

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC GROUP

Minute of special meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group held in the Room 415, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 2 September 2013 at 9.00am.

Present: B Malone, Chief Executive, Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor B Band, Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor Elspeth Maclachlan, Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor Barbara Vaughan, Perth and Kinross Council
 John Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council
 B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council
 A Irvine, Head of Children and Families' Services, Perth and Kinross Council
 Inspector I Scott, Police Scotland, (substituting for Chief Inspector M Whitford)
 B Nicoll, General Manager, Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership
 J Flynn, Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership
 K Fowlie, Senior Manager (Planning)/Child Health Commissioner, NHS Tayside
 H Mackinnon, Chief Executive (PKAVS) (Substituting for G Millar, Voluntary Action Perthshire (PKAVS Community Engagement)
 F Steel, Action for Children Scotland

In Attendance: M Crewe, Director of Barnardos Scotland; K Dunbar, Aberlour; S Rehman, One Parent Families Scotland; F Mackay and R Drummond (both Education and Children's Services, Perth and Kinross Council); L Brown, Chief Executive's Service, Perth and Kinross Council.

Apologies: D Burke, A Gerry, J Gilruth, D McLennan, G Millar, R Ogston and L Swan.

B Malone in the Chair

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

B Malone welcomed Councillors Bob Band, Elspeth Maclachlan and Barbara Vaughan to their first meeting of the Group. A welcome was also extended to Martin Crewe, Director of Barnardos Scotland, Ken Dunbar of Aberlour and Satwat Rehman of One Parent Families Scotland. Apologies were submitted and noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declaration of interest in terms of the relevant Codes of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OF 7 JUNE 2013.

The minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership of 7 June 2013 was submitted and noted.

4. STV TELETHON/TOM HUNTER FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP

Martin Crewe, Director of Barnardos Scotland gave a presentation to the CYPSPG on the charitable partnership venture between STV and the Tom Hunter Foundation which raises over £2m per annum through donations to the STV telethon appeal. Working closely with six major Scottish charities the partnership deliver a range of projects at a local level to tackle the causes and effects of poverty and disadvantage experienced by children and young people in communities across the country.

The speaker advised that the 6 charities are now seeking to develop an integrated way of working with two Scottish local authority areas on a community development pilot in their respective areas. The objective being delivery of long-term sustainable change in the lives of the most at-risk children and young people in the country and creating a culture of intergenerational support for them within their communities. As lead organisation for the charities Save the Children Scotland have appointed a programme manager to oversee the work and will appoint a community engagement worker in the two pilot areas selected.

M Crewe advised that the charities would like to work with Perth and Kinross Council and its community planning partners to pilot this initiative. Support for the proposal would see the council and its community planning partners undertaking a mapping exercise to identify a suitable area/community for the pilot. The CYPSPG noted that an assets based approach will be taken to identify what the various contributors can bring to the table with the objective being that the community development work will influence how spending is prioritised in the longer term.

B Malone thanked M Crewe for his presentation.

Following discussion the group:

- Welcomed and supported the proposal to work with the charities and the STV/Hunter Foundation Partnership on a pilot community development initiative within Perth and Kinross.
- Requested that B Atkinson have further discussions with M Crewe regarding the criteria for the selection of a pilot area within Perth and Kinross reporting the outcome back to the October meeting of the CYPSPG.
- Agreed a final decision on the pilot area within Perth and Kinross be taken by the CYPSPG the next meeting on 4 October 2013.

5. EVIDENCE2SUCCESS PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/13/208) providing a summary of the progress achieved in the development and delivery of Evidence2Success. The report also provided: (1) an analysis of information gained through the Evidence2Success Well-being Surveys; (2) proposals for a set of priorities to improve the well-being of children and young people in Perth and Kinross, and (3) proposals for the introduction of parenting programmes that will in time be delivered for all eligible families.

Following discussion, the group:

- Noted the summary reports for the Perth and Kinross level reports on the findings of the Evidence2Success Well-being Surveys
- Agreed the five priority areas as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report to improve the well-being of children and young people in Perth and Kinross
- Agreed an action plan identifying short and long-term activity, including workforce development priorities to be developed to support improvement
- Agreed the recommendation of the Parenting Sub-Group, endorsed by the Early Years, Early Intervention Programme Board on 5 August 2013, that the Incredible Years and Strengthening Families programmes be implemented as the initial phase of the Evidence2Success portfolio of evidence-based programmes
- Requested a further report be submitted through the relevant governance arrangements of the CYPSPG partner bodies for ratification of the proposals.
- Requested a Communication Plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Group for further discussion.
- Requested a summary report be prepared for circulation to members in order that information might be cascaded down within the partner organisations on the Group.
- Agreed that a presentation on the Family Nurse Partnership in Perth and Kinross be given to a future meeting of the CYPSPG.

6. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2012/2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/13/203) presenting: (1) an overview of the findings from the Child Protection Committee (CPC) inter-agency self evaluation activities and identifying key strengths and areas for further development and/or improvement. The report also provided a high level summary of the capacity for improvement and described the very ambitious continuous improvement programme for 2013 and beyond.

Following discussion on the report, the group:

- Approved the contents of Report G/13/203 and the CPC Standards and Quality Report 2012/2013 attached as Appendix 1.
- Requested that the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) submit Report G/13/302 and the CPC Standards and Quality Report 2012/2013 to the Council meeting on 2 October 2013 for endorsement and thereafter to the Council's Scrutiny Committee on 27 November, 2013 for scrutiny and comment.
- Requested that A Irvine and J Flynn give a joint presentation to a future meeting of the CYPSPG on the work being undertaken to support vulnerable women and families who are the victims of domestic violence.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There were no other items of business raised for discussion.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

B Malone sought the agreement of the Group to look again at the date of the next meeting which was scheduled to be held on Friday 4 October 2013. The Group agreed that a new date for the meeting be arranged.

Post meeting note: A new date was subsequently arranged for Monday 7 October 2013 at 9.30am.