

Minute of Meeting

Children & Young People Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 10 November 2016	09:30	Tweedie Hall, Ardlamont Square, Linwood, PA3 3DE

PRESENT

Councillors Henry, Bibby and McCartin (all Renfrewshire Council); L O'Brien, Barnardos; N Burns, Police Scotland; M Ferguson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; A Lowe, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; J Melrose, Area Support Team; L King, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration; P MacLeod, D Hawthorn, G McKinlay, J Trainer, S Glasgow, and Y Farquhar (all Renfrewshire Council); and M Dunn, University of the West of Scotland.

CHAIR

Councillor J Henry, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Burns, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; N Davidson, C MacDonald and D McAllion (all Renfrewshire Council); J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and D Ford and J McTaggart (both Who Cares? Scotland).

APOLOGIES

R Ritchie, Children 1st; F MacKay, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; M Gilligan, Skills Development Scotland; and S Graham, West College Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Children & Young People Thematic Board held on 1 September 2016.

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.

3 **FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Health & Social Care Services (West Renfrewshire), Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to an update on the progress of the Family Nurse Partnership (East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde) (FNP).

The report outlined the data gathered to date in relation to specific core model elements and fidelity goals and provided information on FNP going forward across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and to what extent FNP was embedded within the local authority area.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 **SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION**

The Data Analytics & Research Officer, Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council, gave a presentation relative to an overview of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD).

The presentation gave a brief overview of the main points; drew attention to the Data Zones within the application; outlined the areas of deprivation within Renfrewshire; highlighted the areas of education and health deprivation; and outlined the next steps.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **CORPORATE PARENTING - PART 9, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Early Learning and Inclusion relevant to an update on Corporate Parenting.

The report outlined the Corporate Parenting duties under Part 9 of the Act and set out the corporate parenting responsibilities which extended to all looked after children from birth to when they ceased to be looked after. The public bodies to which Corporate Parenting responsibilities applied were highlighted in Appendix 1 of the report. The Corporate Parenting Plan was also summarised and the report detailed the responsibilities which were set out in the Act. The report also outlined the Corporate Parenting Plan, the reporting procedure and the procedure for complaints and disputes.

Renfrewshire's Champions Board was highlighted as a forum for care experienced young people which enabled them to meet with and express their views to their Corporate Parents and influence policy and practice for other looked after young people.

D Ford and J McTaggart from Who Cares? Scotland spoke to the Board and gave a brief overview of their organisation; the services they provided; how their services integrated with the Council and the Community Planning Partners; and gave a brief overview of the Communities that Care project.

The report indicated that partners in Renfrewshire were committed to closing the attainment gap between our most able and most vulnerable students and as a result a working group on "Improving Education Outcomes for Looked After Children" had been set up and chaired by the Head of Early Years and Inclusion. The focus of the group was to identify and share best practice across establishments in Renfrewshire. The working group had representatives from establishments in Renfrewshire, Children's Services, Development and Housing, West College Scotland, the University of the West of Scotland and the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland.

It was noted that Appendix 2 of the report related to the Care Leavers Covenant and contained information on the progress of the partners in delivering the commitments contained within the Covenant and the areas where further progress was required. The delivery against the Covenant commitments were monitored on a regular basis and further reports on progress and areas for development would be brought to a future meeting.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Duties under part 9 of the Act be noted;
- (b) That the work that had been undertaken to meet the responsibilities in Renfrewshire be noted; and
- (c) That it be noted that the Corporate Parenting Plan would be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

Minute of Joint Meeting Jobs & the Economy Thematic Board, Children & Young People Thematic Board & Safer & Stronger Renfrewshire Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 10 November 2015	11:00	Tweedie Hall, Bridge Street, Linwood, PA3 3DB

PRESENT

Councillors Henry, Bibby, Williams, Lawson and E Devine (all Renfrewshire Council); L O'Brien, Barnardos; N Burns, Police Scotland; M Ferguson and L Mullen, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; A O'Dowd, DWP; A Lowe, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; J Melrose, Area Support Team; L King, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration; P MacLeod, S MacDougall, M Crearie, O Reid, D Hawthorn, G McKinlay, J Trainer, S Glasgow, C Robertson, R Cooper and Y Farquhar (all Renfrewshire Council); S Cruickshank, Renfrewshire Access Panel; A Dick, West College Scotland; and M Dunn, University of the West of Scotland.

