

ANGUS COUNCIL – 5 DECEMBER 2019

ANGUS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018 to 2019

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Child Protection Committee (ACPC) Annual Report for 2018 to 2019.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Angus Council:

- 1.1 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 2017 to 2018.

- 3.2 The Annual Report of the ACPC for the period April 2018 to March 2019 presents the work the ACPC has 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:-

- New Independent Chair – Alison Todd took up the post of Independent Chair early in 2019.
- Learning and Development – The training and learning and development needs of individuals in Angus will be considered on a wider protecting people basis, reducing

duplication of effort and ensuring workers are equipped to consider the needs of families as a whole and their subsequent responsibilities.

- PREpare Pilot – A pilot project to consider the participation of children and families within Child Protection Case Conferences, with a robust evaluation plan in place.
- Review of Processes – Both Angus Early Screening Group and Prebirth Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM) have undergone review, with updated, streamlined processes in place
- Minimum dataset – a national minimum dataset for Child Protection Committees is proposed. Work has been undertaken with Tayside colleagues to ensure additional reporting measures to provide clear information, evaluate progress and identify future priority areas.

5. PROPOSALS

The Full Council notes the content of the ACPC Annual Report for 2018 to 2019.

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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