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## **Integrated Children and Young People's Plan Progress Report 2019-21**

**Report by Service Director Young People, Engagement and Inclusion**

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### **Community Planning Strategic Board**

**10 June 2021**

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#### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 **This report presents the Integrated Children and Young People's Plan Progress Report for 2019-2021 for endorsement before publication.**
- 1.2 Part 3 of The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that each Local Authority, Local Health Board and Partners prepare a Children's Services Plan and subsequently prepare and publish a report on how they have delivered on its plan as soon as practicable after the end of each one-year period (April to March).
- 1.3 This requirement is the responsibility of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) who have delegated the task to the Children and Young People's Leadership Group (CYPLG).
- 1.4 The CYPLG have prepared a Progress Report on the Integrated Children and Young People's Plan 2018/21 for the Scottish Borders to cover the two year period of 2019/20 and 2020/21. Covid-19 has had an impact on the capacity of the CYPLG to prepare a single year report for 2019/20, hence the two year reporting period. The report sets out actions taken to deliver the Plan and achieve good outcomes for our children and young people, and includes some of the alternative actions taken as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Community Planning Strategic Board endorse the Integrated Children and Young People's Plan Progress Report for 2019-2021 before publication.**

### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 An integrated approach to service planning by partners is a requirement under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. This is delivered through the Scottish Borders Integrated Children and Young People's Plan, which is the responsibility of the Community Planning Partnership, delegated to the Children and Young People's Leadership Group.
- 3.2 Under the Children & Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 (Part 3 – Children's Services Planning) there is a duty to prepare and publish an Annual Report.
- 3.3 The report should set out progress on:
- Children's services in a one-year period (April to March) provided in accordance with the Integrated Plan
  - What that provision has achieved
  - Aims of Children's Services planning
  - Outcomes focused on the wellbeing of children and young people in the area.

### 4 INTEGRATED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2019-2021

- 4.1 The Integrated Children and Young People's Plan in the Scottish Borders Progress Report for 2019-2021 is set out in Appendix 1.

The CYPLG works with the following four shared priorities to deliver meaningful and sustainable improvements to the lives of all our children and young people, to ensure that *everyone* can reach their full potential.

1. Keeping children and young people safe
2. Improving health and well-being and reducing inequalities
3. Targeting support to maximise life experiences and opportunities and ensuring inclusion
4. Increasing participation and engagement

- 4.2 Despite restrictions caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, progress has been made against each of the four priorities above by a range of partners. The Report in Appendix 1 sets these out in detail. Highlights set out below demonstrate the breadth of activity undertaken and the significant progress made.

'Programme for Government' funding allowed for **commissioning of additional CAPSM (children affected by parental substance misuse) Link Workers** to work more closely with families with higher levels of need. The

Link Workers provide a service to CAPSM children (up to age 18), parents, expectant mothers and (usually kinship) carers.

Our Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) service have **now fully implemented 1140 hours** of nursery provision. The expansion continues to ensure that quality is at the heart of service delivery and that children are given the best start in life.

Scottish Borders are the first local authority in Scotland to commit to taking **a whole authority approach to Emotional Health and Wellbeing training in schools**, and are working with partners across Scottish Borders to deliver the project.

BANG (**Borders Additional Needs Group**) Holiday Camp was held in August 2019, providing a combination of physical, health and wellbeing activities for children and families.

The **Community Learning and Development (CLD)** service has increased its range of SQA courses available to its learners and pre-pandemic saw an increase in accreditations on employability courses.

## **5 IMPLICATIONS**

### **5.1 Financial**

There are no costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report.

### **5.2 Risk and Mitigations**

There are no specific risks to be addressed as a result of this report.

### **5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment**

An Integrated Impact Assessment has been carried out in relation to this report. There are no significant implications.

### **5.4 Sustainable Development Goals**

In considering each of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Integrated Children and Young People's Plan Progress Report may make a difference to the following:

- End poverty in all its forms – local action is being taken through a Local Child Poverty Report and action plan, as well as an Anti-Poverty Strategy. Child Poverty actions are included and reported on in this progress report.

- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition – local action is taken in various forms through the multi-agency approach to this progress report.
- Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages - local action is taken in various forms through the multi-agency approach to this progress report.
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all – the progress report sets out details of opportunities offered to individuals
- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls – priority one of this progress report is 'keeping children safe'
- Reduce inequalities – local actions to tackle poverty and exclusion are set out in the Local Child Poverty Report and action plan and the Anti-Poverty Strategy. These actions are reported in this progress report.

**5.5 Climate Change**

There is no impact on climate change as a result of this report.

**5.6 Rural Proofing**

There is no rural proofing actions required as a result of this report.

**5.7 Data Protection Impact Statement**

There are no personal data implications arising from this report.

**5.8 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of this report.

**6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Executive Director (Finance & Regulatory), the Monitoring Officer/Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR & Communications, the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into this report.

**Approved by**

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