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THE FIFE COUNCIL - EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS SERVICES, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- REMOTE MEETING

14th September, 2021

10.00 a.m. – 12.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Tony Miklinski (Convener), Ian Cameron, Altany Craik, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Karen Marjoram, Lea Mclelland, David Ross, Jonny Tepp and Ann Verner. William Imlay, Religious Representative.

ATTENDING: Fiona Mckay, Divisional General Manager (Interim), Health and Social Care; Maria Lloyd, Head of Education and Children's Services (Secondary Schools and Specialist Support), Shelagh McLean, Head of Education and Children's Services (Early Years and Directorate Support); Rona Weir, Education Manager, Education, Adam Brown, Depute Principal Psychologist - Strategic, Education; Lynn Gillies, Service Manager (Operations Glenrothes/Family Support), Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services; Kimberley Hankin, Team Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services; Mark Smith, Service Manager (Fife Wide), Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services; Tracy Hogg, Business Partner, Finance; Neil Finnie, Quality Improvement Officer (Additional Support for Learning), Education; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer (Committee Services) and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Colin Davidson and Andy Heer. George Haggarty, religious representative.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No 7.1.

52. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee of 25th May, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

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53. REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE WORK OF THE MULTI-AGENCY STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT GROUP - FOCUS ON (NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAY) INITIALLY FOR AUTISM - PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Education and Children's Services providing an update for members on the progress made since the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9th February, 2021 on the establishment of a Multi-Agency Strategic Oversight Group Focus (Neurodevelopmental pathway) Initially for Autism, including developing actions to address issues.

The report also outlined proposals for Three 'Test for Change' pilots. The first pilot proposed by Health and Social Care with Scottish Autism and One Stop Shop (OSS), the second pilot proposed by the NHS and the third proposed by Education with support of the NHS. Members were updated on progress made to date in relation to the action plan developed, covering the 6 main priority areas agreed as a focus for one year, being:-

- Consolidate current position across Partners
- Neurodevelopmental Pathways
- Communication
- Improving Outcomes for Autistic People
- Transitions
- Other Gaps Identified

Decision

The Committee acknowledged:-

- (1) the progress made to date in establishing the Multi-Agency Strategic Oversight Group Focus (Neurodevelopmental pathway) Initially for Autism and the development of the action plan covering the six main priority areas which would be focused on for one year; and
- (2) concerns from members that 75% of young people with autism who had left school, were not in work. The Committee requested that consideration be given to include information for scrutiny in a report to be submitted to the Committee meeting on 3rd February, 2022, on support offered in the work place for employees with autism and the impact to society and on individuals in regard to unemployment.

54. CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE - MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services expressing the views of care experienced young people who were supported by the Young People's team and their experience of accessing mental health support. The report detailed information on local and national drivers around supporting care experienced young people and referred to collective statutory corporate parenting responsibilities.

Decision/

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) acknowledged the views of care experienced young people, supported by the Young People's team, and their experience of accessing mental health support; and
- (2) noted the improvement activity in mental health support services for young people and acknowledged the resource, structure and system challenges which limited opportunity for some young people to access support.

55. OUR MINDS MATTER : FIFE CAMHS PARTNERSHIP

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director - Education and Children's Services providing an overview of the work of Fife Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) within the Our Minds Matter and Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Frameworks.

Decision

The Committee considered the content of the report and noted:-

- (1) the significant increase of referrals to the CAHMS Service during the Covid-19 pandemic, with the majority of referrals generated from General Practitioner (GP) surgeries;
- (2) 65% of referrals would be better supported by other Services;
- (3) during the transition from child (CAMHS) to adult mental health services, service users would often disengage and not receive the required level of support;
- (4) due to high demand for mental health services, children and young people who did not present with significant risk have had to wait longer than the Scottish Government Referral to Treatment Target (RTT) of 18 weeks; and
- (5) agreed that a report providing an update on the work of the Our Minds Matter; Fife CAMHS Partnership be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee meeting in September, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 11.25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11.30 a.m.

56. 2020-21 REVENUE BUDGET PROVISIONAL OUT-TURN REPORT FOR SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services highlighting the provisional out-turn position for the 2020-21 Revenue Budget for Social Care as at 31st March, 2021.

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The Committee considered and noted the out-turn position for the 2020-21 Revenue Budget for Social Care as at 31st March, 2021.

57. 2020-21 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN

The Committee considered a joint report by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services updating members on the Capital Investment Plan and the provisional out-turn as at 31st March, 2021 for the 2020-21 financial year for areas within the scope of the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the performance and activity across the 2020-21 Financial Monitoring period as at 31st March, 2021.

58. 2021-22 REVENUE BUDGET PROJECTED OUT-TURN REPORT FOR SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

The Committee considered a joint report by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services highlighting the projected out-turn position for the 2021-22 Revenue Budget for Fife Council Social Care Services for Adults and Older People as at 30th June, 2021.

Decision

The Committee noted the projected out-turn position for the 2021-22 Revenue Budget for Fife Council Social Care Services for Adults and Older People as at 30th June, 2021.

59. 2021-22 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN

The Committee considered a joint report by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services updating members on the Capital Investment Plan and the provisional out-turn as at 30th June, 2021 for the 2021-22 financial year for areas within the scope of the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the performance and activity across the 2021-22 Financial Monitoring period as at 30th June, 2021.

Councillor Ann Verner left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

60. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.
