
To: Education and Children's Services Policy Board

On: 21 January 2021

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership Plan

1. Summary

- 1.1 Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Act places a joint duty on local authorities and health boards to produce three yearly Children's Services Partnership Plans. The first plan was required to commence on 1st April 2017.
- 1.2 The new requirements coincided with the return of Renfrewshire's children's wellbeing data in February 2017. We wanted to take the opportunity to fully analyse the data in concert with our planning partners and to share the data with our children and young people before we produced our new plan.
- 1.3 The Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership agreed to produce an interim plan, 'Re-assessing Our Priorities', to cover the period 2017-18. Our Children's Services Partnership Plan for 2018-2021 was published on 1st April 2018. This meant that Renfrewshire's three-year cycle of children's services planning was asynchronous with other local areas.
- 1.4 In line with the Statutory Guidance, a report on the progress of our plan was published on 1st April 2019. A further annual report was due on 1st April 2020.
- 1.5 In response to the Covid pandemic, the Scottish Government relaxed the timescale for annual reports and required planning partnerships, by 30th September 2020, to produce a timetable for the publication of reports and plans.
- 1.6 Our timetable indicated that the Renfrewshire's Children's Services Partnership Plan annual review will be published by the end of January 2021 and a new three-year plan is being prepared for consultation in February 2021, presented to this Board in March 2021 before being published in April 2021.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board notes that, in line with statutory requirements, an annual report on the 2018-21 Children's Services Partnership Plan will be submitted in January 2021.
- 2.2 That the Board notes our timetable to publish a new, three-year Children's Services Partnership Plan in April 2021.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership is comprised of senior officers from across the council and HSCP, along with representatives from all local-based statutory agencies with corporate parenting responsibilities. In addition, the Partnership has representatives from third sector organisations.
- 3.2 The purpose of Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership (RCSP) is to:
- support the Improving Life Chances Community Planning Board in leading and developing services for children and young people in Renfrewshire; and
 - ensure partnership working to deliver agreed outcomes by managing performance across the theme.
- 3.3 The Renfrewshire Children's Service Partnership Plan 2018-2021 was approved by the Education and Children's Services Policy Board on 24th May 2018. The Plan was produced in collaboration with children and young people, Council colleagues, statutory partners and third sector organisations. The Plan identified how key stakeholders would work together to meet the needs and aspirations of Renfrewshire's young people and foster a protective and nurturing environment that supports positive wellbeing and promotes learning and achievement.
- 3.4 The Plan was informed by extensive consultation, engagement and data gathering exercises. This robust insight allowed the Partnership to identify three key priorities for action:
- Improving adolescent mental health and wellbeing;
 - Increasing physical activity for all children and young people; and
 - Promoting positive adolescent relationships.
- 3.5 This insight also established a vision for the Plan's form and function. An innovative 'Plan on a Page' approach was adopted to convey essential, high-level information in a way that was engaging and accessible to children and young people. The Plan identified clear objectives and associated measures of success.
- 3.6 The 2019/20 annual report on the Plan will be submitted to the Scottish Government during January 2021. The annual report will demonstrate key examples of the Partnership's work to develop and deliver services to meet

the needs of local children and young people. It will show how collaborative working has maximised the positive impact of a range of services and approaches delivered by partners across the authority. Importantly, it will identify where there is potential to improve and further strengthen our activities, thereby creating a foundation for the new 2021-24 Plan.

- 3.7 The next full Children's Service Partnership Plan is being developed at present. A draft plan will be produced during January 2021, consulted on in February 2021 and brought to the March meeting of this Board for approval. If approved the report will be submitted to the Scottish Government in April 2021.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial

None.

2. HR and Organisational Development

None.

3. Community/Council Planning

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| Our Renfrewshire is well | - The Children's Service Partnership Plan will set out how partners will address the health and well-being of Renfrewshire's Children |
| Our Renfrewshire is fair | - The Children's Service Partnership Plan will set out how partners will demonstrate how services will work to achieve fairness for Renfrewshire's Children |
| Our Renfrewshire is safe | - The Children's Service Partnership Plan will set out how partners will address the safety and protection of Renfrewshire's Children |
| Building strong, safe and resilient communities | - The Children's Service Partnership Plan will set out how partners will contribute to building strong and safe communities for Renfrewshire's Children |
| Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all | - The Children's Service Partnership Plan address the needs of the most vulnerable of Renfrewshire's Children |
| Working together to improve outcomes | - The Children's Service Partnership Plan will set out how partners will work together to improve outcomes for Renfrewshire's Children |

4. Legal

None.

5. Property/Assets

None.

6. Information Technology

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights

(Please select the statement applicable to the recommendations contained within this board report and delete remaining statements)

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only.

The results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety

None.

9. Procurement

None.

10. Risk

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

12. Cosla Policy Position

None.

13. Climate Risk

None.

List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper 1: (delete row if not used or add further rows if required or state 'none')

The foregoing background papers will be retained within children's services for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is John Trainer, Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice/

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