



**EAST AYRSHIRE  
CHIEF OFFICERS GROUP (CHILD, ADULT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION)  
EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE 4 YEAR BUSINESS  
PLAN 2011-2015**

**21 JUNE 2011**

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise East Ayrshire Chief Officers Group of the proposed timeline for the development of the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (EACPC) Annual Report and Business Plan for 2011-2015.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In accordance with the EACPC governance structure our planning arrangements are aligned with the East Ayrshire Children's Service Plan and sit under the overarching East Ayrshire Community Plan. To continue this arrangement it has been agreed by EACPC that the new business plan will cover the period of 2011-2015.

**3. TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN**

- 3.1 The development of EACPC's plan is being undertaken by Dianne Burns, Child Protection Co-ordinator and Andrew McDonald Planning and Development Manager, Department of Educational and Social Services.
- 3.2 The finalised draft of the plan will be presented and discussed at a joint EACPC and Chief Officers development session on 03 August 2011. The final amendments will then be completed and the plan signed off at EACPC and Chief Officers meetings in September 2011.

#### **4. KEY THEMES FROM DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

4.1 The EACPC development session in April 2011 began with a presentation by Ruth Miller and Jackie Ward, Educational Psychologist titled "Towards attachment based Services?" which focused on early intervention and the nurture approach.

4.2 EACPC members and their "invited practitioner colleagues" had focused discussions on what they would like to achieve. These were developed into a number of key themes for EACPC plan for 2011-15.

- Improve outcomes
  - EACPC will work to further improve outcomes for children. This will be done through culture change and looking at how we work. We will continue to embed the GIRFEC principles and ensure that the child is at the centre of our work.
- Prevention
  - It is of key importance to shift balance to prevention to ensure the best possible start for children; and building parenting and community capacity to ensure that communities are empowered to respond to the needs of their children
- Engagement
  - EACPC will be committed through its work to further developing meaningful engagement with children
  - The development of Practitioners networks will enable better two way communication between EACPC and local practitioners.

#### **5. FOCUS FOR YEAR ONE**

5.1 From the key themes committee members and their friends then discussed the focus of work for EACPC for 2011/12. It was agreed that they key priorities for the first year of the plan should be to;

- Implement Outcomes Guidance for practitioners;
- Up skilling of operational staff and building workforce confidence to ensure confident and competent workers
- Child protection learning and development needs analysis -analysis of what training has been carried out;

- Empower communities- identify a pilot community areas and the support plan for the community.
  - Be more creative in the ways in which we engage and communicate with children and their families.
6. The identified themes and focus for year one were endorsed by EACPC on 03 June 2011 and will provide the basis for the EACPC plan 2011-2015 which is currently being drafted.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 That the Chief Officers Group are asked to:
- i) Note the suggested timeline for the development of the EACPC plan for 2011-15;
  - ii) Otherwise note the contents of the report.

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**Chair of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee**  
**15 June 2011**

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