

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 16 August 2012.

Present: Councillors I Miller, P Barratt, A Grant, A MacLellan and M Roberts.

In Attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Taylor and J Somerville (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. EARLY YEARS, EARLY INTERVENTION – THE BEST START IN LIFE FOR CHILDREN IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/341), (1) setting out a proposal for a collaborative project between Perth and Kinross Council, its Community Planning Partners and Dartington Social Research Unit (SRU) that would enhance the safe and healthy development of children through implementation of a project - 'Evidence2Success' and (2) advising that the project would seek to increase understanding of the needs of all children in Perth and Kinross, with a particular focus on children experiencing inequalities, inform targeting of investment in early intervention and prevention activity; increase use of evidence-based programmes and practices and achieve maximum return for investment in services to improve children's lives.

The Committee heard a presentation by B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) on the proposed 'Evidence2Success' project.

Resolved:

- (i) To support the commitment of Perth and Kinross Council and Community Planning Partners to delivering better outcomes for children and young people.
- (ii) To approve the proposal to support delivery of this commitment through implementation of the Evidence2Success project, outlined in Section 3 of Report 12/341.
- (iii) To agree that the Dartington Social Research Unit be commissioned to work collaboratively with Perth and Kinross Council and Community Planning Partners.

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