

## **Appendix 3 - Creating a City Without Inequalities Forum Highlight Report**

### **1.1 Context**

As Public Health Division are refocusing capacity to support the health protection response to Covid-19 on the 21<sup>st</sup> September future meetings of the forum have been postponed. Communication with the forum has continued in the interim via the LinkedIn group, with several projects continuing virtually.

### **1.2 Current Circumstance**

The Poverty Truth Commission contract has commenced, and the inequalities team are working with the provider Thrive Together Birmingham to initiate phase 1 of the project. The aim of the project is to build on the legacy of the previous truth commission and develop a new rolling engagement model that strengthens the connection between the Council and its city partners and the citizens. The project is projected to run until the end 2022. The initial theme of exploration is lived experiences in relation to housing.

### **1.3 Next Steps and Delivery**

- Forum Terms of Reference to be revisited in line with 2021 business plans. Forum to be re-established 2021.
- The inequalities team are working to set objectives and will develop a proposal for the focus on the forum for its restart in mid-2021.
- The forum is working in collaboration with Birmingham Youth Service to ensure youth representation on the forum to provide an important voice from this group. The intention is for the forum to have representation from up to three young people, who will attend meetings with a member of the Birmingham Youth Service. The recruitment of these young people is anticipated to commence in the coming months.