



EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 03 JUNE 2011

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE 4 YEAR BUSINESS PLAN 2011-2015

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise East Ayrshire Child Protection committee (EACPC) of the proposed timeline for the development of the 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 EACPC's plan 2011-2015 will be written to sit underneath the Community plan for East Ayrshire and compliment the Children's Service Plan 2011-2015. The development of the plan began with the review of the actions from the last plan, the EACPC Business Plan 2008-2011, and the development session for EACPC in April 2011.
- 3.2 The finalised draft of the plan will be presented and discussed at a joint EACPC and Chief Officers development session in 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, 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 friends 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 engagement with children, families and their communities

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 That EACPC is asked to:

- i) Note the suggested timeline for the development of the EACPC plan for 2011-15
- ii) Endorse the key themes and focus for year one; and
- iii) Otherwise note the contents of the report

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