

RESPONSE TO OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOWING SCRUTINY REVIEW

Title of Review:	Review of Poverty Issues					
Timescale of Review:	September 2010 – February 2011		Post-Monitoring Period:	One Year		
Date originally agreed by O&SC:	March 2011		Date originally agreed by Cabinet:	June 2011		
Total No. of Recommendations and Sub Recommendations	No. completed	Green	No. partially completed	Amber	No. not progressed	Red
13	8		5		0	

Key Achievements:

- Council approved specific actions and measures to be incorporated in the Countywide Child Poverty Strategy. These are also reflected in the Council's Anti Poverty Action Plan to ensure their delivery is progressed locally.
- The Bassetlaw draft Anti Poverty strategy reflects those groups identified in the Equality scheme.
- Lead Officer and Member Champion designated for Poverty
- 2 Shires Credit Union moved into Queens Buildings annex in 2011 and CAB proposed move 2012
- Revenues Service has good communications with the Credit Union and CAB on the major benefit changes and has produced a financial inclusion leaflet.
- Council adopted Affordable Warmth Strategy in November 2011
- Promoting Pride in Bassetlaw is on going
- BDC do not provide direct financial support for signage but Revenues & Customer Services and BDC front desk staff do direct clients to the Credit Union office.
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Reasons for partially implementating recommendations:

- Four regeneration projects have been completed and others ongoing
- Bassetlaw District Council and Citizens' Advice Bureau have Service Level Agreement for 2012/13 only due to budgetary constraints
- Revenues Service is working with the Credit Union to promote the availability of services in Retford and Tuxford
- The Benefits team has a visiting officer who is working more with customers to develop their financial capability The 2011/12 Choice Based Lettings scrutiny report recommends BDC share the A1 Money advisor post , subject to finance becoming available to pay A1.
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