
Social Affairs Thematic Group Update Report

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises the continued progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 At the group's most recent meeting on the 9th May 2011 a number of key issues were discussed and scrutinised including; Getting It Right for Vulnerable Young People, Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership, Argyll and Bute's Children, the Strategic Housing and Communities Forum and Performance Management.

In addition, a number of presentations were made on the following topics; Youth Work, child trafficking, the educational psychological service and early years interventions.

The next meeting of the SATG is 22nd August 2011.

- 3.2 A paper presented on Getting It Right for Vulnerable Young People was presented which outlined the work being undertaken to reshape services to children and young people who have particular vulnerabilities due to their emotional or mental health needs.
- 3.3 After consideration of the Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership highlight and exception report it was agreed that a paper on domestic violence and violence against women will be brought to the next Social Affairs thematic group meeting.
- 3.4 The group viewed a film produced by the Mid Argyll Youth Project entitled "The Gilp" which the group produced for a project they had been selected to participate in by the Scottish Parliament as part of

the Scottish Parliament's Community Partnership Programme. The film highlighted the negative media stereotypes of young people and the impact this can have on them in their local communities.

- 3.5 The group also viewed a film produced by pupils of Dunoon Grammar School and Women's Aid which aimed to raise awareness of Child Trafficking in Britain.
- 3.6 A presentation on Early Years Intervention given by Anne Paterson, Quality Improvement Manager – Early Years, outlined the Early Years Framework policy document which was published jointly by the Scottish Government and COSLA in 2008. Significant progress has been made within Argyll and Bute in relation to the National Outcomes and these are being met through the current intervention work programmes, Service Review and Implementation Plan.
- 3.7 The group also reviewed their performance scorecard within Pyramid and a revised version was considered, however further development is needed to ensure that it is equally focused on all partnerships within the group; Strathclyde Police, Health, Fire and Rescue and the Third Sector.
- 3.8 The next meeting of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP group will feature presentations from Lurette Roberts, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Co-ordinator for Argyll and Bute, Islay High School on Curriculum for Excellence and Marlene Baillie from Strathclyde Police on crime and community safety issues.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Significant progress has been made since the start of the year in achieving the group's objectives and this progress will continue throughout the following year through the development of strong partnership links and increased scrutiny and development of the Social Affairs Thematic Group scorecard.

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