➤ Dashboard that breaks poverty down into types; relative, absolute and in-work so that future interventions are based on needs of individuals living within certain areas.</li> <li>➤ Demographic areas of highest need shown on a map that can be used to help inform and target future interventions including hidden poverty.</li> <li>➤ Dashboard to be used as a measure on the trajectory of poverty within the District</li> <li>➤ Relevant data provided in an easy to understand format to help inform poverty panel and internal departments on future interventions for supporting financially vulnerable households.</li> </ul>
1.2	Working with partner organisations, such as Citizens Advice, schools, etc to promote and reach out to those who aren't currently engaging but are financially struggling (hidden poverty)	Finance & Housing plus partner organisations	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Capturing data on where referrals have come from, eg schools, local charities &amp; support agencies, foodbanks, etc.</li> <li>➤ Breaking the cycle of repeated emergency support measures.</li> <li>➤ Feedback from partner organisations.</li> </ul>
1.3	Creation of Financial Resilience Team within Revenues and Benefit responsible for administering	Finance	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Future financial resilience is achieved for residents living on low incomes e.g. repeat arrears in future financial years</li> <li>➤ Numbers of residents requiring repeat support</li> </ul>

	discretionary funds. Team to work in close partnership with other internal departments (Housing and Council Tax) to ensure that joint approach is taken to supporting residents experiencing poverty. Team to also work in partnership with other external agencies and organisations to ensure that residents are receiving necessary support not provided by East Devon through referrals and signposting.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Average length of time taken to support residents out of poverty</li> <li>➤ Type and amount of discretionary support used</li> <li>➤ Number of referrals made to outside agencies</li> <li>➤ Number of cases working in partnership with outside agencies/ organisations</li> </ul>
1.4	Support Council tenants and other low income residents households to access financial support, and provide advice on benefits, budgeting and money issues.	Finance & Housing	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Income maximisation, minimisation of expenditure and budgeting support to help customers live within their means.</li> <li>➤ Number of residents supported to access financial support</li> <li>➤ Number of residents provided with advice on benefits, budgeting and debt</li> <li>➤ Number and type of interventions undertaken</li> </ul>
1.5	Support low income households to access entitlements to welfare benefits and continue to work in partnership with Job Centre Plus and DWP to support vulnerable households with the continued migration of claims from Housing Benefit to Universal Credit. Analyse and assess trends and patterns on claimant profile to determine future actions, interventions	Finance	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ensures that income is maximised for those who are experiencing poverty</li> <li>➤ Number of households who have been supported to apply for and subsequently receive Welfare Benefits.</li> <li>➤ Using data to identify patterns and trends in future needs</li> </ul>
1.6	Operate a Council Tax Reduction scheme (working age) which strikes the right balance between providing the right level of support for those that are financially vulnerable whilst also recognising the importance of protecting council tax income for providing essential services.	Finance	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Monitor and evaluate household data to identify patterns and trends in caseload.</li> <li>➤ Use the data to identify actions, appropriate interventions to help shape and inform policy and strategy.</li> <li>➤ The effectiveness of the scheme in relation to collection and arrears levels</li> <li>➤ Ensuring scheme protects the most financially vulnerable and meets our equality duties.</li> </ul>

