

# PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

## LEARNING AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2023

### TAYSIDE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)  
(Report No. 23/279)

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The attached Tayside Plan for Infants, Children, Young People and Families 2023-2026 (Appendix 1) outlines the commitment of partners within the Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative (TRIC) to deliver on shared objectives in a single Tayside Plan.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 highlights headline actions for Perth and Kinross Council and our statutory partners: NHS Tayside and Police Scotland. The detail on the commitment across Tayside to deliver on outcomes, is specified within the renewed report and delivery plan.
- 1.3 Separately, the Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families (2021-2023) Annual Report 2022-2023 (Appendix 2) provides an update on the achievement of agreed actions throughout 2022-2023.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
  - Notes progress on the agreed actions within the Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families (2021-2023) Annual Report (2022-2023) (Appendix 2);
  - Approves the Tayside Plan for Infants, Children, Young People and Families (2023-2026) (Appendix 1); and
  - Requests an annual progress report on the delivery of the 2023-2026 Plan to the Learning and Families Committee in October 2024.

#### 3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
  - Section 4: Background
  - Section 5: Proposals
  - Appendices

#### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Tayside Plan for Infants, Children, Young People and Families 2023-2026 is a refreshed approach which builds on the commitment, shared by partners, to produce a collaborative plan which ensures that ‘children and young people have the best start in life and that Tayside will be the best place in Scotland to grow up’.
- 4.2 The production of an integrated plan is a joint statutory requirement of the local authority and health board. The aim is to work in partnership with statutory and third sector organisations and with children, young people, families and communities to produce a plan which meets local need.
- 4.3 The original Tayside Plan was established in 2017 to help identify collaborative opportunities to address common commitments to children and their families. Throughout this time, there have been strenuous efforts to hear the ‘voices’ of children and young people in determining the priorities for service improvement. This renewed Plan for 2023-2026 provides an update on the implementation of identified actions and details communal ambitions for the future.

## 5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Within Perth and Kinross, the Children, Young People & Families Partnership (CYPFP) has a key role in ensuring oversight of the Delivery Plan, and measures of success within the Plan, and to provide robust governance of the actions which are reported on annually. Members of Learning and Families Committee can be assured that challenges are being mitigated and that there is commitment from every sector to achieving the agreed objectives and outcomes for children and their families.
- 5.2 The production of the 2023-2026 Plan is fundamental to the delivery of Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) and [The Promise](#), at a strategic, operational, and practice level. There is universal agreement that this Plan should also recognise the needs of infants and pregnant women, and this will be prioritised over the three year lifespan of the new 2023-2026 Plan. All partners have individual and collective responsibility to progress the implementation of GIRFEC and to deliver on commitments to The Promise as fundamental aspects of wider children’s services planning.

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### Approved

| Name          | Designation  | Date           |
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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes/None</b> |
| Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement             | <b>Yes</b>      |
| Corporate Plan                                      | <b>Yes</b>      |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                 |
| Financial   | <b>None</b>     |
| Workforce   | <b>None</b>     |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | <b>None</b>     |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                 |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | <b>N/A</b>      |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | <b>N/A</b>      |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | <b>N/A</b>      |
| Legal and Governance                                | <b>N/A</b>      |
| Risk  | <b>N/A</b>      |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                 |
| Internal  | <b>Yes</b>      |
| External  | <b>Yes</b>      |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                 |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>Yes</b>      |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 This section sets out how the proposals relate to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

This report relates to Objective No. (i) and (ii).

#### Corporate Plan

1.2 This section sets out how the proposals relate to the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan Objectives:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

This report relates to Objective No. (i) and (ii).

1.3 The report also links to the Education & Children's Services Vision, Values and Priorities in respect of the following key Priority area:

- Best Start

## 2. Resource Implications

### Financial

2.1 There are no financial implications.

2.2 There are no resource implications.

## 3. Assessments

### Equality Impact Assessment

3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

The proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.

3.2.1 The proposals have been considered under the Act; however, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

### Sustainability

3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council also has a duty relating to climate change and, in exercising its functions must act:

- In the way best calculated to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets.
- In the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaption programmes.
- In a way that it considers most sustainable.

3.3.1 Not applicable.

Legal and Governance

3.4 Not applicable.

3.5 Not applicable.

Risk

3.6 No risks are associated with the proposals contained in this report.

**4. Consultation**

Internal

4.1 This report has been reviewed by the Education and Children's Services Senior Management Team.

External

4.2 This report has, by necessity, required the involvement and engagement of all key statutory partners and particularly our NHS Tayside and Police Scotland colleagues. It has also been approved by colleagues in Angus Council and Dundee City Council.

**5. Communication**

5.1 This document will be circulated to the Scottish Government and be available to all partners and the public once approved. This will be made available on the Perth and Kinross Council website and via NHS Tayside, Police Scotland and our partner local authorities.

**2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

2.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report:

**3. APPENDICES**

3.1 Appendix 1 – Tayside Plan for Infants, Children, Young People and Families 2023-2026

Appendix 2 – Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families  
(2021-2023) - Annual Report 2022-2023

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