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Good Evening,

**Rother Anti-Poverty Task and Finish Group  
Request for First Hand Accounts of Poverty**

I forward this request from Rother Councillor Sam Coleman.

As members of organisations you may have been contacted already, but if not you may still have residents / members who could contribute first-hand experiences of Poverty in Rother.

Cllr Coleman is asking for responses within a week or so. Sorry about that short notice, but it is a worthwhile exercise. Responses to [Cllr.sam.coleman@rother.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.sam.coleman@rother.gov.uk), but I am happy to discuss if necessary.

I shall post on my Facebook page etc.

Best wishes,

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Cllr Sam Coleman <[cllr.sam.coleman@rother.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.sam.coleman@rother.gov.uk)>  
**Date:** 7 October 2020 at 16:45:38 BST  
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**Subject: Request for first hand accounts of poverty APTFG**

Dear Members,

You may be aware that the Anti Poverty Task and Finish Group will soon be hearing from local organisations and Council officers about poverty in the District.

As chair of the group I have been working with Joe Powell to organise this and it will hopefully prove very useful to the Group as we look to develop an anti-poverty strategy.

As well as organisations however, we are keen to hear first hand about residents' experiences of poverty in the District, particularly in relation to Council services and residents' interactions with RDC.

This is where YOU come in.

It would be incredible if you could seek out and provide details of any residents who might be willing to talk to the Anti-Poverty Group (in closed session) and/or answer questions about their experiences.

It would also be great if you could provide any of the following from your ward:

- Written or recorded testimonials/stories/First hand experiences of poverty from residents.
- Any resident feedback about the council's services in relation to poverty and service accessibility.
- Examples of casework relating to issues of poverty.

(These can of course be anonymised)

Sidley, Bexhill Central and Rye are the areas of highest social deprivation in Rother and so members from these wards may wish to put in particular effort to find first hand examples although it is also really important that we hear from people right across the District so if you think you know or can find someone in your ward who can contribute, it would be great to hear from them.

Feel free to reply to this email with any information you can provide or indeed send me a separate email to;

[Cllr.Sam.coleman@rother.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Sam.coleman@rother.gov.uk)

If you could do this within the next week or so that would be grand. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

**Cllr Sam Coleman**

Chair of the Anti-Poverty Task & Finish Group