

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Housing and Health Committee****12 March 2014****Perth and Kinross Foodbank Update****Report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise Committee on the progress of the Perth and Kinross Foodbank.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 Report No 13/378 to Housing and Health Committee on 14 August 2013 advised Committee of the requirement for, and the development of, a Foodbank within Perth and Kinross. It was agreed that the Foodbank would be organised from 8b St Catherine's Road, Perth, for a period of 12 months to allow it to start up. This was also to provide time to investigate alternative options for a more permanent location for this Foodbank.
- 1.2 The Perth and Kinross Foodbank is an independent Scottish Charitable Incorporated Institution, affiliated to the Trussell Trust who provide training and support. It also receives support locally, including from Perth Action Churches Together (PACT) who were instrumental in setting it up. It raises its finances through donations and grant applications.
- 1.3 The Council have supported the Perth and Kinross Foodbank by:
 - Providing initial setup costs of £1500 (Strategic Policy and Resources Committee Report No. 13/290)
 - Providing initial accommodation (Housing and Health Committee Report No. 13/378). The Perth and Kinross Foodbank operated from 8b St Catherine's Road from September 2013.
 - Operating as a distributor of vouchers to those in need of support (see 2.8 below and Appendix 1)
- 1.4 As at January 2014, the public has donated over 12 tons of food to the Foodbank since they opened. Of this 5.75 tons has been distributed to provide 3 days food for 618 people including 148 children. The large quantity of food received has come from churches (34.8%), supermarket collections (31.5%), school collections (10.7%), personal donations (8.9%), Christmas donations (7.8%) and from other sources (7.7%). Other sources includes donations from businesses and other charitable organisations.

2. UPDATE

- 2.1 The Perth city Foodbank moved its base to 5, Back Wynd, Bridgend, Perth, in February 2014 and is open daily (Monday – Friday) between 2:00pm – 4:00pm. The new premises are bigger and allow more onsite storage.
- 2.2 Satellite sites have now also been established across Perth and Kinross in Crieff, Pitlochry, Blairgowrie and Kinross as follows.
- 2.3 The Crieff satellite site is located in the Logos Youth Centre, 27b High Street, Crieff and is open daily (Monday – Friday) between 10:00am – 12 noon for voucher issuance. Food parcels can be collected on Tuesdays from 9.30am – 11am and on Fridays at 1.30pm and 3:00pm.
- 2.4 The Pitlochry satellite site is located in the Atholl Centre, Atholl Road, Pitlochry and is open daily (Monday-Friday) for both voucher issuance and food parcel collection between 10:00am and 12.30pm.
- 2.5 The Blairgowrie satellite site is located in the St Catherine's Community Centre, George Street, Blairgowrie and is open for voucher issuance between the hours of 10am and 12:00 noon, Monday to Thursday, and food parcel collection on Tuesdays from 9.30am until 11:00am and Thursdays from 2.30pm until 4:00pm.
- 2.6 The Kinross satellite site is located at Kinross Day Centre, 64a High Street, Kinross. The centre is open for voucher issuance between the hours of 10:00am and 12 noon, daily (Monday-Friday). Food parcel collection is available on Tuesdays from 10:00am until 11.30am and on Fridays from 10am until 11.30am.
- 2.7 In addition, the Tesco supermarket at Crieff Road, Perth, has been established as a regular food collection point.
- 2.8 As referred to in 1.3 above, Perth and Kinross Council staff/teams are referring those in need of assistance to the Foodbank where appropriate. Appendix 1 provides details of those Council teams who have been referring to date.
- 2.9 The Foodbank has its own criteria for assistance. The main criterion for referral to the Foodbank is that the person/household is in a crisis situation and unable to purchase food. The nature of the crisis could be one or more of the following:

- “Reduction in benefit
- Benefit delay
- Refused crisis grant
- Delay in payment of wages/salary
- Debt
- Homelessness
- Low Income

Unemployed
Domestic disruption/separation/abuse
Ill-health
Out with term-time - no meals
Bereavement"

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The establishment of a Foodbank that provides assistance throughout Perth and Kinross to serve the needs of both those in the city centre as well as those in the rural areas is as outlined in this report.

3.2 The Committee is asked to:

- note the Perth and Kinross Foodbank decision to relocate to premises in Bridgend; and
- note the Council's professional links to the Perth and Kinross Foodbank in terms of those teams/staff making referrals for those in need of assistance.

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ANNEX

1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	Yes
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	Yes
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 This proposal contributes to the delivery of the national and local outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement.
- 1.2 National Outcome 4 and Local Outcomes 6-8: Establishing a Foodbank gives rise to volunteering opportunities for young people.
- 1.3 National outcome 8 and Local Outcome 8: Children, young people and families at risk will be provided with a safety net of essential food items.
- 1.4 National Outcome 10 and Local Outcome 12: Establishing a Foodbank is essential in the current climate and helps to deliver access to a key service for the people in our communities.
- 1.5 National Outcome 10 and 15 and Local Outcomes 12 and 15: Establishing a Foodbank helps to create strong, resilient and supportive communities that have access to the key services that they need.

Corporate Plan

- 1.6 The proposal of a Foodbank relates to the achievement of all the Council's Corporate Plan Objectives.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted on this report and has agreed with the contents.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.2 The property at 8b St Catherine's Road is a retail unit that had been unoccupied for some time prior to being leased to the Foodbank. The intention is that the property will now be converted and utilised for domestic use.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as **relevant** and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation: support to those most in need will be available.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 The proposals have been considered under the Act and:
- no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Legal and Governance

- 3.5 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on this report and has agreed with the contents.

Risk

- 3.6 The key risk relates to continued support for the Foodbank in the long term, and the costs of this to the Council.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Welfare Reform Steering Group, on which all Services are represented, was consulted.

External

- 4.2 The Welfare Reform Steering Group, on which Hillcrest Housing Association, Citizens Advice Bureau, Department for Work and Pensions, Community Health Partnership, Perth and Kinross Credit Union, Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service, Fairfield Housing Co-operative and Caledonia Housing Association are also represented, was consulted.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A.

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Perth and Kinross Council teams referring to the Foodbank.

Perth and Kinross Council Voucher Distributors

Blairgowrie High School
Criminal Justice Social Work Team
Colonsay Resource Centre
Community School of Auchterarder
Crieff Community Mental Health Team
Education and Children's Services
Gowans Family Centre
Kinross Day Centre
NAVIGATE
Newhill Primary School
P&K Homeless Support
PKC Crieff Social Work
PKC Drug and Alcohol Team
PKC Greyfriars Hostel
PKC Homeless Advice Team
PKC Homeless Support Team
PKC Meadowell
PKC Welfare Rights Team
PKC Youth Services
Perth Community Mental Health Team (Social Work & Health team)
Perth Grammar School
Perth High School Community Link
Rio House
Young Peoples Health Team
Youth Justice Team

