



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP

Minute of the meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership held in the Hay Room, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Friday 6 November 2015 at 10.00am.

Present: B Malone, Chief Executive, Perth and Kinross Council (Chair)
Councillor B Band, Perth and Kinross Council (Items 1-4)
Councillor B Vaughan, Perth and Kinross Council
B Atkinson, Education and Children's Services, PKC
L Cameron, Housing and Community Care, PKC
J Flynn, Perth & Kinross Community Health Partnership
J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning & Public Service Reform), PKC
J Gilruth, Director (Housing and Community Care), PKC
S Hay, NHS Tayside Board
J Kerr, Voluntary Action Perthshire
J Pepper, Education and Children's Services, PKC
Chief Inspector I Scott, Police Scotland

In Attendance: C Mackie, P Davidson, R Drummond and J Somerville, (all Perth & Kinross Council).

Apologies: E Devine, PKCHP; S Devlin, Director (Education and Children's Services) PKC; Detective Superintendent C Gall, Police Scotland; K Fowlie, NHS Tayside; F Steel, Action for Children Scotland; D McLennan, Action for Children Scotland; J Walker, Depute Chief Executive (Corporate & Community Development Services), PKC; and P Wilson, Vice Principal Academic, Perth College.

B Malone in the Chair

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

B Malone welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence 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 GROUP OF 21 AUGUST 2015

The Minute of the Meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 21 August 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:-

6(ii) – delete reference to MAGS and amend to MASG.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Senior Management Development Session – 22 May 2015 (Item 7 refers)

J Pepper confirmed that five dates, with the first taking place 9 November 2015, had now been confirmed to undertake wider engagement through a series of visits to localities for discussions with professional staff on a multi-agency basis. The Convener requested that a further update be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership (**ACTION JP**).

(ii) Health and Social Care Integration and the Implications for Children's Services (Item 8 refers)

B Malone referred to keeping the Partnership membership under review and of the importance of housing to families. She then introduced Lorna Cameron, Head of Housing and Strategic Commissioning, to members and it was agreed that Lorna would provide an update relevant to young people and vulnerable families to a future meeting of the Partnership (**ACTION LC**).

(iii) Local Plan for GIRFEC (Item 10 refers)

J Pepper agreed to submit a detailed Project Plan to the next meeting of the Partnership (**ACTION JP**). J Flynn referred to the Transformation of School Nursing Programme and it was agreed that Lesley Paterson would provide a presentation to the Partnership at the next meeting (**ACTION JF**). B Malone raised staff capacity and J Flynn provided a brief update regarding current recruitment, attracting and retaining Health Visitors.

5. MEASURING IMPROVEMENTS AND OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES

P Davison, Corporate Research & Information Manager, Perth and Kinross Council made a presentation to the Partnership and a paper highlighting measurements of improvements and outcomes for Children and Families Services was tabled.

During the presentation, P Davidson referred to the paper and during the discussion, reference was also made the inclusion of another column in the table (locality), key questions for the wider population, difficulties in measuring deprivation in rural areas, alternative sources of data gathering, prevention and early intervention, data collated nationally, priority areas, and effective collaboration with Tayside GIRFEC Group.

Following the presentation and the discussion, B Malone thanked P Davidson for the informative presentation and paper and she thanked members for their constructive comments.

**6. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPC)
BUSINESS ACTIVITY REPORT SINCE 21 AUGUST 2015**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/277) highlighting the main business activities of the CPC since the last meeting of the Partnership.

J Pepper referred to the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Summit held in Perth on 8 September 2015 and it was agreed that copies of the young people's visual contributions made during the Young People's Speak-Up Innovation Lab would be circulated to members (**ACTION JP**).

J Pepper reported on the Perth and Kinross CPC – Standards and Quality Report 2014/15 and B Malone noted the importance of instances of children who did not quite meet thresholds and the need to review, for example, those child protection investigation cases which did not proceed to a child protection case conference. J Pepper agreed to submit a more detailed further report to a future meeting of the Partnership (**ACTION JP**).

B Malone noted the Partnership's scrutinising and supporting role in terms of the CPC and requested that a joint meeting be arranged for both groups (**ACTION JP**).

Following discussion, the Partnership noted:

- (i) The success of the local leadership summit, engagement of young people and ongoing work across a wide range of organisations to tackle abuse and exploitation;
- (ii) The implementation of the significantly improved CPC Management Information and Performance Outcome Framework and planned further developments; and
- (iii) The refined approach to quality assurance and self-evaluation planned by the CPC and informed by the data contained within the CPC Standards and Quality Report 2014/15.

7. SENIOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT SESSION – UPDATED ACTION PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/278) providing an update on the progress against the priority outcomes identified within the action plan arising from the Children, Young People and Families Partnership Development Session held on 22 May 2015. This workshop embraced key themes of 'Closing the Gap' and aimed to confirm future priorities for the Partnership.

Following discussion, the Partnership noted:

- (i) The progress to date to address the initial actions identified at the Development Day; and
- (ii) The action to continue to update as appropriate, the integrated Children's Services Plan to reflect the outcomes agreed and action identified to support these.

8. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2015

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/279) presenting a summary analysis of pupil attainment for academic session 2014/15 in Perth and Kinross, specifically in relation to Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) progress with learning and achievement in P4, P7 and S3, and attainment at SCQF levels 5, 6, and 7 in secondary years S4, S5 and S6. It all set out measurements to further improve attainment for all Perth and Kinross pupils.

Following consideration of the report, the Partnership noted:

That a similar report had been submitted to the Council's Lifelong Learning Committee on 4 November 2015, and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015.

9. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS - 2016

There was submitted a timetable of meetings for 2016 (G/15/280) and the following dates for meetings of the Children and Young People and Families Partnership was agreed:

Friday 19 February 2016
Friday 20 May 2016
Friday 19 August 2016
Friday 4 November 2016

10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

No further business was considered.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Partnership noted the next meeting would be held at 10.00am on Friday 19 February 2016.