



<b>Subject:</b>	Response received from Department for Communities re Notice of Motion – Anti-Poverty Strategy
<b>Date:</b>	19th April, 2024
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<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To note the correspondence received from the Department for Communities.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at the Council meeting held on 4th March, 2024, it was agreed to write to the Minister for Communities, Mr Gordon Lyons advising him of the Notice of Motion in relation to Anti-Poverty Strategy.
3.2	The Committee is advised that a response has been received from Mr Carl Savage, Deputy Director Central Policy Division, Department for Communities.
3.3	In his response he advises that addressing poverty in all its forms is a key priority for Minister Lyons and he is committed to delivering long-term sustainable solutions to poverty in all its forms for our communities right across Northern Ireland.
3.4	Poverty is a complex and multi-faceted issue, and the Minister is considering work to date and the next steps to be taken in relation to the development of the Executive's Anti-Poverty Strategy. He will be engaging with his Executive colleagues over the coming weeks and months to ensure that the Anti-Poverty Strategy is taken forward in the most effective way possible and that the actions in the Strategy are deliverable and can make a lasting difference.
3.5	As this is an Executive Strategy, they will be seeking input from all Ministers and their Departments.
3.6	Minister Lyons is determined to deliver a Strategy that helps people get the best start in life, that they have the opportunity to live in safe, stable homes, to have a good education and a good job.  Final decisions on the content and implementation of the Anti-Poverty Strategy will be subject to Executive agreement.
3.7	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>

3.8	<p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Response from Minister for Communities