



Call for Evidence

Background

The Fairer Fife Commission has been established by Fife Council. It is independent of the Council and will develop proposals for change that will address poverty. The Commission plans to focus on four themes – ‘life courses and transitions’, ‘work (paid and unpaid)’, ‘place’ and ‘being well’. The Commission will report its findings and proposals to Fife Council and Fife Partnership by November 2015.

This call for evidence is the primary mechanism for Fifiers and those involved in providing services to get involved in this work, making your views known on what the biggest challenges are, what works and what works less well. We are interested in learning about Fife policies, programmes and projects as well as larger projects at a Scottish, UK and global level. The Fife activity would certainly include that led or initiated by Fife Council and its partners.

Call for evidence

The purpose of this call for evidence is to seek the views of those with an interest in and experience of alleviating poverty in Fife, in order to inform the work of the Commission. **The process will last for 6 weeks, commencing on 10th April with a deadline of 22nd May for responses.**

The views and evidence received will be analysed and fed into the Commission’s work. The Commission’s final findings and recommendations will also take account of a range of other factors, including any other available information, research and evidence.

PLEASE RESPOND TO AS FEW OF AS MANY OF THE QUESTIONS AS YOU WISH AND IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU WANT TO GIVE. Please complete your own details below to help us understand the views of different organisations and sectors, and to consider follow up discussions. The Commission will also accept responses which are submitted on an individual basis, or from people who prefer to remain anonymous.

Please send your submissions or address any queries to:

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or

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Fairer Fife Commission: Call for Evidence Submission

Name	
Organisation	
Sector (public, private or voluntary)	
Email address	
Telephone number	

General Questions

1. Targeting

Are there particular groups (for example, pensioners or carers) that the Commission should concentrate on and, if so, why?

Are there particular geographical areas within Fife that the Commission should focus on and, if so, why?

2. Changing attitudes

Do you have views on the need to achieve changes in social norms and attitudes towards poverty and those experiencing poverty?

Are there good practice examples of how that can be done?





3. Working together

In what ways do you think that agencies in Fife are working well together to reduce poverty and inequality and what is it about that work that makes it good practice?

Is there good practice of working with communities and what are the reasons for that practice being effective?

4. Additional information

Do you have any additional information or evidence you would like to provide the Commission with?

Themed questions: Life Courses and Transitions

The Commission is interested in how poverty affects individuals and families through different life stages and transitions in Fife, from early years into school, from school onto further and higher education and into jobs, from working into retirement and older age. It is keen to gather views and evidence on actions taken or needed to prevent poverty, break cycles of poverty and to support people in poverty to achieve good outcomes.





1. Thinking about the different life stages and transitions (home to school or school to work, for example) what are the key poverty challenges the Commission should consider under this theme? Please give some explanation of your answer if possible.

2. What policy, programmes or projects have had a positive impact in supporting people in poverty to build personal and community resilience and achieve better outcomes? Is there supporting evidence for this? What conditions were needed to achieve positive impact?

3. What policy decisions, programmes or projects have had a positive impact in preventing or lifting people out of poverty or breaking cycles as people move from one stage of their life to the next? Is there supporting evidence for this? What conditions were needed to achieve positive impact?

4. Do you have other views in relation to this theme that you would like the Commission to consider? We would particularly like to know **WHAT WORKS WELL** in Fife, but also at a Scottish and UK level.





Themed questions – Work (paid and unpaid work)

The Commission would like to consider the role of work in reducing poverty in Fife – including unpaid work, such as caring or volunteering, both as a route into employment but also as a means to better health and well-being, to promote self-worth and to support community led interventions.

5. What are the key work related issues and challenges in relation to reducing poverty? Please give some explanation of your answer if possible.

6. What policies, programmes or projects have had a positive impact in supporting people towards or into paid or unpaid employment, preventing or lifting people out of poverty, or breaking cycles of poverty? Is there supporting evidence for this? What conditions were needed to achieve positive impact?

7. What should the future policy, programme or project intervention priorities be and why do you think that is the case? Should these focus on getting people into work, or also include helping people to stay in work and progress?

8. Do you have any other views or evidence in relation to paid and unpaid work that you would like the Commission to consider? We would particularly like to know **WHAT WORKS WELL** in Fife, but also at a Scottish or UK level.

Themed questions – Place





The Commission is interested in the role of communities in tackling poverty. Fife's communities should be vibrant and inclusive – a place where everyone feels they belong and can achieve their potential. How communities can be helped to be supportive and sustainable – viewing them as assets in the challenge of tackling poverty rather than deficits. Fife Council and partner services can have more specific roles to promote the place agenda especially around access to services and affordable, suitable housing options.

9. What are the key 'place' issues and challenges in relation to reducing poverty? Please give some explanation of your answer if possible.

10. What policies, programmes or projects have had a positive impact in supporting stronger communities, particularly in areas of greatest poverty? Do these policies relate to, for example, housing, transport links or access to broadband? Is there supporting evidence for this? What conditions were needed to achieve positive impact?

11. What should be the future policy, programme or project intervention priorities be and why do you think that is the case?

12. Do you have any other views or evidence in relation to this theme that you would like the Commission to consider? We would particularly like to know **WHAT WORKS WELL** in Fife, but also at a Scottish or UK level.





Themed questions - Being Well

The Commission is interested in what people need in order to live well as individuals and in their communities. This includes their individual needs, such as good physical and mental health, being met through local services and amenities which are fit for purpose.

13. Do particular groups require additional support to live well? Is there evidence to support this?

14. What additional or changes in services or amenities are important for people to live well in their communities? Is there supporting evidence for this?

15. Do you have any other views or evidence in relation to this theme that you would like the Commission to consider? We would particularly like to know if there are current policy, programmes and projects in place **WHICH ARE WORKING WELL** in allowing people to live well as individuals or in their communities in Fife, but also at a Scottish, UK or global level.





Thank you for completing this Call for Evidence

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