

# EAST AYRSHIRE'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

## INTRODUCTION

This paper outlines the planning, governance and accountability arrangements for Children and Young People's Services in East Ayrshire. The [Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership](#) (C&YPSP), which is accountable to the Community Planning Partnership Board, has been delegated strategic responsibility for the development of children's services in East Ayrshire.

The diagram attached to this paper provides a visual overview of the planning and governance arrangements in place to ensure the delivery of children's services that best safeguard, support and promote the wellbeing of children and young people in East Ayrshire.

The diagram uses a colour key to distinguish between the aspects of planning and governance arrangements that relate to:

East Ayrshire Public Protection – Red;

Ayrshire Wide Planning – Sky Blue;

East Ayrshire Children and Young People's Integrated Service Planning – Green; and

East Ayrshire Community Planning – Dark Blue.

Further explanation and description of these arrangements is provided below.

## POLICY AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

### East Ayrshire Community Plan 2015-30

The East Ayrshire [Community Plan 2015-30](#) is the sovereign and overarching planning document for the East Ayrshire area, providing the strategic policy framework for the delivery of public services by all partners.

The vision set out in the Community Plan is that:

*“East Ayrshire is a place with strong, safe and vibrant communities where everyone has a good quality of life and access to opportunities, choices and high quality services which are sustainable, accessible and meet people's needs.”*

Implementation of the Community Plan is through three thematic Delivery Plans, namely Economy and Skills, Safer Communities, and Wellbeing.

The Health and Social Care Partnership has a lead role in taking forward the Wellbeing theme as well a key contributory role in the delivery of the Economy and Skills and Safer Communities themes.

## Children and Young People's Service Plan 2017-20

East Ayrshire's [Children and Young People's Service Plan](#) (2017 – 2020) accords with statutory responsibilities of the [Children \(Scotland\) Act 1995](#) and more recently, the [Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#) and clearly aligns to the national policies; [Getting it Right for Every Child \(GIRFEC\)](#) and the [Early Years Framework](#), both of which aim to put children and young people at the heart of the planning and delivery of services to ensure that their rights are respected. The Children and Young People's Service Plan sets out a range of [SHANARRI](#)-aligned stretch aims and desired outcomes which were developed in consultation with local children and young people.

Within the context of the vision set out in the Community Plan, the Children and Young People's Service Plan seeks to:-

*'Ensure that each child in East Ayrshire, including those who are not yet born have the best start in life. Therefore our commitment to children and young people, their families and carers is to provide them with the support they need, when and where they need it in order to help them achieve their aspirations and potential.'*

The Plan links directly to the following strategic objective within the Community Plan Wellbeing Thematic Action Plan, which relates specifically to children and young people:-

*'Children and young people, including those in their early years and their carers are supported to be active, healthy and to reach their potential at all life stages.'*

It was agreed that the first annual review of our new Children and Young People's Service Plan 2017-2020 should be undertaken during the course of 2017/18. This ongoing review has focused on the detailed aims which support the SHANARRI stretch aims and strategic priorities within the Plan to ensure that these remain appropriate. In view of the common vision, guiding principles, themes and outcomes shared across the Children and Young People's Service Plan and its sister plan, the Children Protection Committee Business Plan, the review will also seek to bring these two Plans together to create a single Plan that will encompass the full range of children's services. Details of the revisions proposed to the Plan, together with the refreshed stretch aims will be considered at the next meeting of the C&YPSP on 30 August 2017.

## Protection

The [Child Protection Committee](#) (CPC) maintains oversight of Child Protection matters, with a focus on strategic planning, continuous improvement, provision of public information and communication around the wider child protection agenda.

The business of the CPC links with our other Public Protection Committees which cover Adult Protection, Violence Against Women, MAPPA and Alcohol and Drugs and report to the Chief Officers' Group which mains strategic oversight of all public protection matters.

## **Integrated Service Planning for Children and Young People in East Ayrshire**

A number of multi-agency actions plans covering the period 2016 – 2018 underpin the Children and Young People's Service Plan 2015 – 2018 with progress against these plans reported to the C&YPSP. Details of these multi-agency action plans, which demonstrate the wide range of integrated service planning for children and young people being undertake in East Ayrshire, are provided below:-

- GIRFEC Practice Model;
- Emotional Health and Well Being;
- Young People involved in offending (Whole Systems Approach);
- Kinship Care Action Plan;
- Corporate Parenting Action Plan;
- Best Start in Life (0-8 years) (Early Learning and Child Care Plan); and
- Young Carers Action Plan.

The C&YPSP is also supported in its role by a number of Multi-agency Groups that contribute to and enhance our arrangements for integrated Service Planning for Children's Services in East Ayrshire. These include the:-

- Children and Young People's Improvement Collaborative;
- Locality Planning (Connected Communities); and
- Third Sector Children and Young People's Services Forum.

## **Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan 2015-18**

The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) developed its [Strategic Plan for 2015-18](#) prior to being formally established in April 2015. The Strategic Plan aligns with the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) vision and strategic objectives. The vision for the Health and Social Care Partnership is one of:

*'Working together with all of our communities to improve and sustain wellbeing, care and promote equity.'*

The HSCP's Strategic Plan is monitored through the Joint Integration Board and reports through the CPP Wellbeing Delivery Plan.

## **Ayrshire Wide Planning and Information Sharing**

The Joint Child Health and Wellbeing Statement for Ayrshire and Arran (2015-2019) enshrines our shared commitment to support better outcomes for children, both as individuals and as a population, across Ayrshire. Our approach is supported by the key policies and frameworks relating to child health and wellbeing in Scotland and links locally with our own Children and Young People's Service Plan 2017-2020.

Both the C&YPSP and CPC connect to the Children and Young People Ayrshire Programme Board which is responsible for overseeing the requirements of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 around information sharing and named persons. At an All Ayrshire level,

strategic oversight of planning for children and young people's services is provided by the Strategic Alliance and the Chief Executives' Group.

An AYRshare Programme Board, together with a Performance Group have also been established at an Ayrshire wide level to oversee and facilitate arrangements for information sharing across and between all partner agencies.

### **Links to Other Strategic Plans**

The Children and Young People's Service Plan and the work of the C&YPSP also links with, is influenced by and feeds into a number of other Integrated Strategic Plans including the:-

- Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Delivery Plan (Monitored by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership);
- East Ayrshire Violence Against Women Strategic Plan ( Monitored by the Violence Against Women Partnership);
- Financial Inclusion Strategy (Monitored by the Financial Inclusion Group); and

At an Ayrshire wide level, the:-

- Community Justice Plan for Ayrshire (Monitored by Community Justice Ayrshire).

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