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Glasgow City Council

Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee

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INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2023 – 26

Purpose of Report:

To present the Children's Services Plan (2023 – 2026), which has been developed in conjunction with representatives of key agencies across the Community Planning Partnership and informed by feedback from children and young people.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:

- consider the contents of the report

Ward No(s): Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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1 BACKGROUND

1.1 Members of the Integrated Children's Services Plan (CSP) Steering Group have collated feedback from agencies to refresh the previous version of the CSP (2020 – 23).

1.2 The CSP has been approved by the CSP Steering Group, GIRFEC Lead Officers Group, the Children's Services Executive Group and IJB.

1.3 The Children's Services Executive Group (CSEG) has delegated authority from the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership for producing the Integrated Children's Services Plan, overseen by the Executive Director of Education and the HSCP Assistant Chief Officer for Children's Services, as Joint Chairs.

1.4 The Integrated Children's Services Plan represents the strategic priorities for the whole of Children's Services and highlights a number of key activities being carried out to operationalise and, critically, to implement the priorities.

1.5 The Children's Services Plan Steering Group also supports the monitoring of outcomes, reporting into CSEG and GIRFEC Lead Officers' Group; both groups have representation from the HSCP, GCC (including Education, NRS and Chief Executive's Departments), Police Scotland, SCRA, Children's Hearings Scotland, Third Sector (with representation from the Citywide Forum), GCVS and Glasgow Life.

1.6 Consequently, this group also reports into the HSCP Integrated Joint Board (IJB), which also has responsibility for overseeing Children's Services activity, strategy and impact, alongside the Financial, Audit and Scrutiny Committee where annual reports are provided on the overall strategy, direction and Key Performance Indicators for the HSCP's Children's Services.

1.7 There are in addition, various Citywide Strategic Governance groups which also report into CSEG, IJB and Community Planning, including the Promise and Champions' Board, Family Support ,Wellbeing and Mental Health, the Child Protection Committee and Children and Families Governance group.

2 INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

2.1 Glasgow City Children's Services Planning Partnership is responsible for devising and implementing the CSP on a 3-year cycle, as required by Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The partnership delegated this responsibility to the Children's Services' Executive Group (CSEG), which is jointly chaired by the Executive Director for Education Services and the Assistant Chief Officer for Children's Services and North-East Locality.

2.2 The CSP Steering Group supported the development of the CSP for the period from 2023 to 2026. The group is chaired by the Head of Planning for Children's Services and comprises a wide range of partner agencies, incorporating all leading statutory agencies and third sector agencies as nominated by the Glasgow Third Sector Citywide Forum therefore meeting the duty imposed by Section 10 of the 2014 Act. The cross-section of agencies' participation is intended to provide an integrated plan, reflective of the breadth and depth of children's services provision and partnership working in Glasgow.

2.3 Aligned to the priorities of the HSCP Strategic Plan, the CSP sets out the key priorities for children's services over the next three years, which have been reviewed in light of recent evidence about children, young people's and families' needs. In order to operate more efficiently and effectively across the City, the plan outlines shared actions for children's services, which are underpinned by a commitment to addressing the following six priorities:

PRIORITY 1: Children and young people are safe, protected and valued in their communities and neighbourhoods;

PRIORITY 2: Children and young people's health and wellbeing is promoted and improved;

PRIORITY 3: Children, young people and their families receive flexible support to address the impact of poverty and the Cost of Living crisis;

PRIORITY 4: Children and young people are well supported in their families and communities;

PRIORITY 5: Children and young people are supported to achieve their full potential through excellent and inclusive education, employment and life opportunities;
PRIORITY 6: Children and young people are involved and included and their views are influential in the development and delivery of service.

2.4 Feedback from across the partnership suggested that the priorities driving the 2020 – 23 version of the Plan were still relevant, and this was verified by feedback from children and young people. On the basis of feedback, one new priority has been added reflecting the importance of addressing poverty.

3 NEXT STEPS

3.1 The report is with the graphics team for some slight amendments following these it will be published.

4 POLICY AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Resource Implications: N/A within current planning

Financial:

Legal:

Personnel:

Procurement:

Council Strategic Plan: Specify which Grand Challenge (s) and Mission (s) the proposal supports. Where appropriate the relevant Commitment can also be listed.

Grand Challenge 1 - Reduce poverty and inequality in in our communities

Mission 1
End child poverty in our city using early intervention to support families

Mission 2 – Meet the learning and care needs of children and their families before and through school

Grand Challenge 2 - Increase opportunity and prosperity for all our cities

Mission 3 - Raise attainment amongst children and young people

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.	Yes
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	This paper addresses Equality Outcomes 10, 12 & 14.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.	This proposal will help to address socio-economic disadvantage.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	N/A
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	N/A
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	N/A

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:	
Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report	N/A
If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out	N/A

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Committee is asked to:

- consider the contents of the report.