

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Public Protection Committee
DATE	27 th October 2021
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	New Public Protection Website: Aberdeen Protects
REPORT NUMBER	OPE/21/265
DIRECTOR	Rob Polkinghorne, Chief Operating Officer, ACC
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1.4

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide contextual information about the new Aberdeen Protects website, in advance of a demonstration of the site at the meeting. The link for the site can be found at: [Aberdeen Protects | Aberdeen City Council](#)

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee

- 2.1 Note the development of the Aberdeen Protects website, and provide any feedback as deemed appropriate.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Aberdeen City Executive Group for Public Protection (ACEGPP) agreed the development of a microsite primarily to share resources for staff across the different but cross cutting public protection agendas: Child Protection; Adult Protection; Violence Against Women / Gender-based Abuse; Community / Youth Justice; and Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). The Care Inspectorate's Adult Protection and Child Protection Quality Indicator Frameworks include an indicator relating specifically to staff being trained and supported, with 'very good practice' around this being evidenced by policy, guidance, and multi agency training being widely available across Aberdeen City.
- 3.2 The resulting Aberdeen Protects website was developed and populated by the Lead Officers of the different public protection partnerships, in conjunction with ACC digital development staff. It was launched on 1 September 2021, and

promoted widely. This site is currently being updated to include Getting It Right For Every Child, the Children’s Service Board, Corporate Parenting and Children’s Rights.

3.3 The site will continue to be updated so that it is ‘current’, by the public protection leads, via consideration at each meeting of the different partnerships. Data analytics relating to usage of the site will also be collated and used by the partnerships to evaluate impact. Anecdotal feedback about the site has so far been very positive.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

6.1 There are no risk implications of the development of this site. It will contribute to reducing any risks associated with lack of awareness of public protection issues.

7. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	N/A
Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	N/A
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	<p>The proposals within this report directly support and link to LOIP stretch outcomes 4 and 5 with key drivers of keeping children and young people safe and improving access to support.</p> <p>The proposals within this report also support the delivery of LOIP Stretch Outcome 11 – Healthy life expectancy is five years longer by 2026 – and Stretch Outcome 12 - Rate of harmful levels of alcohol consumption reduced by 4% and drug related deaths lower than Scotland by 2026.</p>
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	N/A

Regional and City Strategies	N/A
UK and Scottish Legislative and Policy Programmes	The availability of this resource with support staff to meet statutory requirements in relation to all areas of public protection.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Impact Assessment	Not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10. APPENDICES

None

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