1.7	Promote the Real Living Wage and encourage our contractors and partners to pay their staff the Real Living Wage	Human Resources/ Services	September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Measure progress towards the Real Living Wage year on year</li> <li>➤ Benchmark against the Minimum Wage and the National Living Wage</li> <li>➤ Document conversations with contractors and partners</li> </ul>
1.8	<p>Promote Living Wage accreditation to employers in East Devon, including businesses, public bodies and voluntary and community sector organisations</p> <p>We could support this via comms and through our business ambassador programme. Many of them will be our larger employers.</p>	Growth, Development & Prosperity	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increase the number of East Devon employers that have achieved Living Wage accreditation to 100, of which at least 55 will have received direct support from the Council</li> <li>➤ Number of employees working for employers that have achieved Living Wage accreditation</li> </ul> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Do we need to include something about zero based contracts or where employees have low contracted hours as these have a big impact on how much people get paid/job security as we know these are factors that low income households are caught up in as its low skilled/low paid work.</p>
1.9	<p>Review the funding arrangements for Money Advice and how these are delivered to ensure they are meeting the Council's priorities in helping to alleviate poverty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reducing indebtedness</li> <li>• Improving money management skills</li> <li>• Maximising household income</li> <li>• Addressing hidden poverty</li> </ul>	Finance	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ How the service is being delivered to reflect the make-up of the district – digital tools (apps, social media, web), face to face, phone, etc</li> <li>➤ The effectiveness of the service being provided</li> <li>➤ Numbers of residents provided with debt, benefits and financial advice broken down by different demographic groups</li> <li>➤ Number of debt referrals made</li> <li>➤ Number of Debt Relief Orders applied for</li> <li>➤ Number of Bankruptcy Cases made</li> <li>➤ Number of residents attending budgeting courses</li> <li>➤ Number of recurring cases of arrears after debt actions taken</li> </ul>
1.10	Implement new Breathing Space legislation that comes into force May 2021 that will need to be reflected in the way that we manage debts within the Council. This will include updating our corporate debt policy, implementing changes to our working practices and ensure contracts/agreements with external	Finance in conjunction with Housing & Environmental Health	May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Capturing data on the number of residents that seek professional debt help under the 'Breathing Space' scheme and the types of council debts this includes- council tax, business rates, rents, sundry debts, car park debts, etc.</li> <li>➤ An initial review (3-6 months) from when the scheme goes live to understand how this scheme is working within the district and whether it is delivering against the aims so that we can assess and provide useful feedback to the poverty panel. This review will also help to identify further actions that we will need to take.</li> </ul>

	agents involved with the collection of debts are updated.			
1.11	Implement a common financial statement for capturing income and expenditure so that we have a consistent approach across all Council services for assessing income and expenditure, and exploring how we can work with partner organisations and agencies (Citizens Advice) for sharing this information more widely (subject to GDPR)	Finance in conjunction with Housing	Subject to resources following Covid-19 response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Remove barriers for residents in accessing support</li> <li>➤ Providing consistency of approach across all Council services for determining financial support</li> <li>➤ Will reduce timelines for determining financial support to residents as will only have to complete this information once.</li> </ul>
1.12	Review the rent deposit/loan scheme that the Council operates to better understand the effectiveness and whether the scheme could be better linked in with other discretionary funds to ensure that these debts do not lead to wider financial problems.	Housing and Finance	Subject to resources due to ongoing response to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of rent deposits/loans that are repaid</li> <li>➤ Number of loans requested that are supported via other discretionary funds</li> <li>➤ Number and reasons for subsequent defaults</li> </ul>
1.13	Review the use of Discretionary funds, (Discretionary Housing Payments, Exceptional Hardship Fund, DEFRA funding etc), to ensure that funding in is working to the same goals in providing long term financial resilience and helping to alleviate poverty as other internal departments.	Housing and Finance	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ensures that residents are supported to stay in affordable/suitable accommodation, whilst meeting statutory requirements.</li> <li>➤ Number of customers presenting with arrears or for debt advice after discretionary funds have been awarded to secure tenancies.</li> </ul>
1.14	Support digital inclusion sessions for Council tenants and leaseholders, and older residents in sheltered housing schemes and more widely in the community, and by into training sessions already funded by Job Centre plus.	Housing/Finance	September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Numbers of digital inclusion sessions held in community centres</li> <li>➤ Numbers of digital inclusion sessions held for older residents in sheltered housing schemes and more widely</li> <li>➤ Outcomes for those attending sessions</li> </ul>

