

APPROVED

**DUNDEE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 2.00PM VIA MS TEAMS**

PRESENT

Paul Clancy	Executive Director (Co-Chair) (Chair)	Children and Families, DCC
Stewart Hunter	Councillor	DCC
John Cunningham	Locality Reporter Manager	SCRA
Georgia Cruickshank	Councillor	DCC
Angie MacDonald	Operational Director, Action for Children	Voluntary Sector representative
Peter Nield	Assistant Director, Barnardo's	Voluntary Sector representative
Alison Leuchars	Acting Service Manager	Children and Families, DCC
Elaine Zwirlein	Executive Director	Neighbourhood Services, DCC
Elaine Cruickshank	Lead Nurse – Women, Children & Families Division	NHS Tayside
Audrey May	Head of Service / Chief Education Officer	Children and Families, DCC
Eric Knox	Chief Executive	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action
Peter Allan	Community Planning Manager	DCC
Nicki Matthews	Advocacy and Participation Manager	Who Cares? Scotland

APOLOGIES

Graham Binnie		Police Scotland
Marie Dailly	Service Manager	Housing & Communities, DCC
Tamasin Knight	Consultant in Public Health	NHS Tayside
Roisin Smith	Councillor	DCC
Elaine Torrance	Chairperson	Child Protection Committee
Evonne Boyd	Area Manager	Skills Development Scotland
Ann Fitzpatrick	Associate Director Women, Children & Families Division (Co-Chair)	NHS Tayside
Kathryn Sharp	Senior Manager	Health & Social Care Partnership representative
Glyn Lloyd	Head of Service	Children and Families, DCC

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Jennifer King	Education Manager	Children and Families, DCC
Heather Coady		
Nicola Leddie	Project Co-ordinator – Dundee	Columba 1400
Morag Mill	Secretary (Minute)	Children and Families, DCC

		ACTION
1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	Apologies noted as above.	
2	PREVIOUS NOTE AND MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2020	
	Minute now approved.	
2.1	Matters Arising	PC
	Representatives from the Care Review to visit Dundee. Executive Board members to be invited.	

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3	<p>FLEXIBLE FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT – Peter Neild</p> <p>Peter shared a slide with the Board. The aim of the Child and Family Support Pathway is to support as many children as possible between school, family and community. The support, from a family perspective, pays attention to the families’ practical needs. Options for the further development and roll-out of the FORT system are being looked at. Peter is working with Jennifer to establish what the AIS team could bring to the table.</p> <p>Paul would like us to take our time and get this right and is pleased that the third sector is working with us on this project.</p> <p>Gillburn Road – finding different ways to find resources. Elaine Zwirlein confirmed that the Service Manager for Housing is involved as are the Tenancy Support Officers. Housing have joined the Family Support Board. Angie confirmed that housing is very much on board.</p>	
4	<p>WHAT MATTERS 2 U – Nicola Leddie/Heather Coady</p>	
	<p>Nicola</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building on what matters to children and families ▪ Online virtual support ▪ Face-to-face COVID risk assessed in community garden ▪ Developing sensory garden ▪ Mud kitchen for children ▪ Parents/carers report feeling more confident and happier ▪ They come from a range of backgrounds ▪ Reshape policy and practice ▪ Offering supports to Dundee leads <p>Heather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ more than just a project it is an approach to system change ▪ Work directly with families, putting families at the heart ▪ The project is going well and is being rolled-out into other areas ▪ Meeting with SMT this week who are happy with the direction of travel <p>Audrey met some of the families in the garden the other week and thanked Heather for all her work.</p>	
5	<p>MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – Jennifer King</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to update the Children and Families Executive Board on strategic developments relating to the mental health and children and young people in Dundee, specifically:</p> <p>The Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation</p> <p>This consultation is underway and ends on Friday. The views of young people and Head Teachers have been sought. Elaine Cruickshank informed that this would become an integral part of the NHS Tayside’s Live Life Well Mental Health Strategy.</p>	

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	<p>Counselling in Schools</p> <p>Dundee has received funding but the service is being approached on a Tayside basis and will provide counselling services for children and young people aged 10 and over. The service was established with effect from 1 November. Services are being delivered virtually and young people have engaged well by phone or online platforms.</p> <p>Andy Dingwall has been appointed as Counsellor Co-ordinator and there will be nine providers across Tayside. The service will have continuing support from Educational Psychologies to ensure that the right young people are referred. There has been a pilot with a small number of schools.</p> <p>Funding is in place up to March 2023 and a review will take place mid-term. Jennifer will report to Scottish Government in January/February.</p>	
	<p>The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports & Services Framework – and funding</p> <p>Scottish Government announced funding in September 2020 to provide access for Every child and young person in Scotland to be able to access local community services which support and improve their mental health and emotional wellbeing. Dundee will focus on early intervention to try to prevent escalation of mental ill health. The City Council is working closely with CAMHS and looking at how we can work with local community partners and third sector colleagues. The views of Women’s Aid have been sought. Erik will contact Jennifer to discuss third sector involvement. There is a need to look at sustainability and implementation after the end of the funding period. Peter feels that this is an opportunity build and adopt frameworks in and embed in FORT.</p> <p>The Executive Board is happy to approve the direction of travel for the three streams.</p>	
6	<p>CORPORATE PARENTING PLAN - Alison Leuchars</p> <p>This report was the third and final annual update on the current 3-year Corporate Parenting Plan 2017-2020. Very positive feedback was received from Elected Members and they are very appreciative of our support. It builds on previous reports and outlines continued progress made by the Council and partners in providing a range of supports to care experienced children and young people which is designed to improve outcomes in their health, wellbeing, attainment and post-school destinations. It also outlines how support has been adapted and maintained during the Covid-19 pandemic. As the Independent Care Review was published shortly before the pandemic in February 2020, the report recommends the submission of a further report outlining the next 3-year plan which will include the local response to the review in December 2020. This will be sent out to partners next week. We are in a strong position as we move forward with the new 3-year plan.</p>	AL
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>There were no other matters raised.</p>	
8	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>Wednesday 10 February at 2.00pm Thursday 17 June at 2.00pm Thursday 16 September at 2.00pm Thursday 18 November at 2.00pm</p>	
	Paul thanked everyone for their attendance today.	