

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE - 07 NOVEMBER 2017**

**ANGUS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 2017**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report presents the Angus Child Protection Committee (ACPC) Annual Report for 2016 - 2017.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the Children & Learning Committee:

- 1.1 Note and endorse the contents of the ACPC Annual Report 2016 to 2017 (appended to this report).

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN**

- 2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) and priorities contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 – 2030:
- 2.2 Our Priorities: Tackling inequalities; Building services around people and communities; Focusing on prevention; and Working together effectively.
- 2.3 Local Outcome 4 - The best start in life for children  
Local Outcome 5 - More opportunities for people to achieve success  
Local Outcome 6 – Improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing  
Local Outcome 9 - Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The previous ACPC Annual Report covered the period from 2015 to 2016.
- 3.2 The Annual Report of the ACPC for the period April 2016 to March 2017 presents the work we have undertaken in Angus, individually and in partnership, to deliver national, Tayside and local child protection outcomes to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families.
- 3.3 The Annual Report has been approved by the ACPC and the Angus Chief Officers Group.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The Committee have continued to work together to improve child protection practice in Angus.
- 4.2 Of particular note this year is:-

- In January 2017, Angus Public Protection Executive Group agreed that all 6 thematic partnerships, including the ACPC, would be brought under one structure; Protecting People Angus. The support staff for this structure has been streamlined.
- An Angus Improvement Action Plan has been developed to address key points for improvement following the Joint Inspection of services for children and young people in the Angus Community Planning Partnership area.
- The first full year of the online reporting facility via ACCESSline has contributed to a total of 284 (an increase of 144) concerns for children being reported by members of the public.

## **5. PROPOSALS**

The Children and Learning Committee notes the content of the ACPC Annual Report for 2016 to 2017.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix

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