

<p>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</p> <p>Held on</p>	<p>Performance & Audit Committee</p>
<p>Agenda Item:</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Title:</p>	<p>South Ayrshires Parenting Promise - Progress Report</p>
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the performance and Audit Committee on South Ayrshires Parenting Promise 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 ‘The Promise’.</p>	
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<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the progress of South Ayrshire’s Parenting Promise and action plan ii. Receive a verbal update from officers on progress 	
<p>Route to meeting:</p> <p>South Ayrshires Parenting Promise was presented to SA Community Planning Partnership and IJB on 16th February 2022</p>	
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>HR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Legal <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Equalities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Policy <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>ICT <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

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
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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 some of 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 associated actions as outlined in appendix 1. With the help of South Ayrshires Change Team we have been able to further identify **fifty-three 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 The creation of detailed project plans for each of our fifty-three benefits will allow us to run a report on impact rather than output alone when we report to the Performance and Audit committee again in February 2023. This is a significant change in our approach and one which has allowed us to begin to better understand the impact of implementing the promise in terms of measurable improvements. We are heading towards developing a narrative that will evidence impact by describing improvements that are **qualitative**, potentially **cashable**, with some benefits possibly leading to **cost avoidance**, which may enable us to re- invest resource to support young people and their families in a preventative context.

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 utmost 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’;
 - The [Council Plan 2018-2022](#) also identifies working ‘closely with partners to support looked after children and young people and young carers to reach their potential’ as a priority; and
 - South Ayrshire’s [Local Outcomes Improvement Plan](#) identifies ‘improving outcomes for care experienced children and care leavers’ as a key priority of the 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 2 sessions which were co-facilitated in partnership with Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA) aimed at third sector, private sector, and community partners. **96%** of workshop participants identified that the actions held in the action plan were the right ones.

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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