



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 24 NOVEMBER 2021**

SUBJECT: CHILDRENS SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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 2020-21
- 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 (2020-21) (APPENDIX 1) prior to submission to the Scottish Government by the deadline of 31 December 2021.**

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 2020 – 2023 CSP was completed in April 2020, however due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the introduction of The Promise, the Scottish Government requested that a revised version be submitted by 31 October 2020.
- 3.4 The GIRFEC Leadership Group have responsibility for the production and implementation of the Children's Services in Moray.

Production of the annual report

- 3.5 The annual report was produced by a multi- agency group chaired by the QA and Localities Manager and comprising of members of the strategic groups which have oversight responsibility for each of the priorities within the Children's Services Plan, Public Protection Lead Officer and representatives from Police Scotland and TsiMORAY.
- 3.6 In line with the Promise, the language of the report has been carefully considered. Moray Youth Matters, a diverse group of young people from across Moray co-produced the Children's Services Plan and have reviewed and amended the annual report.
- 3.7 The final draft of the report was approved by the GIRFEC Leadership Group at their meeting of 10 August 2021.
- 3.8 The plan will be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership for approval at their meeting of 17 November 2021.

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; Moray Youth Matters; Senior Solicitor (Litigation and Social Care) Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer and the Equal Opportunities Officer; have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with the content relating to their areas of responsibility

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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