

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CABINET: 2 JULY 2008

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION BUSINESS PLAN AND EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSON'S SERVICES PLAN

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of Cabinet with information regarding the East Ayrshire Child Protection Business Plan and the East Ayrshire Children & Young Person's Services Plan 2008-2011 and to seek approval for recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Officers across community planning partners have been preparing the Children & Young Person Services Plan 2008-2011.
- 2.2 Running concurrently with this the mutli agency East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee has been preparing its Business Plan for 2008-2009.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Following discussion with key officers across agencies the opportunity has been taken to consider the better alignment of the Child Protection Business Plan and the East Ayrshire Children and Young Person's Services Plan.

The Joint Inspection of Services to Protect Children & Young People evaluated that the Child Protection Committee had effective links with Community Planning and children and young people's service planning. In order to further enhance this, it is proposed that the Child Protection Business Plan is developed for 2008-2011 as opposed to a single year plan relating to 2008-2009. This will allow the Children & Young People's Services Plan and the Child Protection Business Plan to be more fully integrated along with the Community Planning Partners Single Outcome Agreement.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The need to produce a Children & Young Persons Service Plan is set out in the Children's Scotland Act 1995.

Child Protection Committees require to develop and publish Child Protection Business Plans.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The protection of children and young people is evidenced as a priority in the promoting Community Safety Scheme of the Community Plan. This is also aligned with the Children and Young Person's Services Plan.

6. FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Although the risks associated with this are very limited in relation to the protection of individual children and young people, the overall strategic direction and the development of policy and strategy in relation to the protection of children will be further enhanced by recommendations set out in this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Cabinet is asked to:-

- (i) approve the proposal to align the Children and Young Person's Services Plan 2008-2011 with a three year Child Protection Business Plan (2008-2011).
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- (i) East Ayrshire Child Protection Business Plan 2007-2008.
- (ii) East Ayrshire Children & Young Peoples Services Plan 2005-2008

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