Argyll and Bute Council
Community Services

COUNCIL 28/11/13

Inspection of Children's services In Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Improvement Plan

1. SUMMARY

This report provides the Council with a brief update relating to the Community Planning Improvement Action Plan for the Joint Inspection of Children's Service in Argyll and Bute.

The Community Planning Partnership partners and Chief Officers Group for Child & Adult Protection approve the plan. It outlines the action required to address any area for improvement identified through the inspection. The plan details the outcomes required to achieve improvements and where and how these will be monitored.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council:
 - (a) Note the contents of the Improvement plan
 - **(b)** Note the new submission date for the Improvement plan to the Care Inspectorate was 11th November 2013

3. DETAIL

The action plan details how Argyll & Bute will ensure continuous improvement. It details specific actions raised through the inspection, these include:

- 1. Secure further and continuous improvement in the quality of assessment of risks and needs and planning for individual children
- 2. Complete and implement the Integrated Children's Services Plan
- 3. Continue to develop rigorous and systematic joint self-evaluation to improve outcomes for children and young people
- 4. Ensure continued leadership and direction is provided to implement the planned improvements for services for children, young people and families

The Lead Inspector has approved the format and content of the Community Planning Partnership Improvement Plan and agreed a revised submission date. The Community Planning Partnership Improvement Plan will be inter linked with the Integrated Children's Services Plan and the Child Protection Committee Improvement Plan to ensure all of the identified improvement priorities are monitored and reviewed regularly by Argyll & Bute's Children progress against each of the improvement actions submitted to the Community Planning Partnership.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The preparation and content of the Community Planning Partnership Improvement Plan has been agreed and approved by all Community Planning Partnership partners and the Care Inspectorate with a revised submission date of 11th November 2013.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Financial: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: None

Risk: There are a number of implementation risks associated with non compliance/delivery of the agreed improvement actions the CPP Improvement Plan will be regularly reviewed.

Customer Service: The CPP Improvement Plan seeks to improve the outcomes for children, young people and their families throughout Argyll& Bute.

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