
Report to: Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 19 April 2018

Subject: Clackmannanshire Child Protection Procedures

Report by: Head of Social Services

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This report is to inform the Scrutiny Committee of the completion of Clackmannanshire Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures, 2017.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Committee notes this report.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. Children's Social Services developed the Clackmannanshire Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures, 2017 to ensure that Social Work, as the lead agency, apply a high standard of operational consistency.
- 3.2. These procedures are interconnected with the Scottish Government's National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland, 2010 and Forth Valley Inter Agency Child Protection Guidance, 2016.
- 3.3. In November 2017, all Social Workers within the service completed a five day intensive child protection course, with these procedures at the core of the training.
- 3.4. These procedures shall be an essential tool and reference point for Team Managers and Social Workers in their work with children at risk of significant harm and shall be one component part in promoting best practice within the service.
- 3.5. The detailed procedures are available as a background paper and officers will summarise key aspects of these at the committee meeting.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. None

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. N/A

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. N/A

5.4. Staffing N/A

5.5. Within existing establishment.

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)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

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

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".

none

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)

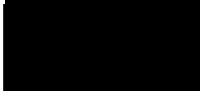
Yes No

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