

Minute of Meeting Children & Young People Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 17 November 2015	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillor E McCartin (Renfrewshire Council); L O'Brien, Barnardos; K Miller, Engage Renfrewshire; F MacKay, Health & Social Care Partnership; N Burns, Police Scotland; J Melrose, Renfrewshire Children's Panel; P MacLeod, D Amos, D Hawthorn, J Trainer, G McKinlay, S Bell and S Glasgow (all Renfrewshire Council); L King, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration; S Frew, Scottish Enterprise; P Nelis, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; M Gilligan, Skills Development Scotland; M Dunn, University of the West of Scotland; and A Dick, West College Scotland.

CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Henry Peter Macleod chaired the meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE

Y Farquhar, C MacDonald and A Conboy (all Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Henry and Bibby (both Renfrewshire Council); F McBride, Children 1st; D Leese, Health & Social Care Partnership; A Lowe, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; E McLean, Renfrewshire Council; R Deucher, University of the West of Scotland; and S Graham, West College Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 4 of the agenda before item 3.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Children & Young People Thematic Board held on 31 August, 2015.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

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Peter Macleod left the meeting and David Amos took the Chair.

3 RENFREWSHIRE CARER'S STRATEGY 2013-16

A report was submitted by the Senior Officer (GIRFEC), Renfrewshire Council relative to Renfrewshire Carer's Strategy 2013-16.

The Carers' Strategy, which was approved by Social Work, Health & Well-being Policy Board in May 2013, detailed the priorities and outcomes identified by local unpaid carers, and the actions for Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership and Renfrewshire Carers Centre to support carers in continuing in their caring role. The Strategy acknowledged the significant role adult, young adult and young carers played in supporting people and recognised carers as partners in the delivery of care.

The report advised that a Young Carers Strategy Group had been established to focus on the implementation of the actions from the Carers Strategy as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and the Carers (Scotland) Bill, which covered a range of areas relating to supporting carers including a number of new duties and requirements in relation to young carers was detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Members of the Young Carers and Young Adults Carers Forum delivered a presentation to members relative to young carers and the impact of caring. They highlighted the Young Carers Projects and what it meant to them and spoke candidly about their experiences and the life-changing benefits of being involved with the Carers Centre.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the progress in the young carers action plan be noted;
- (b) That the information related to the Carers (Scotland) Bill be noted; and
- (c) That the issues raised in the presentation by the Carers Centre and the Young Carers Forum be noted.

4 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGEMENT EVENT

A report was submitted by Alastair Ewan, Youth Services Manager, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Children & Young People Youth Engagement Event which took place on 31 August, 2015 at Gleniffer High School.

Children's Services facilitated a youth engagement event with young people from Gleniffer High School enabling them to meet Board members and for the senior pupils to identify various issues and prepare presentations to share with the Board. The young people were supported to express their views and explore, in discussion with Board members, possible ideas and solutions to combat those concerns.

Key themes included youth voice, health and wellbeing, jobs and training, employment, access to community facilities, social isolation and impact of poverty. The students were advised that the Board would look at the points raised; develop an action plan; and respond to the students within two weeks. A summary of the issues identified were compiled, action points were developed and these were passed back to the students. A summary of the issues identified and action points were set out within the report.

The report noted that the feedback from young people who participated in this event was very positive and they recommended that similar opportunities be offered to young people across Renfrewshire in the future.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 PERMANENCE AND CARE EXCELLENCE (PACE)

A report was submitted by D Hawthorn, Head of Service, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Permanence and Care Excellence (PaCE) programme.

The report advised that significant progress has been made with changes to the local permanence system in order to improve outcomes for children and their families. There was a high level of motivation and energy from staff supporting the programme to sustain this level of positive change.

DECIDED: That the progress of the PaCE programme within Renfrewshire be noted.

6 INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN - OUTCOME 2

A report was submitted by the Director of Children's Services relative to a progress report on the Integrated Children's Services improvement plan.

The progress made against each individual action was detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and key areas of progress were highlighted at Section 4 of the report.

DECIDED: That the key areas of progress as detailed within the report be noted.

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