



PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

**Lifelong Learning Committee
27 August 2014**

**Children and Young People's Strategic Group
Briefing Paper**

Report by Depute Director (Education and Children's Services)

This briefing provides an update on the main points of discussion and decisions made at the last meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group on 13 June 2014

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Following the review of Community Planning Partnership in 2013 the existing Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership enhanced its role and membership to take on the Outcome Delivery Group function for children and young people.

1.2 Discussion and Actions Agreed at the Children and Young People's Strategic Group on 13 June 2014 included the following:

- The Chair, Bernadette Malone, welcomed the two NHS Tayside Board members to their first meeting of the Group.
- Updates were provided on the STV Hunter Partnership and court mandated programmes. In relation to court mandated programmes, the Group were advised of discussion which had taken place with Police Scotland with the aim of encouraging courts to make such programmes mandatory as part of bail conditions.
- A presentation was given by Barnardo's Scotland on the Perth and Kinross and Angus Family Support Initiative. Topics covered had included (1) supporting families to develop their parenting skills; (2) improving outcomes for children affected by parental imprisonment; (3) building on programmes from the implementation of the Evidence2Success project; (4) an overview of partnership organisations; (5) the criteria for referrals and their sources, and (5) Service user outcomes. It was agreed that the Group receive an update on the Initiative in March 2015.
- Following an update on the business activity of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee the Group requested a report on the Quality Indicator Framework be submitted to the next meeting in October 2014.
- Following a presentation by the Depute Director, Education and Children's Services, on the key statistics contained in the Scottish Government report on the National Children's Social Work Statistics - 1 August 2012 to 31 July 2013, the Group agreed that the Depute

Director submit a detailed report on Perth and Kinross Council's Social Work statistics to the next meeting in October 2014.

- The Group received an update on progress made with the development of community engagement activity as part of the Evidence2Success (E2S) project, and in establishing and developing the E2S Community Partnership. It was agreed that a report outlining further progress against the activities identified in the E2S Community Partnership Action Plan would be submitted to the Group in six months' time.
- The Group received an update on the ongoing work surrounding Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and noted that work was still required to be undertaken to evaluate young people's understanding of well-being and how they could be engaged through existing community groups such as the Youth Council and the voluntary sector.
- The Group received an update on budget decisions which had been taken by both NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council which may have implications for the Group.
- The Group endorsed the contents of a draft Parenting Strategy for Perth and Kinross and noted that the monitoring, reporting and implementation arrangements would be made through the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- The Group had received for information a report by the Depute Director of Education and Children's Services which set out the role, responsibility and remit of the Group which had been based on the report "Public Service Reform – Building on Strong Foundations" which had been approved at the Council meeting in May 2014.