

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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| COMMITTEE | Public Protection |
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| REPORT TITLE | Aberdeen City Child Protection Committee – Annual Report |
| REPORT NUMBER | OPE.18.033 |
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| TERMS OF REFERENCE | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and “Joint Working with Non-Council Bodies” |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Public Protection Committee of the multi-agency work overseen by Aberdeen City Child Protection Committee as set out in the 2017 Annual Report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Notes the content of this report; and
- 2.2 Endorses the work of the Aberdeen City Child Protection Committee as detailed in its 2017 Annual Report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The attachment to this report is the annual report of the multi-agency, Aberdeen City Child Protection Committee (the CPC). The Annual Report outlines:
- the make-up of the CPC,
 - it's role and responsibilities,
 - how it carries out its responsibilities,
 - what the CPC and its various sub committees, sub groups and short life working groups have been doing in 2017,
 - what it is currently prioritising and

- the CPC's future planning for 2018 and ahead.

3.2 It provides assurance that arrangements are in place for the range of agencies in the City to work collaboratively in the protection of children. Council services such as Children's Social Work and Education have a significant role in this multi-agency function and are key in ensuring that the council is meeting its statutory duties in terms of child protection. The Annual Report also demonstrates that the CPC is not complacent and delivers an improvement agenda across services in the City.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

| | Risk | Low (L), Medium (M), High (H) | Mitigation |
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| Financial | None for this report | | |
| Legal | Failure of the council to have oversight of services delivering Public Protection could result in the council failing to meet its statutory duties in terms of services aimed at protecting the public, and potential litigation from people who have been harmed | M | Agreement by this Committee on the matters to be reported will allow oversight of these services with a view to minimising the risk of failing to protect the public. |
| Employee | None for this report | | |
| Customer | Failure of the council to have oversight of services delivering public protection could result in the public being at risk of | M | Agreement by this Committee on the matters to be reported will allow oversight of these services with a view to minimising the risk of failing |

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| | harm and loss of customer confidence | | to protect the public, and ensure compliance with any legal requirements or national standards and guidance for those services |
| Environment | None for this report | | |
| Technology | None for this report | | |
| Reputational | Failure of the council to have oversight of services delivering public protection could result in organisational failings being missed and damage the reputation of the council | M | Agreement by this Committee on the matters to be reported will allow oversight of these services with a view to ensuring compliance with any legal requirements or national standards and guidance for those services |

7. OUTCOMES

| Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes | |
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| | Impact of Report |
| Prosperous Economy | In addition to securing protection of the public, business compliance with legislation reduces the risk to them of criminal proceedings and/or litigation, and so is good for them individually and for the economy as a whole. |
| Prosperous People | <p>The functions of the Child Protection Committee are central to supporting and assuring that the multi-agency Children's Services Partnerships deliver on the outcomes of the LOIP Prosperous People - Children are our Future and that they have "the best start in life"; they are "safe and responsible" and "protected from harm".</p> <p>Children who are adequately protected from threats to their health, safety and economic wellbeing are more likely to prosper than those who are not.</p> |
| Prosperous Place | Protecting our built environment and natural resources reduces the risks to and enhances the health, safety and wellbeing of Aberdeen citizens and visitors. |
| Enabling Technology | None |

| Design Principles of Target Operating Model | |
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| | Impact of Report |
| Governance | Appropriate oversight of services delivering public protection provides assurance to both the organisation and the public in terms of meeting the council's statutory duties, and also contributes to compliance with agreed standards |

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

| Assessment | Outcome |
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| Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment | Protection of equality and human rights is integral to the work of these services, and for this reason a full EHRIA is not required. |
| Privacy Impact Assessment | not required |
| Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty | not applicable |

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Aberdeen City Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2017

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