



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

**BY: CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MORAY,
CHAIR OF THE GIRFEC LEADERSHIP GROUP**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To ask the Board to approve the Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2020-21

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. The Board formally approves the report and its publication on the Community Planning Partnership website

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 31st 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 presented to the Local Authority Education, Children's Services and Leisure Committee on 24 November for noting.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There is a statutory duty to report on the progress of the 3 year Children's Services Plan and to both submit the report to the Scottish Government and publish it on the Community Planning website. The deadline for publication is 31 December 2021. There is a risk of reputational damage if this deadline is not met.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. The Board are requested to note the co-production approach adopted to produce the annual report and formally approve it, prior to submission to Scottish Government.

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Background Papers: CSP Annual Report 2020-21

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