
Report to Scrutiny Committee

Date: 21st January 2010

**Subject: Clackmannanshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report,
2008 - 2009.**

Report by: Head of Social Services

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. Clackmannanshire Child Protection Committee (CPC) completes an annual report to review achievements and set out an action plan for the forthcoming year.
- 1.2. CPC annual reports fulfil a number of functions. They;
 - provide an account of the year's work against the previous year's plan;
 - provide information on the level of quality of interagency work; and
 - outline a business plan, in order to;
 - allow some comparison across CPCs and, more importantly, year on year trends for individual CPCs;
 - provide public information, both to staff in partner agencies and the wider public about the activity of the CPC; and
 - inform policy development at local and national level.
- 1.3. The report is reviewed by the Scottish Government and feedback is received from their Services to Children Department determining whether or not the CPC is meeting national child protection targets.
- 1.4. The report is completed by the Lead Officer for the CPC supported by the multi agency partners who constitute the CPC membership.
- 1.5. The report is endorsed by the Chief Executive for Clackmannanshire, the Chief Executive for NHS Forth Valley and the Chief Constable from Central Scotland Police.
- 1.6. CPCs are required to report using a standard framework provided by the Scottish Government Guidance;

"Protecting Children and Young People: Child Protection Committees", 2005.

The areas covered in this report are as follows;

Evaluation and Inspection

- any evaluation work undertaken or commissioned by the CPC;
- relationships between national and local statistical trends;
- any inspections undertaken of the CPC; and
- implications for future actions.

Fulfilling Functions

- Public Information;
 - Policies, Procedures and Protocols;
 - Management Information;
 - Quality Assurance;
 - Promotion of Good Practice;
 - Training and Staff Development;
 - Communication and Co-operation;
 - Planning and Connections; and
 - Listening to Children and Young People.
- 1.7. The CPC report is presented to you for information regarding the progress of inter agency child protection work across Clackmannanshire.
- 1.8. This report contains a review of the 2008 to 2009 Action Plan as Appendix 6 and the 2009 to 2010 business plan as Appendix 5.
- 1.9. A main driver for improvement is the HM Inspectorate of Education Reports February 2008 - February 2009, and the self-evaluation work undertaken on behalf of the committee.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that;

- 2.1. The Scrutiny Committee notes the Clackmannanshire Child Protection Committee Report. This is for information only.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. The CPC report is in a standard format and is required to be submitted to the Chief Officers and Scottish Government each year. Each local authority area is required to submit an annual report.

- 3.2. Across the Forth Valley Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling CPCs derive some of the same membership from Central Scotland Police and NHS Forth Valley. This is to ensure an equity of developments across the three CPCs.
- 3.3. The CPCs are currently in a period of transition largely driven by the HM Inspectorate of Education reports and the implementation of actions identified for improvement.
- 3.4. Falkirk, Stirling and Clackmannanshire CPCs have developed Forth Valley wide sub groups to take forward the business of CPCs. These sub groups are;
- Policies and procedures.
 - Good Practice.
 - Management Information and Quality Assurance.
 - Training.
- 3.5. The work and out puts of the CPC are now subject to greater scrutiny and support by the Chief Officers (G5). The G5 have also inaugurated a G5 reporting group which is introducing robust monitoring and accountability structures.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1. This report does not contain any conclusions for the purpose submitted.

5.0 Sustainability Implications

- 5.1. Not applicable

6.0 Resource Implications

6.1. *Financial Details*

The requirements from Clackmannanshire Child Protection Annual Report can be met with existing Yes

- 6.2 The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate.

6.3 *Staffing*

The requirements from the Clackmannanshire Child Protection Annual Report can be met with existing staffing resources.

7.0 Exempt Reports

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

Not applicable.

8.0 Declarations

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

(1) **Our Priorities 2008 - 2011** (Please tick)

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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input 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 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)

N/A

9.0 Equalities Impact

9.1. Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

10.0 Legality

10.1. In adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

11.0 Appendices

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

1. Clackmannanshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report, 2008 - 2009

12.0 Background Papers

12.1. 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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