CHAIR

Councillor J Henry presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Burns, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; N Davidson and C MacDonald (all Renfrewshire Council); J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and D Ford and J McTaggart (both Who Cares? Scotland).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Glen and McCartin, (both Renfrewshire Council); R Ritchie, Children 1st; F MacKay and H Cunningham (both Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); M Gallagher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; M Gilligan, Skills Development Scotland; S Graham, West College Scotland; B Grant, Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

PRESENTATION BY CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD

A presentation was given by J Trainer, Head of Early Years and Inclusion relative to Corporate Parenting.

The presentation gave a brief overview of the Corporate Parenting duties under Part 9 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and highlighted the corporate parenting responsibilities which extended to all looked after children from birth to when they ceased to be looked after.

N Davidson, Development Officer (GIRFEC) spoke to the Board and gave a brief overview of the Children's Champions Board and intimated that it provided a platform for young people to talk directly to local authority staff, elected members and service providers to ensure that decisions which affected their lives were informed by their own experiences. It was noted that through Champions Boards, care experienced young people themselves could influence improvements in the services and support available to them and Renfrewshire had been developing its Champions Board for several years and had already created strong partnerships with care experienced young people.

PRESENTATION BY JOBS & THE ECONOMY THEMATIC BOARD

A presentation was given by R Cooper, Economic Development Manager relative to the employment challenges for young people in the transition from school to progression routes and vocational pathways.

The presentation summarised a comparison of the annual participation measure by age and gender between the local authority and Scotland; highlighted additional resources for priority groups; gave a brief overview of the Renfrewshire employability pipeline; detailed targeted programmes and priority groups; summarised claimant count rates for 2013/16; and outlined the key issues and challenges.

PRESENTATION BY SAFER & STRONGER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

A presentation was given by C Robertson, Warden Services Manger relative to the Street Stuff, a partnership divisionary programme.

A short DVD was shown which gave a brief overview of the programme and highlighted the strong partnership working within Renfrewshire; the presentation then outlined the difference the programme had made to the young people and the communities they lived in; detailed some of the underlying causes and symptoms and what had been achieved; and indicated the challenges for the programme going forward.

There then followed a general discussion which centered around the issues of the three presentations; what were the likely challenges the partnership faced; and what was seen as the way forward.

Particular concern was raised with regard to young people with learning and/or physical disabilities who were attempting to gain employment and the difficulties that they faced. Project Search, an employability programme for young people between 17 and 26 years old with a learning disability or autism was discussed and it was noted that this type of approach could work well with other groups.

It was highlighted that helping young people with physical disabilities was a significant challenge and it was agreed that funding and tailored programmes, both within the public and private sector, for young people with disabilities would be investigated with a view to ensuring that young people with physical disabilities gained meaningful employment in their local area.

Discussion turned to the “Family Firm” approach which was a model of employment for looked after young people and a working framework for Community Planning Partners and employers to support all looked after young people and care leavers into positive destinations. It was agreed that the Children’s Champions Board would develop a model on what the family firm model would look like and submit a report to a future meeting of the Children & Young People Thematic Board.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed that funding and tailored programmes, both within the public and private sector, for young people with disabilities would be investigated with a view to ensuring that young people with physical disabilities gained meaningful employment in their local area; and
- (b) That the Children’s Champions Board would submit a report to a future meeting of the Children & Young People Thematic Board on what the family firm model would look like.