**Agenda Item 3**

**Falkirk Community Planning Partnership**

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| **Title:** | **Falkirk Children’s Commission Progress and Performance Report** |
| **Meeting:** | **Community Planning Executive Group** |
| **Date:** | **29 June 2016** |
| **Submitted By:** | **Director of Children’s Services** |

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update on the progress and performance of the Integrated Children’s Services Plan (ICSP) 2017 – 2020 (a legal requirement under Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014), from the Children’s Commission Leadership Group. This group is the Delivery Group responsible for the following priorities and outcomes within the Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan:

* SOLD Key Priority Four: Addressing the impact of poverty on children
* Outcome Three: Our children will develop into resilient, confident and successful adults

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 **It is recommended that the Executive Group considers these reports and chooses a course of action from the following options:**

1. **Approve the report and acknowledge progress made by the Children’s Commission on these aspects of the SOLD and ICSP;**
2. **Request further information on specific aspects of progress and performance; or**
3. **Request action with a follow-up report for future consideration by the Executive Group**

2.2 **It is recommended that the Executive Group advises on further improvements which can be made to the reporting templates, and is experience of scrutinising the first of the new partnership progress and performance reports.**

**3. Background**

* 1. The reports from the Children’s Commission are appended as follows:
* Appendix 1: Report to CPP Executive on Key Priority 4: Addressing the impact of poverty on children and young people.
* Appendix 2: Report to CPP Executive on Outcome 3: Outcome Three: Our children will develop into resilient, confident and successful adults
* Appendix 3: Covalent version of Key Priority 4 report
  1. Each monitoring report provides an overview of Key priorities in the ICSP that relate to the 2 SOLD aspects.
  2. Appendix 1: Report to CPP Executive on Key Priority 4, demonstrates the data and measures that can be captured to show improvements in key priorities. The Commission aims to have data and measures of improvement for all key priorities in the ICSP as the reporting templates are developed.

**4. Considerations**

The Committee may wish to consider the presentation of data, the potential benefits of using Covalent to capture performance information and produce reports that are accessible online to all partners across the Community Planning Partnership.

**5. Consultation**

Consultation has taken place with the Children’s Commission Planning Group and Delivery Groups. The Poverty and Mental Health and Wellbeing Groups are intending to engage with those who have lived experiences. We are developing the Falkirk Children and Young People Forum which will provide a collaborative of existing organisations, children and young people, the opportunity to engage in planning. The forum will provide the Commission with a coordinated approach to sense check, co-create and scrutinise plans and outcomes.

**6. Implications**

Financial

6.1 Nil

**Resources**

6.2 Existing resources across the community planning partnership for most key priorities. Resources for early intervention Mental Health and Wellbeing provision may need future consideration once data has been analysed by the Commission Mental Health and Wellbeing Group.

Legal

6.3 The ICSP meets the requirements of the Children and Young People

(Scotland) Act 2014 – Part 1 with regards to Children’s Rights, Part 3 with

regards to Planning, Part 9 with regards Corporate Parenting and Parts 4 and 5 with regards to wellbeing. Parenting. It also meets the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 with regards to the Local Authority Equality Outcomes and the Education Scotland Act with regards to the National Improvement Framework.

**Risk**

6.4 Risk is managed by clear governance structures and reporting arrangements. Adhesion to priorities in the delivery plan will reduce the risk of groups becoming saturated by the breadth of the key priorities.

Equalities

6.5 Protected characteristic groups are identified in the ICSP. Local Authority Education Equality Outcomes are incorporated into the ICSP.

**Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

6.6 Nil.

7. Conclusions

7.1 This reporting period has seen significant realignment in planning with the CPP and subgroups producing more integrated plans. The ICSP and SOLD are better integrated and new structures at both CPP and Commission levels have resulted in more efficient use of people and time. The architecture of the plans, structures and reporting mechanisms are supporting focussed delivery at a task group level. Our focus on outcomes and data for improvement means we can demonstrate progress against Key Priorities, highlight areas for improvement and flag potential resource implications.

We are developing a set of outcome and improvement measures to ensure we can show data over time that highlights the positive impact on outcomes for our children and young people.

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**APPENDICES**

* Appendix 1: Report to CPP Executive on Key Priority 4: Addressing the impact of poverty on children and young people.
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**List of Background Papers:**

* None