1.15	Providing greater accessibility for our low income households through the development of our digital solutions including the online app	Finance	Subject resources (including Strata) following Covid-19 response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Easy to access and complete using various electronic devices when applying for financial support</li> <li>➤ How applications and numbers are being received across different digital channels</li> </ul>
1.16	Work with partner organisations and local communities to develop measures to support residents experiencing economic hardship and poverty as a result of the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic	All services	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤</li> </ul>
1.17	Provide funding to voluntary and community groups for activity focused on reducing social or economic inequality, including funding for debt advice services and other activities that will help reduce poverty	Finance	March each year June each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Main Community Grants budget is fully allocated each year to voluntary sector activities that meet Council's grants priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Grant awards are monitored to ensure they deliver the outcomes set out in funding agreements - Summary report produced each year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.18	<p>Work in partnership with local voluntary and community groups to understand and address causes of food poverty, including developing a food re-distribution hub</p> <p><i>This is an area Economic Development could support. They have a network of local food and drink producers through Gate to Plate and could ensure any surplus/potential waste is appropriately channelled.</i></p>	Finance/ Growth, Development & Prosperity	April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Budget agreed</li> <li>➤ Premises secured</li> <li>➤ Business Plan agreed</li> <li>➤ Underlying reasons for referral</li> <li>➤ The different types of wider support required and provided.</li> <li>➤ Number and reasons for referrals made to foodbanks</li> </ul>
1.19	Work with partner agencies and community groups to develop sustainable networks to support residents in fuel or water poverty to reduce their energy and water costs	Environmental Health	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Networks in place and operational by March 2021.</li> <li>➤ Additional performance measures and targets to be set once scale of network has been established and is in place</li> </ul>

1.20	Support partner organisations and community groups to develop sustainable activities to support low income residents to access the internet and develop digital skills	Growth, Development & Prosperity	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Numbers of digital champions providing support to residents</li> <li>➤ Numbers of residents receiving support from digital champions</li> </ul>
1.21	Work with local businesses to identify ways in which they might use their skills, capacity and resources to support the achievement of shared objectives around tackling poverty and disadvantage  <i>Needs clarity but we could support engagement and promotion of best practice.</i>	Growth, Development & Prosperity	October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of businesses and employers engaged</li> <li>➤ Number and type of new corporate social responsibility activity undertaken by businesses and employers following engagement with the Council</li> </ul>
1.22	Lobbying and influencing Government on welfare benefits policy issues	Portfolio Holder & Poverty Panel	Ongoing	

**Objective 2 - Strengthening families and communities, including supporting groups of people that are more likely to experience poverty, and community and voluntary groups working to combat poverty.**

2.1	Review the needs of the community and voluntary sector in building stronger communities, and identify where the Council can best provide support	Housing	September 2021	
2.2	Review, develop and implement the Volunteer programme of activities, including holding an event to increase the number of people volunteering for local community and voluntary groups in East Devon	Housing	October 2021	
2.3	Provide a programme of 'community days' in low income areas of the city to: save residents money from disposing of bulky waste; encourage residents to	Housing	September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of community days held in low incomes areas of the district (target 6 in 2021/22)</li> <li>➤ Number of skip days held in low income areas of the district</li> </ul>

	have a sense of pride in their neighbourhood; and encourage community engagement to help create sustainable communities.			➤ Tonnage of bulky waste collected at community days
2.4	<p>Ensure that Cranbrook residents and neighbouring disadvantaged communities benefit from enhanced service delivery and improved physical, social and psychological linkages between the existing and new developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritise investment in Cranbrook Town Centre – ensuring delivery of local facilities – including supermarket, GP surgery, dental surgery, early years child care, library, etc.</li> <li>• Provide employment skills support to enable disadvantaged residents are able to apply for jobs within local facilities (in partnership with JSP)</li> <li>• Work with RSLs to support disadvantaged households (e.g. Live West)</li> </ul>	Planning + Growth Development & Prosperity	Ongoing	<p>➤ Reduction in number of residents receiving unemployment benefits</p> <p>(Not sure this is a relevant measure as my understanding of the issues in Cranbrook is more about in-work poverty or children are below school age so not on unemployment?? Might be worth checking what the latest data is saying!!!!)</p> <p>The actions in blue don't relate to the measure</p> <p>➤ Using the poverty dashboard to identify the socio-economic make-up of Cranbrook to help understand the need</p>
2.5	Use planning policy to ensure that new developments promote permeability, connectivity and accessibility	Planning	Ongoing	➤ Planning policies promote safe, legible, permeable, and accessible public realm
2.6	Ensure that the Council's Environmental Improvement programme includes schemes in more	Environmental Health	Ongoing to March 2023	<p>➤ Raise awareness of the EIP scheme amongst residents</p> <p>➤ Seek and consider EIP scheme proposals from local communities</p>

