
To: Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

On: 29 June 2018

Report by: Chief Officer

Subject: Integrated Children's Services Partnership Plan 2018 - 2021

1. Summary

- 1.1. The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 received Royal Assent on 27th March 2014. Part 3 of the Act places a joint duty on local authorities and Health Boards to produce three yearly Children's Services Plans. The first plan was required to commence on 1st April 2017.
- 1.2. Statutory Guidance on Children's Services Planning was published in December 2016. The Guidance sets out a number of new requirements which must be followed in developing, implementing and reviewing their new Children's Services Plans. The Guidance encourages innovative presentation formats and emphasises the importance of consultation with children and young people, in developing the plan.
- 1.3. The Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership produced an interim plan to cover the period 2017-18. This was to allow a full analysis of the results of the comprehensive wellbeing study carried out with Renfrewshire's children and young people.
- 1.4. The new, three year Children's Services Partnership Plan for 2018-2021 has been produced in collaboration with children and young people, statutory partners and third sector organisations. It is informed by extensive consultation with children and young people. Following their feedback, we have taken the approach of producing a 'Plan on a Page'. The one page format conveys the all of the essential, high level information required of a plan in a manner which is accessible to children and young people. A copy of the plan (in poster format) will be displayed at the IJB meeting.
- 1.5. Our 'Plan on a Page' includes multi-media functions which present short video clips of council officers explaining the purpose of the plan as well as links to websites of relevance to local children and young people.
- 1.6. The new approach is innovative and is inspired by this Scottish Year of the Young Person. The attractive and accessible format of the plan helps Renfrewshire to deliver on its aspiration of being a 'child friendly' council.

- 1.7. The 'Plan on a Page' will be informed by detailed action plans which are currently being developed by the Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership. Development of the action plans is being timed to allow their alignment with new national inspection and reporting requirements which will be published imminently.
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2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the IJB:

- Approve the Children's Services Partnership 'Plan on a Page' including the interactive multi-media resources; and
 - Note the ongoing development of detailed actions plans to support delivery of the priorities detailed in the Plan. The action plans will be finalised when the new inspection framework and requirements of the new national minimum dataset are confirmed by the Scottish Government. These are anticipated early in the summer.
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3. Background

- 3.1. In 2016/17 Renfrewshire Council became the first local authority to repeat the collection of wellbeing data about our children and young people. Over 10,000 children and young people participated and provided valuable information about their key developmental outcomes and the risks and protective factors in their lives. The survey data also allowed us the evaluation of the impact of the previous Children's Services Plan and the identification of new priorities for the planning period 2018-21.
- 3.2. During 2017, the wellbeing data was shared with a wide range of stakeholders in the statutory and voluntary sectors, as well as with many groups of children and young people. Their feedback highlighted three clear priorities for action:
- Improving adolescent mental health and wellbeing;
 - Increasing physical activity for all children and young people; and
 - Promoting positive adolescent relationships.
- 3.3. We also consulted extensively with children and young people about what they wanted from our new Children's Services Plan. Their feedback was clear – they wanted a plan which they could easily read and understand and which explained what the Council and its partners would do to improve their lives. Many young people told us that they had never before read a Children's Services' Plan because they found it too long and felt it was aimed at professionals.
- 3.4. This is the Scottish Year of the Young Person and also of Renfrewshire's aspiration to be a 'child friendly' council, we decided to develop a new,

innovative plan which was attractive and accessible to our children and young people. The 'Plan on a Page' sets out in an eye-catching and colourful format the high level priorities of the Children's Services Partnership and highlights the outcomes we are all working to achieve.

- 3.5. The Plan also uses interactive, multi-media content to engage and inform children and young people. The Plan includes QR codes which enable smart phone users to access short video clips of the Director of Children's Services and other key staff explaining the purpose of the plan and providing other relevant details about local services and the delivery of the priorities. The Plan also includes links to useful websites such as the 'No Worries' site, Renfrewshire Youth Services and the Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People.
- 3.6. The plan incorporates the winning drawings from an art competition in which local primary school children were asked to draw pictures of what they liked best about growing up in Renfrewshire. The winning drawings were chosen by the Children's Champions' Board.
- 3.7. The plan is underpinned by detailed action plans which set out how partners will deliver the plan and how progress will be measured. These will be finalised when the new inspection arrangements are published.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** – None.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
- 3. **Community Planning** – The plan aims to ensure that all of our children and young people have the best start in life, are safe and healthy and live in fair, thriving and resilient communities. The plan describes that partners will work together to improve outcomes for all.
- 4. **Legal** – None.
- 5. **Property/Assets** – None.
- 6. **Information Technology** – None.
- 7. **Equality & Human Rights** – 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 for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
- 8. **Health & Safety** – None.
- 9. **Procurement** – None.

10. **Risk** – None.
11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
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List of Background Papers - Children's Services Partnership Plan 2017-18
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