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## **Children and Young People's Planning Partnership Group**

**Report by Director Social Work & Practice**

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**Scottish Borders Council**

**27 April 2023**

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### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks Council approval to the inclusion of an Elected Member onto the Children and Young People's Planning Partnership (CYPPP).**
- 1.2 The implementation of the new CYPPP offers a unique opportunity to reset the way we support and work with children, young people and families in Scottish Borders. It also allows us to reconsider and develop our practice as a multi-agency partnership, including strategic monitoring and evaluation of Corporate Parenting responsibilities.
- 1.3 Of significance is that we will be ensuring that we empower the voices of those with lived experience to be at the heart of everything we do.
- 1.4 In order to ensure that we have appropriate membership and engagement on delivering the Promise and our Strategic Corporate Parenting agenda, it is essential that an Elected Member from Scottish Borders Council attends and supports the development of the CYPPP.
- 1.5 Governance and accountability for the CYPPP has been agreed by the Strategic Community Planning Partnership and will align under this structure.

### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 I recommend that the Council approves the inclusion of the Council's Executive member for Developing Our Children & Young People onto the newly formed Children and Young People's Planning Partnership (CYPPP).**

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 There are three key policy drivers that underpin the development of the new CYPPP: The Promise and The Plan 21-24, The Integrated Children and Young People's Plan 2023 – 2026, and The Scottish Borders Community Plan.
- 3.2 The purpose of the CYPPP is to provide a multi-agency strategic forum for the development of all services to children, young people and families in Scottish Borders. It will incorporate a focus on delivering the Promise as well as oversight of Strategic Corporate Parenting.
- 3.3 The recommendations in The Promise reach beyond care experienced children and young people – it needs to be our umbrella policy driver for all children, young people and their families. Keeping The Promise is not just for the children's workforce – we need to 'think family' and also remember young people might leave care but care doesn't always leave them. There must be more universal & intensive support for families who are struggling, whatever issues they face, and there must be access to that support in the communities where they live.
- 3.4 The Five Fundamentals of The Promise should underpin all our work - from our Chief Executives to our frontline workers, support staff and volunteers. We need to work together, be bold, brave and ambitious; we need to review how we currently spend money on children, young people & their families in Scottish Borders; and obtain their support to do it differently.
- 3.5 Core membership of the CYPPP consists of the following representatives:
  - Chair – Strategic Lead for The Promise, Stuart Easingwood (Chairing- no vote)
  - 2 -3 Child/Young person representatives
  - 1 SBC Councillor, (proposed Executive member for Developing Our Children & Young People)
  - 1 NHS Board Member, TBC
  - Director of Education & Lifelong Learning, Scottish Border Council, Lesley Munro
  - The Chief Officer from Youth Borders
  - NHS Borders Strategic Lead, Sarah Horan
  - Locality Reporter Manager, SCRA, Sara Law
  - Local Area Commander, Police Scotland, Vinnie Fisher

### **4 Elected member representative**

- 4.1 In previous forums, there was little/no Elected Member representation at the strategic planning stage. We are proposing to change this as identified in the core membership highlighted in paragraph 3.5 above.
- 4.2 Having an Elected member representative on this forum will ensure and enhance the strategic linkage between service delivery and political leadership. The inclusion of an Elected Member at strategic level will also demonstrate Scottish Borders Council's commitment to working

collaboratively with multi-agency partners to improve outcomes for the children, young people and families we serve.

## **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 is a risk that if a Member of Scottish Borders Council is not adopted onto the CYPPP strategic board, we lose the opportunity to have Elected Member involvement in the strategic planning forum for services to children, young people and families. This is particularly important at a time of significant pressure for our communities and by having an Elected Member attending this forum we would significantly enhance the Council's connection to our drive to keep The Promise and demonstrate our commitment to Corporate Parenting for our care experienced children and young people.

### **5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment**

An initial IIA check has been completed and it was not deemed necessary to progress with a full Integrated Impact Assessment.

### **5.4 Sustainable Development Goals**

By having Elected Member representation at this strategic group it will contribute to ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for all at all ages by encouraging community involvement and working with partners in the multi-agency forum. It will also ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, linked to the Promise's commitment to a right to education for children and young people. In addition, it will help reduce inequalities by working collaboratively to tackle poverty.

### **5.5 Climate Change**

There are no implications for climate change in this proposal.

### **5.6 Rural Proofing**

There are no implications for rural proofing in this proposal.

### **5.7 Data Protection Impact Statement**

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

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

No changes are required to either the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 *The Acting Chief Finance Officer, the Acting Chief Corporate Governance Officer/Monitoring Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Corporate*

*Communications are being consulted and any comments received will need to be incorporated into the final report.*

**Approved by**

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