

Review Progress Summary				
R = not on schedule	A = on schedule	B = undeliverable	G = achieved	Total
0	3	0	2	5

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Timescale	RAG	Progress
A	That the Council continues to work with its partners and other agencies to help to mitigate the impact and hardship resulting from welfare reform on the people of the city	Council undertaking review of its current Welfare Reform Board remit, work streams and membership. Work streams will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Credit Implementation Plan (covering Digital inclusion/ Financial inclusion) Welfare Reform Impact analysis Communications 	Strategic Change Manager, PSD	End June 2015	A	Cabinet responsibilities for Welfare Reform activities agreed Welfare Reform Board refreshed with new Terms of Reference UC Working Group meetings started June 2015 WRB Meetings starting September
		Review and improve information advice and guidance available – including web offer and other support materials including improved service directory	Strategic Change Manager, PSD	End June 2015 - then on-going (review March 2016)		Web content under continuous review Universal Credit content update planned prior to November – including details of available support 1 st phase of Service Directory improvements made and further improvements being made later this year
		Look at options for disadvantaged children who	Head of Community	End September		A 3 week council exercise to mitigate holiday hunger took

		qualify for FSM to access to a nutritious meal during school holidays	& Family Well-being, PSD	2015		place in the summer holidays aimed at FSM households/ recipients
		Council reviewing its existing DHP scheme to build in 'move on' advice and information from this temporary support	Strategic Change Manager, PSD	End December 2015		<p>Numbers of households / children helped is being confirmed as part of evaluation</p> <p>The evaluation will be reported back through the Areas Committees (who provided the funding for the exercise)</p> <p>DHP Scheme review underway with the intention to implement majority of changes from April 2016</p> <p>All DHP applicants to received targeted advice and information offers (by December)</p> <p>Other scheme changes being planned to better target available funding and limit repeat DHP applications / awards</p> <p>Members briefings being arranged for November / December 2015</p>

B	That the Council continues to work with Jobcentre Plus in order to improve the clarity of information provided to claimants, particularly to prevent the unnecessary application of sanctions	On-going liaison with Job Centre Plus within UC Implementation Plan and separately	Strategic Change Manager, PSD/Job Centre Plus	On-going – Review March 2016	A	Council UC Implementation Working Group includes JCP representation Implementation Plan developed and intended to provide 1 st phase of UC claimants with the support that they require (from JCP – the council respectively)
		Monitoring of sanctions / reasons for sanctions (across JSA,ESA and UC)	Strategic Change Manager, PSD/ Intelligence Hub	On-going – Review March 2016		Local / National Sanctions JSA figures and reasons being collated National & regional ESA sanctions being collated FBN members to be provided with information to enable their customers to challenge sanctions / avoid sanctions being applied 1 st tier advice providers and Council Welfare Rights Service already assist / represent customers to challenge sanctions
		Development of Public Information-jointly with JCP and or by the council to better inform customer	Strategic Change Manager, PSD/ Communic	On-going – Review March 2016		Pilot activity being planned with JCP from December to look at how to limit number of people being affected by sanctions Public information also being

			ations Team / Job Centre Plus			developed to help 1 st phase UC claimants
C	That the Council and its partners continue to prepare for the introduction of Universal Credit across the city and monitor its effect on the pilot areas	Universal Credit Implementation Plan developed by council – including digital and financial inclusion mapping and initiatives – and taking account of information from pilot sites in other council areas	Strategic Change Manager, PSD	End June 2015	A	UC working group established and Implementation plan prepared Digital access / available support mapped Budgeting support offer being developed as part of UC implementation plan and provision within funding being provided by JCP UC Implementation Plan intended to provide 1 st phase of UC claimants with the support that they require (from JCP – the council respectively) Information/ learning points being shared with other councils Briefings being arranged for members end September / October UC training sessions arranged for council / non council staff from September onwards

		On-going activity linked to Making your Money Go Further Campaign	Strategic Change Manager, PSD	On-going – Review March 2016		
		Production and agreement of JCP Universal Credit Implementation Plan (expected 16 weeks before UC go live date	Comms BIAS/ CSC /, Job Centre Plus	Expected by September 2015		
D	That the Panel expressed its support for the continuation of the Council Tax Support at its current level during 2015/16	Views of Panel fed into budgetary process			G	Council Tax Support was continued at current levels as part of budget for 2015/16. Continuation of Council Tax Support being reviewed as part of budgetary process
E	That the Panel supports the content and eligibility criteria suggested for the amended Crisis and Community Care Support schemes as set out in the report	Views of Panel fed into budgetary process			G	Content and Eligibility criteria for Crisis and Community Care Support schemes adopted for 2015/16