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	deprived wards.			➤ Develop and delivery priority schemes identified by local communities
2.7	Develop a collaborative, area-based approach to support communities with high levels of deprivation in partnership with a range of organisations	Housing	Ongoing to March 2023	➤ Performance measures to be developed as area-based approach and initiatives are explored
2.8	Support an annual programme of events which celebrate diversity and promote community cohesion, in partnership with local equality and diversity organisations	Housing	Annually from March 2022	➤ Successful programme of events delivered linked to each national or international event, including free events and events with free spaces for people on low incomes
<b>Objective 3 - Promoting an inclusive economy, by raising skills and improving access to a range of employment opportunities for people on low incomes.</b>				
3.1	Explore opportunities to spread the benefits of economic growth across the District, ensuring that all communities have access to high quality skills and education provision in order to access employment opportunities and that the development of the new Local Plan is supported by a robust evidence base	Planning/ Growth Development & Prosperity	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Local Plan evidence base considers the needs of deprived communities and opportunities to promote a range of different employment types as part of the evidence base. <i>This process should include discussions of where the LA should invest to improve access to employment.</i></li> <li>➤ Planning policies considered that ensure local people are considered for jobs and integrate upskilling and training opportunities as part of developer requirements. <i>This requires work with JCP &amp; DCC to ensure deliverable. We could set up quarterly DWP updates to ensure our local JCP branch managers are aware of all pipeline/planned developments in district. That way, they can make contact with the contractor and discuss future labour needs at an early stage, preparing the work coaches to raise the opportunities with UC and JSA claimants (both construction and ongoing sustainable employment if it's commercial development).</i></li> <li>➤ Opportunities explored for anti-poverty considerations to be include in viability assessments for new developments <i>What does this</i></li> </ul>

				<p><i>mean? Can we insist new development factor in contributions toward mitigating existing deprivation? I think we'd need a robust methodology showing the activities and measures to be funded are effective at reducing local poverty. The overall impact on development viability would need to be considered</i></p> <p>➤ Opportunities explored to support "meanwhile uses" for land that is earmarked for development <i>not necessarily an anti-poverty action.</i> Can the council use revenue generated from meanwhile uses to support anti-poverty action?</p>
3.2	Ensure that the proposed developments in the West End of the District benefit both new residents and existing neighbouring disadvantaged communities by maximising local employment, skills and training opportunities	Planning/ Growth Development & Prosperity		See comments at 2.4
	<i>Suggest something around digital inclusion here – could speak with Julie at Cosmic as it would need to cover skills/training as well as infrastructure provision</i>			

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3.3	Seek funds to continue the Activate project, working with local arts and cultural organisations to deliver a programme of cultural activities for a cohort of young people on free school meals, who will benefit from a programme of different activities to develop self-awareness, resilience and leadership skills.	All Services	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of young people taking part in the programme who are eligible for free school meals and have been identified by the college as being at significant risk of not reaching their potential</li> <li>➤ Educational attainment of participants, as measured by the school, compared to expected educational attainment without the programme.</li> <li>➤ Aspiration levels of participants, including number of participants aspiring and planning for further or higher education</li> </ul>
3.4	Ensure all major developments over £1m in value develop and deliver an Employment and Skills Plan as part of their S106 agreement. Delivery against agreed targets will be monitored to ensure provision of tangible benefits to local employment and skills development.	Planning/Growth, Development & Prosperity	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Confirmation of the requirement to provide a satisfactory ESP as a standard requirement of each legal agreement for all major development</li> <li>➤ The provision of a satisfactory ESP will be a requirement of both the appointed contractor at construction stage and the operating tenant at occupation stage where development is for commercial use.</li> <li>➤ Delivery of ESP targets in line with CITB Key Performance Indicators. Monitored by Building Greater Exeter</li> </ul>
3.5	Include employment, training and skills development opportunities in regular communications to East Devon businesses and residents.	Growth, Development & Prosperity	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provision of relevant information in regular business updates and resident newsletters</li> <li>➤ Analysis of unique click through and forwarding data to assess impact</li> </ul>

