Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – February 17, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 1 Poverty Reduction in Winnipeg

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 28, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee granted an extension of time to February 2021, for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back with a City of Winnipeg poverty reduction strategy, including a detailed implementation plan for the additional measures to further reduce poverty as outlined in Appendix C.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

On September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee received the verbal update from the Winnipeg Public Service as information.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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On April 30, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on June 13, 2018, the Executive Policy Committee directed the Public Service to return within 180 days with a report cataloguing all current measures taken by the City of Winnipeg with respect to poverty reduction and recommendations on specific measures to further reduce poverty in Winnipeg within existing budgets;

AND WHEREAS Appendix C of the current report lists additional measures to further reduce poverty in Winnipeg within existing budgets, subject to the approval of the Executive Policy Committee;

AND WHEREAS poverty reduction is best achieved with a strategy informed by goals and objectives;

AND WHEREAS implementation of the approved additional measures to further reduce poverty would be best carried out through a coordinated effort;

AND WHEREAS there is sufficient overlap between poverty reduction efforts and the work of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service report back within 365 days with a City of Winnipeg poverty reduction strategy, including a detailed implementation plan for the additional measures to further reduce poverty as outlined in Appendix C, all within existing resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the existing duties of the position, the new Housing Policy Coordinator be tasked to lead the development of a City of Winnipeg poverty reduction strategy as well as the implementation plan for the additional measures to further reduce poverty, as outlined in Appendix C, all within existing resources.

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