

REPORT TO: EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE 13 FEBRUARY 2008

SUBJECT: CHILDREN & FAMILIES PERFORMANCE REPORT, THIRD QUARTER, OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2007

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, 1st October to 31st December 2007, 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 three areas of activity. It is intended to present targets for each indicator, for consideration by the Education & Social Services Committee meeting on 13 February 2008, once data from the first two quarters has been analysed. The "traffic light" code has therefore only been applied in respect of the indicators for which a previous baseline and target had been established. The Committee is asked to note the following:
- 3.1.1 Casework Services CommS516b
In quarters 1 and 3 young people decided to move to homeless B&B accommodation. This was their own decision.
- 3.1.2 Social Work Training
CommS192 Robert Gordon University no longer wish to tie agencies into Service Level Agreements to provide placements, as they are aware that they may not be able to generate the number of students required by the agency. Discussions to rectify this situation are ongoing with Robert Gordon University. The target specified is the anticipated demand for this year. The next new group of placements will commence early in quarter 4.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

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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Background Papers: Held by Author

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