

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2017

ANGUS INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES CORPORATE PARENTING PLAN 2017 to 2020

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ABSTRACT

This report presents Angus Integrated Children's Service's Corporate Parenting Plan for 2017 to 2020.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

- (i) Scrutinise the contents of Angus Integrated Children's Service's Corporate Parenting Plan for 2017 to 2020.

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.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Corporate Parenting is defined in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 as: "the formal and local partnerships between all services responsible for working together to meet the needs of looked after children, young people and care leavers".

3.2 We have additional and specific statutory duty under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children in our care.

3.3 The Scottish Government summarised the three key elements of Corporate Parenting as:

- The statutory duty on all parts of a local authority to co-operate in promoting the welfare of children and young people who are looked after by them, and a duty on other agencies to co-operate with councils in fulfilling that duty.
- Co-ordinating the activities of the many different professionals and carers who are involved in a child or young person's life, and taking a strategic, child-centred approach to service delivery.
- Shifting the emphasis from 'corporate' to 'parenting', taking all actions necessary to promote and support the physical, emotional, social and cognitive development of a child from infancy to adulthood.

3.4 The plan details the arrangements within Angus which will enable us to fulfil the responsibilities outlined in Part 9 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The plan details how we intend to 'get it right' for our looked after and care experienced children and young people in Angus. As a Corporate Parent we are committed and determined to improve life experiences of our looked after children. This plan will ensure we narrow the gap in outcomes between looked after children and young people and their peers.
- 4.2 The plan aligns with The Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2017 – 2020 continuing to build on our commitment to working with our partners in Angus and across Tayside to achieve our shared vision for all children and young people to have the best start in life and for Tayside to be the best place in Scotland to grow up.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The Scrutiny and Audit Committee scrutinise the contents of Angus Integrated Children's Service Corporate Parenting Plan for 2017 to 2020.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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 any material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendices: Angus Integrated Children's Service Corporate Parenting Plan for 2017 to 2020