

Minute of Meeting Improving Life Chances Group

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 27 June 2018	14:00	Corporate Meeting Room 2, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

K McIntyre, Engage Renfrewshire; M Gilligan, Skills Development Scotland; J Trainer, D Hawthorn, O Reid and A Morrison (all Renfrewshire Council); and F MacKay, S Clocherty and L Mullen (all Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership).

CHAIR

J Trainer, Head of Early Years and Inclusion.

IN ATTENDANCE

K Tobin, Dartington Service Design Lab; C MacDonald (Renfrewshire Council); M Gallagher, Police Scotland; and I Forster-Smith, West College Scotland.

APOLOGIES

J Melrose, Area Support Team; S Wright, Police Scotland; N Harkness, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; S Wright, Police Scotland; J Paterson, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; P MacLeod and G McKinlay (both Renfrewshire Council); J McKellar, Renfrewshire Leisure; C Nicol, 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 - Joint Inspection of Adult Health & Social Care in Renfrewshire before item 3 - Children's Services Partnership Plan.

1 IMPROVING LIFE CHANCES GROUP - ROLE, REMIT AND TIMETABLE OF GROUP

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the role, remit and proposed timetable for the Improving Life Chances Group.

Discussion took place relative to the work programme/activity and the role of Chair of the Group. It was proposed that a half day action plan workshop be held to develop a work programme with outcomes and targets. This was agreed. It was also agreed that the role of Chair be deferred to the next meeting of the Group and if any Member wished to declare an interest in the role they email the Clerk.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that a half-day action plan workshop be held to develop a work programme with outcomes and targets;

(b) That it be agreed that the role of Chair be deferred to the next meeting of the Group and that Members wishing to declare an interest in the position would contact the Clerk of the Group.

2 EARLY ACTION SYSTEMS CHANGE

K Tobin, Dartington Service Design Lab advised that during March 2018 Big Lottery Scotland had awarded £1 million to a collaborative bid between Dartington Service Design Lab, Renfrewshire Council, Engage Renfrewshire and third sector partners for a project to improve emotional health and wellbeing and address issues around coercive relationships during adolescence. She advised that the Early Action System Change was a three-year project which aimed to support work which prevented problems from occurring rather than just dealing with the consequences.

A core element of the Early Action System Change initiative was working with children, young people, families and communities to design a system of services that supported prevention and early intervention to improve emotional well-being and healthy adolescent relationships. Members were advised that an information session would be held on 20 August 2018 at the offices of Engage Renfrewshire to outline the aims of the initiative and to detail how partners could get involved in the design and development phase.

A presentation was made to members of the Group which detailed the ChildCount Well-being Survey; highlighted the Early Action System change bid and bid proposal; and outlined the different project phases.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

3 **JOINT INSPECTION OF ADULT HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN RENFREWSHIRE**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Health & Social Care (Paisley) relative to the joint inspection of adult health and social work services in Renfrewshire, undertaken by the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland between October to December 2017.

The report intimated that the aim of the inspection was to ensure that the relatively newly formed integration authority had the necessary building blocks in place to plan, commission and deliver high quality services in a co-ordinated and sustainable way.

The Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland had published their report detailing their findings from the inspection, entitled 'Joint Inspection (Adults) the Effectiveness of Strategic Planning in Renfrewshire, on 18 April 2018. The report highlighted that the Health and Social Care Partnership was making significant progress on improving residents' health and social services; concurred with the self-assessment that quality indicators 1 and 6 were level 4 – good; and that very positive comments on quality indicator 9 had been provided. In advance of the inspection, the Health and Social Care Partnership had been advised that quality indicator 9 would not be given a formal grade.

The inspection report was positive and highlighted key successes, which were detailed in section 3.3 and identified areas for improvement which were detailed in section 3.4 of the report. It was noted that the Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board would consider areas for improvement and develop an improvement plan at the next meeting of the Board.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 **CHILDREN'S SERVICES PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the Children's Services Partnership Plan 2018/21.

The report intimated that Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act placed a joint duty on local authorities and health boards to produce three-yearly children's service plans. To allow a full analysis of the children's wellbeing data which had been returned during February 2017, the Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership agreed to produce an interim plan for 2017/18 which had been approved at the meeting of the Education and Children's Services Policy Board held on 1 June 2017.

The report advised that a new three-year Children's Services Partnership Plan for 2018/21 had now been produced in collaboration with children and young people, Council officers, statutory partners and third sector organisations. Taking into account feedback from children and young people, the Partnership had created a 'Plan on a Page' which conveyed all of the essential information required of a plan in a manner which was accessible to children and young people.

The 'Plan on a Page' was underpinned by detailed action plans which set out how partners would deliver the Plan and how progress would be monitored. It was noted that development of the action plans would be aligned to the new inspection framework and requirements of the new national minimum dataset which were due to be published during summer 2018.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the report and the “Plan on a Page”, including the interactive multi-media resources be noted; and
- (b) That it be agreed that the ongoing development of detailed action plans be supported by the Improving Life Chances Group.

5 DRAFT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

There was submitted a report by the Head of Childcare and Criminal Justice relative to a revised Quality Indicator Framework for Children’s Services.

The report advised that the proposed framework had been subject to consultation and it was anticipated that it would replace the existing framework, “How well are we improving the lives of children and young people”, which had been published in 2014. The new indicator framework would be used as a basis for future inspections as well as self-evaluation.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the report be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that further updates would be provided on the finalised framework and the inspection programme.

6 NO ONE LEFT BEHIND - NEXT STEPS FOR THE INTEGRATION AND ALIGNMENT OF EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT IN SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Area Manager, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire, Skills Development Scotland which outlined the Scottish Government’s proposals to deliver more effective and joined-up employability support across Scotland.

The report advised that Plan would improve the life chances of a range of groups who were further away from the labour market. This included disabled people, people with health issues, people experiencing substance misuse issues, people with convictions or on Community Payback Orders and people experiencing homelessness. Implementation of the 14 actions to improve employability within the Plan would involve national and local partners and the report noted that the Local Employability Partnership had the lead role of co-ordinating employability services locally and would help to deliver the Plan in Renfrewshire.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the actions and partner responsibilities contained within the report be noted; and
- (b) That it be agreed that the Renfrewshire Local Employability Partnership would co-ordinate the contribution of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership to appropriate actions in the No-One Left Behind action plan.

7 FUTURE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The chair intimated that this item had been dealt with under Item 1.