



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
29 MAY 2019**

SUBJECT: YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY

BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the Young Carers Strategy 2018 -2019 and the revision of the young carers statement.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (D) (2) exercising the functions of the Council as a Social Work Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Committee:-

- (i) **scrutinise and approve the Young Carers Strategy 2018-2019;**
- (ii) **scrutinise and approve the reviewed young carers statement; and**
- (iii) **approve the plan moving forward from 2019, for an all age strategy review to co-ordinate with the adult strategy - Carry on Caring 2016-19.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A report was submitted to Committee on 3 April 2019, (para 7 of the minute refers) requesting approval for the Young Carers Strategy.
- 3.2 Committee sought revision of the young carer's statement format, to ensure that it supported new processes and language that applies for the child's plan and processes. The reviewed young carers statement is attached at **APPENDIX I**.
- 3.3 Committee had also asked for sight of the "Easy Read" version: that had been included within the original paperwork presented to Committee on 3 April 2019, **APPENDIX II**, refers.

- 3.4 The Young Carers Strategy 2018-19, **APPENDIX III** was developed as a statement of intent and recognising the longer term developments required in Moray to deliver the duties of the Act. The strategy was consulted on with young carers, families and professionals in the summer of 2018. The feedback from that consultation had not been contained within the document. That feedback is attached at **APPENDIX IV**.
- 3.5 This strategy document acknowledges that it exists independently of Moray's current Adult Carers Strategy – Carry on Caring 2016-19, but with the express intention to move forward together from 2019 with a joint approach. A previous Young Carers Strategy was an intrinsic part of Moray's Carers Strategy – Caring Together in Moray 2011-15.
- 3.6 As reported to Committee previously, there has been a delay in reporting the Strategy for 2018-19 to Committee, in part driven by the need to make progress with the Young Carers Statement and processes.
- 3.7 The Test of Change, see **APPENDIX V**, funded by the Carers Act implementation funds from Scottish Government, has supported the development of the Young Carers Statement in Moray 2019-20. In addition to the development of the young carer's statement, the Quarriers Service has employed workers who will pilot the young carer's assessment and statement in two schools, for evaluation, prior to roll out across Moray.
- 3.8 It is proposed that work progresses to develop a joint carer's strategy for carers of all ages for 2019 onwards, with Adult Services leading the development.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

This report relates to the following within the Corporate Plan 2018-2023:
- these will be re worked:

- Where life is better for everyone.
- Provide a sustainable education service aiming for excellence.
- The vision being that our children have better educational and social outcomes and so are better prepared for life.
- Improved outcomes for those most in need of support.
- Our most vulnerable young people and families are safe and nurtured.
- Public and staff have confidence in all services we provide for children and young people.

And within the Moray – 10 year Plan – LOIP: -

- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray.
- Raising aspirations – building a better future for children and young people in Moray.

- The outcomes being that children and young people thrive; have a voice; learn; can get about; have a home; feel secure, healthy, nurtured to be supported to reach their full potential.
- People are healthier and experience less harm as a result of alcohol use.

The related strategies: -

Moray Children's Services Plan
 Moray Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan 2016-2019
 Community Safety Strategy
 Moray Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council has responsibilities and duties to children in need and at risk through the Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. The Council also has responsibilities and duties towards young carers in terms of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

(c) Financial implications

Given the numbers of young carers, and the nature of their caring roles are not properly known, there may be a requirement for increased service delivery. In 2018/19, £48,000 of the funding received from the Scottish Government for the implementation of the Carers Act was used to cover an initial 18 month contract with Quarriers. The Scottish Government has provided an additional £108,000 in 19/20 for implementation of the Act.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications.

(f) Property

There are no direct property implications associated with this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

The support for young carers is to promote health and wellbeing and ensure their achievement at work/school is equal to that of their peers, given the valuable role they undertake.

(h) Consultations

Senior Officers within Education and Social Care, Senior Human Resources Adviser, Paul Conner, Principal Accountant, Morag Smith, 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 Committee is asked to approve the strategy and the development of the joint strategy moving forward, which will be reported to Committee in due course.**

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Background Papers:

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