

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 JANUARY 2019**

**ANGUS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017 TO 2018**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report presents the Angus Child Protection Committee (ACPC) Annual Report for 2017 to 2018.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:-

- (i) note and endorse the contents of the ACPC Annual Report 2017 to 2018 (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 2016 to 2017.

3.2 The Annual Report of the ACPC for the period April 2017 to March 2018 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.

3.4 The Annual Report was approved by Angus Council on 6 December 2018.

#### **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:-

- Training programme review. The Child Protection Committee Training Programme was reviewed and updated. There is now a new core training programme being implemented, including new interactive development materials.
- Tackling domestic abuse – Safe and Together model implement within Angus. The Safe and Together approach is child centred and provides a concrete framework for advancing practice and improving collaboration with families where Domestic Abuse is a factor.
- Tackling neglect - Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP) implemented within Angus. The GCP is a tool to aid assessment where neglect is a factor in risks to children. A number of practitioners have been trained in using the tool within Angus and a multiagency approach to awareness raising of the tool has been undertaken.
- Aiding Assessment - The use of chronologies in aiding assessment has been developed within Angus. New, short Guidance has been issued and a number of training sessions have taken place focusing on the use of chronologies. Chronology meetings have also been piloted within Angus and feedback from these is generally positive.

#### **5. PROPOSALS**

The Scrutiny and Audit Committee notes the content of the ACPC Annual Report for 2017 to 2018.

#### **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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#### **LIST OF APPENDICES:**

Appendix Angus Child Protection Committee Annual Report for 2017 to 2018