



## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC GROUP**

Minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group held in Room 410, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Friday 13 December 2013 at 10.00am.

**Present:** B Malone, Chief Executive, Perth and Kinross Council  
Councillor B Band, Perth and Kinross Council  
Councillor E Maclachlan, Perth and Kinross Council  
Councillor B Vaughan, Perth and Kinross Council  
J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council  
J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), Perth and Kinross Council  
B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council  
A Irvine, Head of Children and Families' Services (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council  
B Nicoll, General Manager, Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership  
D Caldwell, Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership (substituting for J Flynn)  
P Wilson, Perth College UHI (substituting for R Ogston)  
A Gerry, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration  
F Steel, Action for Children Scotland

**In Attendance:** M Cochlan, F Mackay and C Mackie (all Education and Children's Services); A Crichton (Housing and Community Care), S Hendry and J Frawley (both Chief Executive's Service).

**Apologies:** Chief Inspector M Whitford, Detective Chief Inspector I Wales (both Police Scotland); J Flynn, K Fowlie, J Gilruth, D McLennan, C Harris, G Millar, R Ogston, S Rodger and L Swan.

B Malone in the Chair

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted and noted as above. On behalf of the group, B Malone passed on congratulations to Lesley McLay on her new appointment as Chief Executive of NHS Tayside.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in terms of the relevant Codes of Conduct.

**3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OF 7 OCTOBER 2013**

The minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership of 7 October 2013 was submitted and approved, subject to noting J Fyffe's apologies.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**(i) STV/Hunter Partnership (item 4(i) refers)**

B Atkinson provided the Group with an update on his communication with Neil Mathers, Head of Scotland, Save the Children UK regarding the Stronger Communities initiative. B Atkinson noted that there was a provisional date to meet with Lynn Hendry, STV Appeal in January 2014 and invited other members to attend.

Following discussion B Nicoll and F Steel offered their support to B Atkinson.

**(ii) Early Years Collaborative Update (item 6 refers)**

It was agreed that a further update would be provided at the next meeting on progress with the Early Years Collaborative.

*THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.*

**5. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF PERTH AND KINROSS YOUTH JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children and Families' Services (Education and Children's Services) (G/13/316) providing an update on the continuing progress of the Youth Justice Partnership in reducing offending by young people. The report also provided: (1) an outline of the next stage of the Review of Services to Young People and; (2) an indication of the priorities likely to shape the future direction of the service.

Following discussion, the Group:

- Welcomed the continued progress made by organisations within the Youth Justice Partnership in maintaining a reduction in offending by young people as outlined in Section 4 of report G/13/316.
- Recognised the significance of the innovative work carried out aimed at enhancing employability as outlined in Section 7 of report G/13/316
- Noted the steps being taken to progress the Review of Services to Young People as referred to in Section 8 of report G/13/316 and requested a further report on its findings during the course of 2014.

## **6. SUMMARY OF HOW GOOD IS OUR PARTNERSHIP SELF EVALUATION**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/13/310) providing a summary of the findings of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group self-evaluation undertaken at their meeting on 7 October 2013. The report provided information on three main triple aims: (1) 'How well do we deliver on outcomes'; (2) 'How well do we support individuals and communities'; (3) 'How well do we improve the quality of our work'.

Following discussion, the Group:

- Noted the improvement actions detailed in Report G/13/310.
- Agreed to hold a development session in early 2014 with key partners to reflect on the challenges facing the Group and future direction.

## **7. GIRFEC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2012-2014**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children and Families' Services (Education and Children's Services) (G/13/311) presenting progress and next steps in the implementation of GIRFEC in Perth and Kinross.

Following discussion, the Group noted the information provided within Report G/13/311 and the next steps involved.

## **8. DRAFT INTEGRATED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2013-2018**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (G/13/312) presenting the Group with a draft of the Integrated Children's Service Plan for discussion and direction.

Following discussion on the report, the Group:

- Agreed the outline and priority actions of the first draft of the Integrated Children's Services Plan 2013 – 2018.
- Agreed the timeline for consultation around priority actions.
- Agreed further actions required to address monitoring and reporting.
- Agreed development of a communications plan to support the further development of the plan and subsequent implementation.
- Agreed that the proposed development session of early 2014 would be an opportunity to shape a future draft of the Report.
- Noted that Third Sector consultation would take place in January 2014.

## **9. EVIDENCE2SUCCESS – PROJECT PLAN AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (G/13/322) providing

information on the Project Plan and Communications Strategy. B Atkinson noted that three projects were going to be taken forward at this time: (1) Family Nurse Partnership; (2) Incredible Years; and (3) Strengthening Families.

Following discussion, the Group noted Report G/13/322.

#### **10. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE BUSINESS ACTIVITY SINCE 7 OCTOBER 2013**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (G/13/314) providing information on the main business activities of the Child Protection Committee, since 7 October 2013.

Following discussion, the Group noted:

- The information on the Care Inspectorate's Future Scrutiny and Inspection of Service's for Children.
- The progress being made to implement locally the Getting Our Priorities Right: Working with Children, Young People and Families Affected by Problematic Alcohol and/or Drug Use national guidance.
- The bullet point updates regarding other Child Protection Committee ongoing/forthcoming child protection policy and/or practice developments.

#### **11. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH NHS**

There was submitted a report by the Senior Manager ((Planning)/Child Health Commissioner), NHS Tayside (G/13/315) providing information regarding changes to funding for 2014/15.

Following discussion on the report, the Group:

- Noted that funding will cease for: (1) CAHMS; (2) Complex Needs Co-ordinator; (3) OT provision in Fairview; and (4) School Nursing Provision.
- Noted that funding will continue for Speech and Language Therapy.

#### **12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There were no other items of business raised for discussion.

#### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Group noted the next meeting will be held in the Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on 21 March 2014 at 10am.

#### **14. PRESENTATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

It was agreed that the Head of Children and Families' Services would now provide this presentation at the future development session for the group.