

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC GROUP

Minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group held in the Room 415, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 7 October 2013 at 11am.

Present: B Malone, Chief Executive, Perth and Kinross Council
 D Burke, Executive Director (Housing & Community Care), Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor B Band, Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor Elspeth Maclachlan, Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor Barbara Vaughan, 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, Perth and Kinross Council
 Detective Chief Inspector I Wales, Police Scotland, (substituting for Chief Inspector M Whitford)
 B Nicoll, General Manager, Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership
 K Fowlie, Senior Manager (Planning)/Child Health Commissioner, NHS Tayside
 F Steel, Action for Children

In Attendance: M Cochlan, J Gilchrist and F Mackay (all Education and Children's Services); J Gilruth (Housing & Community Care) and L Brown, Chief Executive's Service (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies: A Gerry, D McLennan, G Millar, R Ogston and L Swan.

B Malone in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted and noted as above.

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 2 SEPTEMBER 2013.

The minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership of 2 September 2013 was submitted and noted.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(i) STV/Hunter Partnership (paragraph 4 refers)

B Atkinson provided the Group with an update on his discussion with Martin Crewe the Director of Barnardos Scotland regarding the pilot community development initiative.

Following discussion the Group agreed that the Muirton/North Muirton area within the North Perth city ward, and Stanley within the Perth Grammar School catchment area, be selected as the preferred areas for the pilot community development initiative.

5. EVIDENCE2SUCCESS PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/13/244) providing a summary of the progress achieved in the development and delivery of Evidence2Success since the last meeting of the Group on 2 September 2013. The report also provided: (1) an analysis of information gained through the Evidence2Success Well-being Surveys; and (2) proposals for the introduction of parenting programmes that will in time be delivered for all eligible families.

Following discussion, the Group:

- Noted the progress to date as detailed in Report G/13/244.
- Requested a Project Plan and a Communication Plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Group for further discussion.
- Requested a Youth Event be developed to engage young people in Evidence2Success.
- Agreed that Joan Wilson provide a presentation to the Early Years Early Intervention Programme Board in November on the Family Nurse Partnership in Perth and Kinross.
- Agreed to consider funding opportunities such as the Big Lottery and other charitable bodies to support Evidence2Success work.

6. EARLY YEARS COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

The Group received a presentation from Fiona Mackay, Perth and Kinross Council on the Early Years Collaborative.

7. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPC) – CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/13/242) presenting: (1) a summary of the proposed legislative provisions to promote children and young people's rights contained within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill. The report also detailed the views of children and young people on children protection systems in

Scotland as evidenced from published research and the current provisions and working ongoing across Perth and Kinross.

Following discussion on the report, the Group:

- Noted the proposed legislative provisions to promote children and young people's rights contained within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill.
- Noted the children and young people's views on child protection systems in Scotland evidenced from published research.
- Noted the current provisions and work ongoing across Perth and Kinross.

8. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPC) BUSINESS ACTIVITY REPORT SINCE 7 JUNE 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (G/13/243) highlighting the main business activity of the CPC since the meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership on 7 June 2013.

Following discussion on the report, the Group:

- Noted the Care Inspectorate's Report Child Protection Services: findings of Joint Inspections 2009-2012 and the work being undertaken locally in terms of continuous improvement.
- Noted the Scottish Government's Guidance Getting Our Priorities Right (GOPR2): Working with Children, Young People and Families Affected by Problematic Alcohol and/or Drug use and the joint work being undertaken locally to translate this into our local working practices.
- Noted the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee Single Improvement Plan 2013 – Update/Progress Report.
- Noted the bullet point updates regarding other CPC ongoing/forthcoming child protection policy and/or practice developments.

9. NATIONAL THIRD SECTOR GIRFEC PROJECT

There was submitted a letter from S Kelly, Senior Project Manager, of the National Third Sector GIRFEC project (G/13/245) advising that Perth and Kinross along with Renfrewshire, Orkney, Glasgow, West Lothian, North Ayrshire and Fife had been selected as a demonstration CPP and Third Section Interface area for the GIRFEC project. B Atkinson reported the pilot will commence in May 2014.

The Group noted the position.

10. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2014

The programme of meetings of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group in 2014 was agreed as follows:

14 March
13 June
3 October
5 December

All meetings to be held at 10am in the Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth.

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There were no other items of business raised for discussion.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted the next meeting will be held in the Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on 13 December 2013 at 10am.