

<p><b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b></p> <p><b>Held on</b></p>	<p><b>Performance and Audit Committee</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item:</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>Title:</b></p>	<p><b>South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise - Progress Report</b></p>
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the performance and Audit Committee on <a href="#">South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise</a> covering the period 2021 to 2030. The Parenting Promise is South Ayrshire's Corporate Parenting Plan for the next 3 years and will form the basis of our Corporate Parenting commitments until 2030, as we implement <a href="#">'The Promise'</a>.</p>	
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<p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><b>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Note the progress of South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise and action plan</li> <li>ii. Receive a verbal update from officers on progress</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Route to meeting:</b></p> <p>South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise was presented to South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership and the Integration Joint Board on 16th February 2022.</p>	
<p><b>Implications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>HR <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Legal <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Equalities <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Policy <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>ICT <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	

## SOUTH AYRSHIRES PARENTING PROMISE

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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### 2. RECOMMENDATION

#### **2.1 It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee**

- i. Note the progress of South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise and action plan**
- ii. Receive a verbal update from officers on progress**

### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Corporate Parenting represents the principles and duties on which improvements can be made for children in care. The term refers to an organisation's performance in taking actions necessary to uphold the rights and safeguard the wellbeing of a child in care or care leaver, and through which physical, emotional, spiritual, social, and educational development is promoted, from infancy through to adulthood. It is a role which should complement and support the actions of parents, families, and carers, working with key adults to deliver positive change for our most under supported children.
- 3.2 We chose to name our new Corporate Parenting plan 'South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise.' This reflects the plan's close alignment with ['The Promise'](#) and in response to the challenge from children and young people to use language which is 'clear and relatable'
- 3.3 In 2021 the Strategic Planning Advisory group (SPAG) agreed that our Parenting Promise 2021-2030 should be aligned to the Community Planning Partnership. This decision was made on the basis that Corporate Parenting activity aligns with Children's Services Planning which is an integrated strategic delivery partnership under Community Planning governance structures. It was agreed that progress reports for noting will be presented to the IJB and Performance and Audit committee.
- 3.4 South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise aligns with the timeline of ['The Promise'](#) setting actions across short (2021-24), medium (2025-27) and long-term (2028-30). To meet our statutory duty of producing a "Corporate Parenting Plan" every three years. Our Parenting Promise will be reviewed every 3 years with a clear emphasis on the actions aligned to the [Plan 21-24](#).

#### 4. REPORT

- 4.1 [‘The Promise’](#) challenges us to deliver long term improvements across a range of services to bring about lasting change. We have identified **ten** South Ayrshire Promise improvement areas with **thirty-two** actions as outlined in appendix 1. With the help of South Ayrshires Strategic Change Executive, we have been able to further identify **forty-eight benefits (measurable improvements)** for which baseline information has been established to allow us to measure the impact of our promise activity. The process of benefit tracking allows us to clearly identify how each benefit will be measured, as well as the data and collection method required to do so.
- 4.2 Of our thirty-two actions eight have been completed twenty-three are on target, and one was superseded by a new action. (Please refer to appendix 1 for detail). Of our forty-eight associated benefits thirty-three are qualitative, thirteen are quantitative benefits and two are cashable benefits. Nine benefits have been completed, thirty-four benefits are green and on target, three benefits are amber, and two benefits have been superseded by another action (please refer to appendix 1 table 2). This forensic project planning approach supported by South Ayrshires Strategic Change Executive allows us to mitigate at the earliest possible stage to ensure we remain focussed on progressing the actions and making the changes we need to make across South Ayrshire in phase 1 of our promise delivery, this is essential given the scale and reach of the promise and reliance on alignment with cross cutting strategy areas such as Equally Safe, incorporation of UNCRC and Trauma Informed South Ayrshire.

#### 5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 Supporting our care experienced young people and implementing our corporate parenting duties are vital to driving our strategic objectives and improving outcomes for the community. The IJB Strategic Plan outlines seven key objectives, and the Parenting Promise aligns clearly with these.
- 5.2 Corporate parenting is given the highest importance in South Ayrshire. A focus on corporate parenting and supporting care experienced children and young people is given strategic priority across our key plans and strategies, for example:
- A strategic priority of the [Children’s Services Plan 2020-2023](#) is to ‘Love and Support our Care Experienced Young People and Young Carers’ and implementing the Promise in South Ayrshire has been identified as a priority of our new Children’s Service Planning 2023 onwards.
  - Addressing inequalities and improving outcomes for care experienced children and care leavers has remained a key priority of South Ayrshire’s Community Planning Partnership.

## 6. IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There ultimately will be significant financial implications of the Parenting Promise and these implications will be brought to the Community Planning Executive, IJB and Performance and Audit Committee as appropriate.

### 6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no HR implications to noting this progress report

### 6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no legal implications to noting this progress report.

### 6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 A full equality impact assessment and children's rights impact assessment has been undertaken on the Parenting Promise.

### 6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications to noting this progress report.

### 6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 The views of those with lived experience, professional groups and corporate parents have been taken into consideration in the development of the Parenting Promise

## 7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 A public consultation took place August– December 2021 on the actions included in South Ayrshire Parenting Promise Action Plan, as part of the wider consultation activity around the Parenting Promise. A series of workshops took place including two sessions which were co-facilitated in partnership with Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA) aimed at third sector, private sector, and community partners. **Ninety-six percent** of workshop participants identified that the actions held in the action plan were the right ones. Subsequent stakeholder events have been held throughout 2022 and 2023 to support the wider workforce to understand and implement our ten, promise improvement areas.

## 8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1. There is no risk associated with noting this progress report.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The Promise, Independent Care Review (2020)

<https://www.carereview.scot/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/The-Promise.pdf>

Plan 21-24, The Promise

<https://thepromise.scot/plan-21-24-pdf-standard.pdf>

Change Programme One

<https://thepromise.scot/change-programme-one/>

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/human-rights/childrens-rights/>

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