



REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2018

SUBJECT: SHORT BREAKS SERVICES STATEMENT

BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Council of the statutory requirement for the production and publication of a Short Break Services Statement for Moray.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section II (13) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the approval of council reports and strategies of a corporate nature.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Council approve for its interest the Short Breaks Services Statement for publication as required under section 35 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 came into force on April 1st 2018 and brought with it a number of duties for local authorities. These include the production and publication of a Short Breaks Services Statement. The Council has delegated responsibility for this Statement in relation to those of 18 years and over to the Moray Integration Joint Board but retains the responsibility in relation to those under 18 years of age.
- 3.2 The Council has a responsibility to produce and publish the Short Breaks Services Statement by 31 December 2018, failure to do so will mean that the Council is in breach of its legislative duty.
- 3.3 Guidance was produced by Shared Care Scotland to support local authorities to produce these statements and ensure that they contain at least the minimum information legislatively required.
- 3.4 Using the above guidance a joint Short Breaks Services Statement has been produced for adult and young carers. **(APPENDIX I)**. This Statement will be also be presented for approval to the Moray Integration Joint Board.
- 3.5 Quarriers has been undertaking consultation with carers about this Statement prior to consideration by the Council

- 3.6 The purpose of Short Breaks Services Statement is to provide information to carers and cared for people so that they:
- Know they can have a break in a range of ways
 - Are informed about short breaks that are available
 - Have choice in the support they access
 - Can identify what a short break means for them, and how they can be supported to meet their needs and achieve their outcomes.

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: Where life is better for everyone.

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 within the Moray – 10 year Plan – LOIP.

Building a better future for our 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.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council has a responsibility to produce and publish the document by 31 December 2018. Failure to do so will place Moray Council in breach of its legislative duty.

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications directly associated with this report, any financial implications arising from practice will be reported to Committee.

(d) Risk Implications

Failure to produce and publish the Short Break Services Statement will place Moray Council in breach of its legislative duty.

(e) Staffing Implications

None associated with this report.

(f) Property

There are no direct property implications associated with this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

There are no direct equalities issues associated with this report.

(h) Consultations

Senior Officers within Education and Social Care, Senior Human Resources Adviser, Principal Accountant, Margaret Forrest, Legal Services Manager (Litigation and Licensing), Pauline Knox, Health 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 It is recommended that Council approve the Short Breaks Services Statement for Carers under 18 years of age in Moray. This statement applies for adult carers and young carers and will be a Statement shared with the Moray Integration Joint Board.**

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Background Papers:

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