



## **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP**

Minute of virtual meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership held on Friday 18 June 2021 at 10.00am.

**Present:** Councillor C Shiers, PKC  
S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), PKC  
S Johnston, Head of Education and Learning, PKC  
J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) and Chief Social Work Officer, PKC  
H Robertson, Head of Services for Children, Young People and Families, Perth and Kinross Council.  
B Atkinson, Independent Chair of Child Protection Committee  
C Wilson, PKAVS Third Sector (substituting for H Zang)

**In Attendance:** P Davison; L Haxton; C Mackie; M Nicol; D Stokoe; and D Williams (all PKC); and Dr W Cook (NHS Tayside).

**Apologies:** Councillors J Duff and J Rebbeck; B Renton (PKC); and H Zang, PKAVS Third Sector.

S Devlin in the Chair

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

S Devlin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were submitted and noted as above.

It was noted that John Cunningham would replace Kate Pacholek as the representative on the Partnership for the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration, although he was not in attendance at this meeting.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 8 April 2021 was submitted and noted as a correct record.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

J Pepper advised that, during lockdown, PKC supported the establishment of a youth engagement team in Perth, which was taking a proactive approach to engagement with Young People and had received funding through to October. Councillor Shiers commended the approach and response from young people.

## **6. BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF THE PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

### **6(i) VERBAL UPDATE**

B Atkinson, Independent Chair, Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (CPC), delivered a verbal update on the business activity of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee since the previous meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership.

B Atkinson advised that the CPC had been supporting practitioners on intervention with regards to the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) Act 2019, with work ongoing in order to achieve a multi-agency approach. He further advised that additional work was also being undertaken to find safe spaces in extreme child protection cases under the Age of Criminal Responsibility Act 2020.

B Atkinson also advised members that the CPC was presently undertaking a significant case review, with the family invited to be involved, and details of this review were published on the CPC website. He further advised that new learning review guidance was also due to be published.

DR W COOK JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

## **5. THE TAYSIDE CHILD HEALTHY WEIGHT STRATEGY**

Dr W Cook, NHS Tayside, delivered a slide-based presentation to members regarding the Tayside Child Healthy Weight Strategy. During the presentation, Dr Cook highlighted to members that children in disadvantaged areas were twice as likely to be at risk of obesity, and furthermore highlighted the impact of obesity on physical and mental wellbeing, and that children with obesity were more likely to be excluded from activities. Dr Cook added that it was recognised that this was not an issue that any one organisation could solve, and required a whole systems approach, with obesity referenced as a socio-economic outcome.

H Robertson further highlighted the importance of a whole systems approach in this regard and highlighted the impact of low cost and high calorie food in disadvantaged areas, with Dr Cook adding that a concentration of high calorie food outlets were often found near schools. Councillor Shiers highlighted work undertaken in Rattray, looking at working with local producers to get local produce into the area, and advised of the potential of looking at this work through Local Action Partnerships.

In response to a query from S Devlin, Dr Cook advised that the core working group in this regard was part of the Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative, and whilst there was presently no Perth and Kinross or Angus representative on the core working group, work had been undertaken with colleagues in Perth and Kinross and Angus.

DR W COOK LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

THE AGENDA REVERTED TO THE FORMALISED ORDER AT THIS POINT

## **6(ii) PRIORITIES FOR PRACTICE CONFERENCE MAY 2021**

There was submitted a report (G/21/87) detailing the Priorities for Practice, and slide-based presentation delivered by M Nicol, Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative, detailing the six established Priorities for Practice and updating members on the Priorities for Practice Conference of May 2021. An accompanying video presentation was also shown to members.

S Devlin thanked M Nicol for the presentation and praised the accessible fashion of the information presented to members. S Devlin also highlighted the importance of workforce development in the successful delivery of these priorities, and further highlighted the importance of understanding roles and empowering the workforce. In response, M Nicol advised members that work on outcomes was already underway, adding that this was a three year program, for which the careful pacing of the program and the development of cultural change would be central.

B Atkinson added that application and effectiveness across partners would be key to the successful delivery of these priorities and highlighted the impact that this could have on successful outcomes.

The Partnership:

(i) Noted the information as set out in Report G/21/87.

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## **7. TAYSIDE REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE UPDATE**

S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), delivered a verbal update to members regarding the Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative.

S Devlin advised members that the Integrated Plan 2017-20 had been extended due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but further advised that reports for the first two years had been submitted to the Scottish Government, and reporting on the third year was being finalised. With regards to Priority Group 4, S Devlin advised members that the successful delivery of The Promise did not rest solely on this Priority Group.

## **8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING STRATEGIC LEADS NETWORK – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

There was submitted to members the Children's Services Planning Strategic Leads Network Terms of Reference (G/21/88), alongside a verbal presentation from H Robertson, Head of Services for Children, Young People and Families, Perth and Kinross Council.

H Robertson advised members that the actions of the network in this regard had been shared with the Deputy First Minister, and that the submitted paper (G/21/88) outlined the review criteria for the Children's Plan. H Robertson further advised that this was considered a chance to revisit GIRFEC practice and added that the criteria focused upon early intervention. H Robertson highlighted the

importance of establishing a link between this work and the Perth and Kinross Offer.

The Partnership:

(i) Noted the information as set out in G/21/88.

## **9. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP AND LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

L Haxton and D Stokoe, Perth and Kinross Council, delivered a slide-based presentation on the Community Planning Partnership and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

During the presentation, D Stokoe advised that the COVID-19 Pandemic had brought inequalities into sharp focus, and also that mental wellbeing had been heavily highlighted as an issue. He further advised members that the Community Planning Partnership Board should be operating with a view to shaping, adding value and leading on work around these issues. S Devlin highlighted the potential for increased collaborative work and communication between the Community Planning Partnership Board and the Children, Young People and Families Partnership, and the potential connectivity around the children's agenda and the Community Planning Partnership.

L Haxton highlighted the need for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan to be a live document to be at its most effective, with B Atkinson adding that there was value in getting the most out of all partners involved. D Stokoe added that, whilst inequalities are challenging, there is a strong asset base available in communities.

## **10. THEMATIC APPROACH TO PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

There was submitted a report (G/21/89) by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), continuing the thematic reporting plan for performance and outcome information focused on children, young people and families. It sets out a suite of information around the second of the themes, namely Outcomes for Vulnerable Children, for consideration by the Partnership.

P Davison advised members that there was a need to investigate further on unknown care leavers, highlighting the importance of knowing what young people are doing.

The Partnership:

(i) Noted the information as set out Report G/21/89.

## **11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Partnership noted the next meeting would be held on Friday 17 September 2021.