

**Children & Young People Services Progress Report 2024**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Children and Young People's Service Plan 2023 to 2026 was approved by Community Services Committee last year
- 1.2 There is a requirement in Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 to review the report annually and report on the performance and progress to date in delivering the outcomes set out in the plan.
- 1.3 The review considers progress in year one of the current plan, provides information on developments that have taken place since the plan was published and sets out key plans in the year ahead.
- 1.4 It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:-
- a) Note that Argyll & Bute Council are jointly responsible for children's services planning along with NHS Highland
  - b) Note the significant work of the wider multi-agency children's planning partners including many third sector partners along with the Scottish Reporters Administration, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland.
  - c) Note the progress indicated within the Children and Young People's Services Plan 2023 -26 Year 1 review; and
  - d) Endorse the review submitted to Scottish Government as per legislative requirement.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 This is the first annual review of the Children and Young People’s Service Plan 2023-2026. The attached report provides an overview of the performance and progress to date in delivering the outcomes we set out to achieve.
- 2.2 The review considers:
- Updates on the 2023 – 2026 plan
  - Information on developments since the plan was published
  - Key plans for the year ahead

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:

- 3.1 Note that Argyll & Bute Council are jointly responsible for children’s services planning along with NHS Highland
- 3.2 Note the significant work of the wider multi-agency children’s planning partners including many third sector partners along with the Scottish Reporters Administration, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland.
- 3.3 Note the progress indicated within the Children and Young People’s Services Plan 2023 -26 Year 1 review; and
- 3.4 Endorse the review submitted to Scottish Government as per legislative requirement.

## **4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 The year one review document is attached to this report.
- 4.2 The report is divided across the key priorities contained within the 2023 to 2026 plan. Namely:
- Getting It Right for Every Child Leadership & Communication
  - Early Help & Support
  - Mental Health & Wellbeing
  - Children & Young People's Voice
- 4.3 The range of work being carried out by our staff and partners is illustrated throughout the review document.
- 4.4 The voice of young people is clearly evidenced and the aspiration of increasing this even further. The incorporation of UNCRC has taken place during the life of this review.
- 4.5 Core issues of poverty, housing and transport remain. Although not covered in the review report itself strained budgets and perhaps even more so, the ability to attract, recruit and retain staff are key barriers to elements of progress.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to recognise the work being carried out by the Children & Young Persons Planning Partnership and to note the review report. Progress has been made on the goals set out in the 2023 – 2026 plan, however it is recognised there is much work to be done. The Committee can be assured work will continue on all aspects of supporting our young people.
- 5.2 The review report will be submitted to Scottish Government following presentation at today's committee and the Integrated Joint Board.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### **6.1 Policy**

There requires to be recognition of the impact of UNCRC incorporation.

### **6.2 Financial**

None

6.3 Legal

None

6.4 HR

None

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics

UNCRC requires to be addressed in all aspects of work

6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty

None

6.5.3 Islands

In each aspect of the plan there is a requirement to 'island proof' our efforts.

6.6 Climate Change

None

6.7 Risk

None

6.8 Customer Service

None

6.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

The CYPSP is central to UNCRC efforts

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 CYPSP Year 1 Review Report