

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Lifelong Learning Committee
28 January 2015**

**Summary of Activity of the
Children and Young People's Strategic Group (CYPSG)**

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on the activities of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning - Children and Young People's Strategic Group (CYPSG) since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 29 October 2014.

1. BACKGROUND

Since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee, the CYPSG met on Friday 5 December 2014 and is due to meet again on Friday 20 February 2015.

- 1.1 There was an update on the work locally and nationally on taking forward Child Sexual Exploitation by the Child Protection Committee (CPC) Chairperson, Jacquie Pepper. This updated the Group on how the local CPC is taking forward the recent publications and national action plan through the formation of a sub group of the CPC and also provided the Group with information on the recent briefings and seminars arranged for groups including Elected Members.
- 1.2 The main item of the agenda was a presentation and discussion on the Young Carers Service in Perth & Kinross led by Raymond Jamieson, PKAVS & a Young Carer. This generated a number of issues which are to be brought back to the group in an action plan including; the role of volunteers in support of young carers; the need to mobilise existing mainstream services to identify and respond to the needs of Young Carers; the importance of multi-agency work and in particular, information sharing and the use of the Named Person; providing services which are age appropriate including post school, college etc; role of adult services and further priorities for meeting the needs of Young Carers.

Discussions and actions agreed at the CYPSG also included the following:

- Perth & Kinross Child Protection Committee business activity since 3 October 2014 – the group noted the main business activity of the Child Protection Committee since the last meeting and in particular including the key policy and practice developments;

- Ø Implications of UK enquiry reports into Child Sexual Abuse; the recent published National Action Plan and the local position
 - Ø The Care Inspector's report into the effectiveness of Child Protection arrangements across Scotland, published November 2014 and the current local position.
 - Ø Implications arising from a report by Children's Scotland: Safeguarding Scotland's vulnerable children from abuse: a review of the Scottish System
- Proposals for taking forward duties and responsibilities for Corporate Parenting
 - Ø The Group considered a report on the implications of the new and extended statutory duties and responsibilities as Corporate Parents arising from the forthcoming legislation. It was agreed that a sub group of the CYPSPG be formed and the membership of this group would include representatives from across the Community Planning Partnership, Elected Members and also representation from young people themselves.
- Reports were provided on progress on the Early Years Collaborative and on the Early Years Change Fund return to the Scottish Government.
 - Ø It was noted that the spend on Early Years Services across Perth & Kinross was considerably more than that provided through the Early Years Change Fund.
 - Ø Members were also invited to attend an event early in the New Year which would celebrate the work of Early Years in Perth & Kinross.
- Attainment in Perth & Kinross Schools 2014.
 - Ø A report was tabled that had previously been discussed at Lifelong Learning Committee. The Group noted the overall positive attainment results this year and asked for further information on work that has been undertaken to bench mark with higher performing authorities and also further information on a comparison between the attainment of Young Carers and the overall results.

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