3.6	Hold quarterly DWP updates to ensure our local JCP branch managers are aware of all approved developments in district so they can prepare work coaches to discuss associated local employment opportunities with benefit claimants	Growth, Development & Prosperity	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Quarterly virtual meetings with DWP Partnership Manager</li> <li>➤ Monitor engagement with relevant construction contractors and site occupiers where commercial</li> </ul>
3.7	Ensure suitable provision of a Gateway service to maximise the benefit and value of the DWP Kickstart Scheme to both local employers offering jobs and the 16-14 yr. old UC claimants who take on these local placements.	Growth, Development & Prosperity	Ongoing (18 month scheme beginning Sept, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identify the optimal Gateway provider to work with local business and training providers</li> <li>➤ Regular liaison with employer and Kickstarter to ensure the right wrap around support and employability training is being provided.</li> <li>➤ Formally partner with this gateway provider, support with regular comms to encourage compliant placements and refer all enquiries received.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Suggestion:</b></p> <p>If we're serious about tackling poverty and improving access to employment, this strategy could include a simple <b>requirement for all service teams to take on and train X no. of kickstart placements</b> (16-24 yr. old claiming Universal Credit) to bolster our staff resource and tangibly improve the future employability of the benefit claimant, many of whom will be from less wealthy households.</p> <p>This would improve both access to employment, training and education and help address some of the limiting</p>	All Service Teams	Ongoing (18 month scheme beginning Sept, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It's a clear and tangible win for this strategy, delivering a plethora of positive outcomes.</li> </ul>

	<p>self-belief and confidence issues mentioned earlier.</p> <p>We could also establish a 50+ work placement scheme to address the needs of that age group.</p>			
3.8	Lobby Government on relevant economic and skills policy issues	Growth, Development & Prosperity with Portfolio Holder	Ongoing	
3.9	Seek to influence the strategic approach to the local economy taken by the Local Enterprise Partnership	Growth, Development & Prosperity	Ongoing	<i>Hard to identify performance indicators for this. If we are to facilitate a shift in focus from productivity to inclusive prosperity, the timing is right to do so.</i>
<b>Objective 4 - Addressing the high cost of housing, improving housing conditions, creating affordable warmth and reducing homelessness.</b>				
4.1	Develop new Council homes for rent, and ensure that rent levels are as affordable as possible	Housing	Annually  March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of new homes for rent provided annually on Council owned sites</li> <li>➤ Number of new Council homes started in East Devon</li> <li>➤</li> </ul>
4.2	Develop a new business plan/strategy for a further Council affordable housing programme	Housing	October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Business Plan approved by the Council's Housing Review Board</li> </ul>

4.3	Identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption as part of the development of new Council affordable housing schemes and consider the cost impact of alternative energy sources on Council tenants	Housing	September 2021	
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4.4	Ensure that existing council homes are well maintained and implement a programme of energy efficiency improvements to lower-rated council homes	Housing	Ongoing  March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Percentage of reactive repairs completed within target timescales</li> <li>➤ £2.5 million programme of energy efficiency improvements delivered in Council properties, predominantly in properties with Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) ratings of D, E, F or G</li> </ul>
4.5	Support private tenants in their homes, taking enforcement action against landlords / property managers whose properties do not meet the required energy efficiency standards	Environmental Health	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Measurable once Government enforcement toolkit has been trailed and released. Expected from April 2021 onwards.</li> <li>➤ Numbers of cases/investigations that have resulted in enforcements action taken.</li> </ul>

4.6	Ensure Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) are licensed where required and proactively take enforcement against landlords or property managers that are not complying	Environmental Health	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of HMO licences issued.</li> <li>➤ Number of cases / investigations that have resulted in enforcement action for failure to licence</li> <li>➤ Breakdown of enforcement action taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Warning letter</li> <li>○ Simple Caution</li> <li>○ Civil Penalty</li> <li>○ Prosecution</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.7	Implement the Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy and embed within it a range of measures to significantly improve access to the private rented sector and retention of a private sector tenancy for homeless people	Housing	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increase the number of households assisted to move into the private rented sector</li> </ul>

