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Title	For
<b>Tackling Hardship Strategy Annual Report 2022-23</b>	<i>Information</i>
Summary of Issues	
<p>This report sets out the steps taken by Ceredigion Public Services Board (PSB) to provide a coordinated response to the increased risk of hardship in Ceredigion. Progress is monitored by the PSB Poverty sub-group.</p> <p>This is the last report of our stand alone 'Tackling Poverty Strategy'. Going forward, it has been agreed that the PSB Poverty sub-group will ensure that combating poverty is maintained as a cross-cutting issue across all areas of work undertaken to deliver Ceredigion PSB's Local Well-being Plan 2023-28. A workplan is currently being developed to help us achieve this.</p> <p>The three key objectives of Ceredigion Tackling Hardship Strategy 2020-2023 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a shared understanding with partner agencies of the evolving impact of COVID-19 on hardship in Ceredigion through the collation and analysis of data.</li> <li>• To co-ordinate and consolidate collaborative efforts with partner agencies in order to promote and take advantage of all available help and assistance</li> <li>• To identify gaps in support and evolving hardship needs in order to develop early effective intervention that will strengthen individual and community resilience as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p>We have achieved this. The Poverty sub-group has met regularly and discussed a wide range of issues to help us understand the impact of hardship on Ceredigion citizens. The data dashboards that were developed to support this work are widely used by partners and have been recognised across Wales as an example of good practice.</p> <p>The Tackling Hardship action plan and regular reporting has helped us to coordinate our actions. The Cost-of-Living webpage on the Council website and the Cost-of-Living leaflet, which was posted to all Ceredigion postcodes in winter 2022, has helped to promote the available help and assistance.</p> <p>Gaps in support have been identified and, while we were unable to address all these gaps, we have been able to respond to some, for example the network of 54 Warm Welcome Spaces that offered a warm</p>	

and friendly place for communities to come together during winter 2022. The full report for the period March 2022 – April 2023 is attached.
<b>Financial Implications</b>
None.
<b>Recommendations</b>
To note the content of the Annual Report 2022-23
<b>Attachments</b>
Ceredigion Tackling Hardship Strategy Annual Report 2022-23.
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