

Anti-poverty update January 2024

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- Since the last meeting in November 2023
- Scrutiny of the progress to date and future plans
- Continued roll out of Household Support Fund (HSF) plans
- Continued work on delivery plan
- Ongoing promotion of support and provision available

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HSF/financial support progress

- £896k food and fuel
- £934k Free School Meals
- £49k Advice/support (VCFA sector)
- £29k Welfare resource
- £67k Council tax support fund
- £112k Bury support fund
- £181k Discretionary housing payments
- £67k Ascendant software
- £12k Communications

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Other progress

- Continued comms and update leaflets
- Ascendent system is being used for targeted payment (now 3 phased payments for identified cohorts) and further plans in place for targeted work
- Targeted work planned for increasing uptake of pension credit
- Significant push on winter well – promotion of warm spaces, created warm packs which have been distributed to foodbank and food pantries
- Launch of Bury Works hub (neighbour-hub)
- Work and skills fayre planned for March (in partnership with DWP)
- Plans to support school uniform/equipment
- Continue to promote healthy start vouchers for families now working with Trust House (local food pantry)
- Improved links with the homelessness partnership to help support those experience homelessness in a more coordinated way



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Next step

- Reviewing spend and identifying any gaps and how we target further payments
- Review approach and risks around anti-poverty plans assuming the discontinuation of the HSF