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4.8	Review, rebrand and promote the Rent Deposit scheme to enable more people to find a private rented sector solution to their homelessness	Housing	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increase in the number of households taking up the Housing Benefit Plus scheme</li> <li>➤ Number of households supported into private rented accommodation (target: 40 households supported into PRS accommodation per annum)</li> </ul>
4.9	Extend the Housing First pilot programme to provide self-contained accommodation and support for 20 rough sleepers	Housing	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 10 'Housing First 1' units to be tenanted by June 2020</li> <li>➤ 12 'Housing First 2' social housing units (with an onsite caretaker for every 2 tenants) provided</li> <li>➤ 4 'Housing First 2' units to be tenanted by March 2021</li> </ul>

4.10	Embed improvements identified as good practice in tackling Domestic Abuse into service delivery	Housing	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Analysis of customer and partner feedback</li> <li>➤ Case audits results</li> <li>➤ MASH completions/MARAC/Safeguarding referrals by service and individual</li> <li>➤ Evidence of target-hardening budget usage</li> </ul>
4.11	Work with developers through the planning process to enable the delivery of new high quality, energy efficient affordable homes	Housing	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of affordable homes delivered on strategic growth sites and on other sites</li> <li>➤ Planning policies ensure that affordable housing is well integrated on sites and indistinguishable from market homes</li> <li>➤ Number of affordable homes delivered to BREEAM standards or equivalent (PassivHaus etc.)</li> <li>➤ Number of affordable homes delivered close to transport infrastructure</li> </ul>
4.12	Work with Registered Providers to ensure homes are genuinely affordable to those that need them	Housing	Ongoing	
4.13	Develop the furniture poverty initiative to ensure that tenants have access to basic household furniture items	Housing	September 2021	
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**Objective 5 - Improving health outcomes for people on low incomes, including access to good diet, health care and ill health prevention.**

5.1	Provide a reduction in entry prices at LED operated sports and swimming facilities for people receiving Means Tested Benefits	Countryside & Leisure	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of people holding concessionary cards</li> <li>➤ Number of entries to Council-owned leisure facilities by people holding concession memberships</li> </ul> <p><i>(N.B. Attendance numbers during 2020/21 will be affected by pool closures as a result of Covid-19)</i></p>
5.2	Provide free swimming sessions for low income families with children, and free and discounted swimming sessions for young people	Countryside & Leisure	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of Surestart sessions for families with young children run and number of attendances</li> <li>➤ Number of attendances at free swim sessions for juniors between 4-6pm on weekdays</li> <li>➤ Number of attendances at discounted (£1) sessions for young people</li> </ul> <p><i>(N.B. Attendance numbers during 2020/21 will be affected by pool closures as a result of Covid-19)</i></p>
5.3	Provide monthly free health sessions for low income groups	Countryside & Leisure	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of free health sessions held</li> <li>➤ Number of people attending free health sessions</li> </ul>

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5.4	Use planning policy to help ensure new developments help create a good living environment which supports good mental and physical health outcomes, through provision of open space and the design of the built environment	Planning Service/ Growth Development & Prosperity	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Planning policies that emphasise design quality of new homes and enhance and increase open space provision and public access to it</li> <li>➤ Planning policies ensure that developments with mixed tenures provide the same access to shared amenities for all residents of the development</li> <li>➤ Provision of green space serving new developments</li> </ul>
5.5	Support free exercise referrals by GPs for low income residents in East Devon  <i><a href="#">Link to the Sport England pilot here?</a></i>	Environmental Health	August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Total number of free exercise referrals made by GPs for residents on low incomes</li> <li>➤ % of participants on low incomes completing an activity programme</li> </ul>
5.6	Support healthy eating programmes targeted at low income residents and delivered by local voluntary and community organisations	Environmental Health	October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of cookery skills workshops delivered in low incomes areas of East Devon</li> <li>➤ Number of people participating in cookery workshops</li> </ul>
5.7	Provide a programme of cooking skills with local partners for low income families in areas of highest need in East Devon	Environmental Health	September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of venues providing cookery skills around the district and number of people reached</li> </ul>
5.8	Support outreach advice and support for residents experiencing stress and anxiety due to low income and debt	Environmental Health	September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number of clients seen by the outreach advisor in total</li> <li>➤ Total value of additional income for clients identified by the outreach advisor</li> </ul>
5.9	Influence key health strategies, including the Devon Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the models being developed by Primary Care networks	Environmental Health	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Partner health strategies take account of key issues identified by EDDC</li> </ul>