

**REPORT TO: AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 23 JUNE 2010**

**SUBJECT: AN INTEGRATED SERVICE PLAN FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE 2009-10**

**BY: DIRECTORS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 A request by Audit & Performance Review Committee was made to prepare a report on the Integrated Children's Services Plan as part of the Committee's scrutiny role.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section 12 of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to reviewing the development and definition of local performance indicators.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Committee notes and scrutineses the implementation and outcomes of the 2009/10 Integrated Children's Services Plan.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The 2009-10 Integrated Children's Services Plan (ICSP) 2009/10 was considered by the Children & Young People's Services Committee on 20 May 2009 (para 25 refers).
- 3.2 The development work for the plan began at multiagency seminars in March 2008 led by Con Hogan, Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Social Policy, Washington, DC. The seminars were designed to focus collective interagency efforts on high-level outcomes for children & young people in Moray. These were backed-up by a series of indicators identified on a cross-agency basis and developed to measure against the outcomes.
- 3.3 There is a clear coherence between the outcome-based approach in the ICSP and that adopted through the development of Single Outcome Agreements.
- 3.4 The ICSP was effectively in two sections:-
  - (i) The first part identifies the high-level outcomes and indicators. These have been backed-up by a series of action plans including locality plans (based on Associated School Group areas) developed by the Locality Management Groups.
  - (ii) The second part of the plan sets out actions by which services can work together more effectively and in a similar way to the above detailed action plans were prepared.

- 3.5 A progress report against the action plans was presented to the SMARTER Theme Group on 17 December 2009 and the Annual Report will be considered by the Group on 24 June 2010. The progress summary prepared for SMARTER can be found as **APPENDIX 1** to this report. As part of the reviewing process, the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services and the Acting Head of Educational Support Services met Locality Management Groups earlier this year to assess progress and in preparation for the 2010-12 Integrated Children's Services Plan.
- 3.6 The 2010-12 Plan has much greater coherence with the Moray Single Outcome Agreement. It builds on the Local Action Plans of the Single Outcome Agreement; the high level outcomes defined by the Smarter Co-ordinating Group and developmental needs identifies by Locality Management Groups within their respective areas.

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

- (a) **Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**  
There is now a clear coherence between the Integrated Children's Services Plan and the Moray Single Outcome Agreement.
- (b) **Policy and Legal**  
The plan has a direct relationship with the Council's responsibilities towards children in need and those with additional support needs.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**  
There are no additional resource implications from the Council directly from this report.
- (d) **Consultations**  
The SMARTER Theme Group and its Co-ordinating Group have been fully involved in the preparation and evaluation of the Children's Services Plan alongside Locality Management Groups.

#### 5. **CONCLUSION**

##### 5.1 **Committee is asked to consider the work undertaken in relation to the 2009-10 Integrated Service Plan for Children and Young People.**

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