
Report to Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 25 June 2015

Subject: Integrated Children's Services Plan

Report by: Head of Education

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present to Council the final plan of the Integrated Children's Services Plan for 2015 – 2018, and the associated consultation and engagement report.
- 1.2. This plan is the first joint Integrated Children's Services Plan developed on behalf of Clackmannanshire and Stirling Community Planning Partnerships. The plan meets the requirement under the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 2014 to set out plans for the provision of Children's Services in Clackmannanshire. The duty to carry out this requirements lies with the local authority and NHS.
- 1.3. The plan addresses key Clackmannanshire and Stirling Single Outcome Agreement priorities, National policies including Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and Early Years Collaborative (EYC) and Council Policies including the Corporate Parenting Strategy.
- 1.4. The report also summarises the key messages taken from the consultation and engagement events which took place between December 2014 and March 2015.
- 1.5. The Joint Integrated Children's Services Plan and the Consultation and Engagement Report was endorsed by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Group on 7 March 2015, and agreed at the Clackmannanshire Alliance on 5 June 2015.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. Council is asked to endorse the Joint Integrated Children's Services plan. (Appendix 1).
- 2.2. Council is asked to note and comment on the consultation and engagement summary report. (Appendix 2).

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. The Joint Integrated Children's Service Plan was developed by a multi-agency group led by Education and including representatives from Social Services, NHS, Police Scotland, Stirling Voluntary Enterprise, Clackmannanshire TSI, and Corporate Services.
- 3.2. The plan sets out the partnership's shared values:-
 - 3.2.1. We will put the children and young people at the centre of our thinking and action.
 - 3.2.2. We will listen to children, young people and their families and involve them in decisions that affect their lives.
 - 3.2.3. Children, young people, and families will be supported to secure outcomes for themselves.
- 3.3. The vision for all children and young people across Clackmannanshire and Stirling is to work together with them, their families and communities to nurture, respect and be ambitious for their future.
- 3.4. The plan sets out the intention for partners to collaborate to improve the wellbeing of all children and young people and support them to achieve positive outcomes.
- 3.5. The following seven key areas for improvement have been identified:-
 - 3.5.1. Improve support in the Early Years so that all children reach appropriate developmental and social milestones.
 - 3.5.2. Ensure GIRFEC principles and processes are embedded in all partner organisations.
 - 3.5.3. Improve processes for assessing risks to ensure that all children and young people are afforded the timely protection and support needed.
 - 3.5.4. Improve life chances for looked after children.
 - 3.5.5. Improve health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people
 - 3.5.6. Raise the attainment of all children and young people and reduce the gap in attainment.
 - 3.5.7. Develop our Young Workforce from age 3-18 enabling all pathways to lead to positive destinations, in particular, for the most vulnerable.
- 3.6. The plan also details high level actions which are required to secure improvement against the key priority areas. Outcomes are clearly set out and performance indicators and measures have been developed to ensure that effective monitoring of progress is in place. A stakeholder feedback plan is being developed as part of the monitoring and reporting framework.

- 3.7. The Integrated Children's Service Plan will be overseen by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Group, which is jointly chaired by the Director of Children, Young People and Education and Head of Social Services. There are six reporting groups which are chaired by different partnerships, and these groups will report progress against the priorities at each meeting.
- 3.8. The chairs of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Group will report on the progress of the plan through the Community Planning Partnerships, and to Council where appropriate. An annual report will also be provided to the Scottish Government as required by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, with a full mid-term review scheduled at 18 month point of this 3 year plan (October 2016).
- 3.9. Consultation and Engagement Report
- 3.9.1. Appendix 2 provides a report on the results of the engagement and consultation activity on the draft plan. A wide range of opportunities were made available to children, young people, families, communities, staff and elected members to comment on the content of the draft plan. The events took place between 11 December 2014 and 27 March 2015, and provided useful feedback which has informed the plan. The consultation events also gave the opportunity to talk to stakeholders about the key priorities for Children's Services, and how they will be addressed.
- 3.9.2. As a result of the feedback received from stakeholders, the original draft plan has been much reduced, ensuring a sharper focus on the key priorities and actions. Further information is available in the Supporting Documents Appendix. Case Studies and comments from stakeholders have also been added to the final plan. Regular and ongoing feedback from children, young people and families is being incorporated into the monitoring framework of the plan.
- 3.9.3. A summary report is being developed and will be published on the Council website and disseminate through single agency communications.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. This paper has no sustainability implications.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes
- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. Staffing

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Our communities are safer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vulnerable people and families are supported	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substance misuse and its effects are reduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The environment is protected and enhanced for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

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8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

Appendix 1: The Final Integrated Children's Services Plan

Appendix 2: The Consultation and Engagement Summary Report on the Integrated Children's Service Plan.

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

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