

Annex A:

## **Addressing child poverty** (From Page 17 of the report)

The story we have highlighted can change and the Council can do, influence and promote change. As we stated, this outline will require further work to develop recommended activity based on what is possible. However, reading this report people may already have suggestion for each of the following:

### **A. General duty**

1. The Council can have due regard to the causes and consequences of child poverty in all its functions and decision-making.

### **B. Children & Family Wellbeing**

The Council can:

2. Improve support, help and information for those with ‘impossible choices’
3. Increase the availability of affordable childcare
4. Uses its influence, to reduce levels of domestic abuse
5. Promote a family learning culture in Milton Keynes

### **C. Financial Wellbeing**

The Council can:

6. Improve benefit efficiency and information
7. Widen the availability of homelessness prevention advice and guidance
8. Uses its influence, to close the gap between the HRA and local market rents
9. Promote the opportunities afforded by the new infrastructure, transport and regeneration projects

### **D. Community Wellbeing**

The Council can:

10. Provide more targeted preventative services
11. Deliver a Children Centres Plus programme
12. Uses its influence, to improve health outcomes
13. Promote improved employment practices and skills

### **E. Child Poverty in Milton Keynes Assessment**

14. The Council can publish an annual assessment of child poverty in Milton Keynes with its budget report, alongside its equality impact assessment