



**REPORT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND
LEISURE COMMITTEE ON 14 DECEMBER 2022**

SUBJECT: CHILDRENS SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

BY: CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MORAY

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To ask Committee to review and endorse the Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2021-22 (**Appendix 1**).
- 1.2 This report is submitted to the Committee in terms of sections III (D) (1 and 2) of the Council's Scheme of Administration in relation to the functions of the Council as an Education and Social Work Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Committee endorses the Children's Services Plan Annual Report (2020-22) prior to submission to the Scottish Government by the deadline of 31 December 2022.**

3. BACKGROUND

Statutory responsibilities

- 3.1 Section 15 of the Children and Young People Act 2014 (The Act) provides that local authorities and health boards, working in partnership with other public bodies and organisations must produce a Children's Services Plan (CSP), which is reported to Scottish Government.
- 3.2 Section 13 of The Act provides that CSP's must be reported upon annually. Annual Reports must provide a clear summary of progress made in the previous year, measured against the CSP priorities.
- 3.3 The GIRFEC Leadership Group have responsibility for the production and implementation of the Children's Services in Moray. This is the second annual report on progress of the Children's Services Plan 2020-23.
- 3.4 This report summarises progress against the 4 key priorities:-

- The wellbeing of children, young people and families is improved
- Children and young people are safe and free from harm
- The impact of poverty on children, young people and families is mitigated
- Outcomes for our care experienced and looked after young people are improved

Included in the report is an action plan for the forthcoming year, which was developed by the Children's Services Partnership, informed by progress to date and feedback from children, families and frontline practitioners.

- 3.5 This report was reviewed and endorsed by Jack Granitza, Moray Scottish Youth Parliament representative on behalf of children and young people in Moray. He has included an Executive Foreword in the report.
- 3.6 The report is in final draft format and will be published and submitted to the Scottish Government following endorsement by both the Local Authority and NHS Grampian.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

This report relates to the following priorities; 'Provide opportunities where young people can achieve their potential to be the best they can be' from the Corporate Plan, 'Improving the wellbeing of children, young people and families' from the Children's Services Plan (2020-23) and 'Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray' from the LOIP.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 section 3(1) requires every local authority and its relevant health board to jointly produce an annual progress report in relation to the 3 year Children's Services Plan.

(c) Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no known risk implications.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications arising from the production of the annual report.

(f) Property Issues

There are no property issues.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

An Equalities/Socio Economic Impact Assessment is not required as the purpose of this report is to provide committee with a copy of the approved Children's Services Annual Report (2020-21)

(h) Consultations

GIRFEC Leadership Group membership, which includes the Chairs of all the partnership strategic groups with oversight responsibility for each of the priority actions, Locality Networks, Scottish Youth Parliament Representative

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The content of the report, which has been produced and approved in accordance with statutory requirements, is noted.

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