

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES COMMITTEE 11 JUNE 2008**

**SUBJECT: CHILDREN & FAMILIES PERFORMANCE REPORT, FOURTH QUARTER, JANUARY – MARCH 2008**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The Committee is invited to scrutinise the Performance Indicators for Children & Families for the quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31st March 2008, as detailed in **APPENDIX 1** to the report.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section D (23) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the exercise of the function of the Council as Social Work Authority under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee scrutinise the performance information contained within APPENDIX 1.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Children and Families indicators are presented across four areas of activity. Targets were presented for each indicator, at the Education & Social Services Committee meeting on 13 February 2008. The "traffic light" code has therefore now been applied in respect of the indicators for which a previous baseline and target had not been established. The Committee is asked to note the following:

**3.1.1 Casework Services CommS516b**

The data entered for this year's previous quarters has been recalculated in line with the definition agreed by committee, to show for each quarter the annual average to date. During the year, three young people chose to leave care or supported lodgings to move to insecure accommodation. They were not prepared to wait for an indefinite period for suitable accommodation to be offered.

**3.1.2 Social Work Training CommS191**

Quarter four is considerably lower than anticipated due to a number of factors, one being not having a full complement of assessors due to two periods of extended sick leave and delays in being able to recruit a third part time assessor. All together this has resulted in a loss of 0.5 whole time equivalent of assessing time over the year, which would have enabled us to support approximately 12-14 additional candidates. Although we have been clearer about timescales for people to complete SVQ's in (6-9 months), some candidates will always require longer due to the nature of the work they do, and their confidence in preparing and developing their portfolio at the level required.

#### 4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a) **Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan**

This report is in line with the Working Principles – Delivering the Plan, Objective 5, Accountable to the Public, within the Corporate Plan.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

This report covers the Children & Families reporting requirements for Audit & Performance Committee.

(c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

None

(d) **Consultations**

Consultation has taken place with the lead officers for each service and the Quality Assurance Manager who are in agreement with the information set out in **APPENDIX 1**.

#### 5. **CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee scrutinise the Performance Indicators for Children & Families as detailed in **APPENDIX 1** to the report.

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