

End Child Poverty

“This Council notes the recent report commissioned by the End Child Poverty coalition into levels of child poverty.

This Council further notes from the report one in four children are growing up in poverty with two thirds growing up in families where parents are in work.

The Council therefore calls on the NI Executive to adopt the following:

1. To expedite the recommendations on child poverty by an expert panel to the Department of Communities
2. Strengthen the welfare mitigations and drop the two child limit within Universal Credit
3. Support the £20 uplift in Tax Credits and Universal Credit by lobbying the Chancellor to continue this increase beyond September 2021.”

Proposer: Councillor Heading

Seconder: Councillor McCusker

(To be debated by the Council)