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FOR HIGHLAND CHILDREN'S 3 - UPDATE by Innis Mitchell

Summary

This report provides an update and makes proposals about 'For Highland's Children 3', the integrated children's services plan.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Following an earlier report to the Committee, work has continued on children's services planning processes, that:
- takes account of the various new planning frameworks;
 - aligns proposals with Highland's Single Outcome Agreement;
 - addresses issues raised at the 'For Highland's Children 2' (*FHC2*) seminar held in January 2008.
- 1.2 It is proposed that the new Children's Plan, For Highland's Children 3 2008-2011 (*FHC3*) will continue many of the main features of the organisational framework of *FHC2*:
- The high level inspirational vision for children and young people in Highland should continue to be that: "All of Highland's children have the best possible start in life; enjoy being young; capable and resilient, to fully maximise their potential."
 - The strategic framework will continue to be built around the established concepts of:
 - ▶ sustainable community-based services that support families to look after children;
 - ▶ clear roles and responsibilities for practitioners and agencies as part of an integrated approach to service delivery;
 - ▶ an organisational model of planning, intervention and review that enables us to get it right for every child.
 - An integrated planning structure that is based on the now nationally recognised cross-cutting "SHANARI" themes. *FHC3* will provide the strategic framework and detail which will explain how services in Highland will be maintained, strengthened and developed to ensure that all of Highland's children are:
 - ▶ safe;
 - ▶ healthy;
 - ▶ achieving;
 - ▶ nurtured;
 - ▶ active;
 - ▶ respected & responsible; and

- ▶ included.

2. Plan Structure

- 2.1 It is proposed that there will be a detailed but concise published document, which will also be web based.
- 2.2 The web version will demonstrate the important links to other relevant planning structures including detailed information on the alignment of *FHC3* with Highland's Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) with the Scottish Government. This will provide opportunity to update planning over the lifetime of *FHC3* to reflect future generations of the SOA and developments in other planning commitments.
- 2.3 The other main function of the web-based version will be to support the monitoring and updating of actions. This provides a continuous review of operational effectiveness against agreed strategic objectives.
- 2.4 The proposed outline structure for FHC3 is as follows:
 - Introduction
 - Demographics
 - Review of FHC2 including the effectiveness of the strategic objectives; the views of young people and families, consultation with partner agencies and the UHI evaluation of Integrated Children's Services
 - Statistical analysis of outcomes – delivery strategies and key outcome targets,
 - Strategy for integrated children's services
 - Key Outcome Targets for FHC3
 - Improvement Objectives for FHC3
 - Actions (formerly delivery strategies) for FHC3
 - Financial framework
 - Statement on services to be commissioned from voluntary and private sector agencies
- 2.5 It is further proposed that improvement objectives are organised around strategic themes, each represented by a cross-cutting strategy group, but that they can also be aligned in terms of how they will contribute to young people being safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active; respected & responsible and included.
- 2.6 This is likely to require some rationalisation of existing strategic groups. The current framework of groups is shown in Appendix 1.

3. Current Progress

- 3.1 Work is well advanced to identify the key Improvement Objectives which best support each of the SHANARI wellbeing indicators.

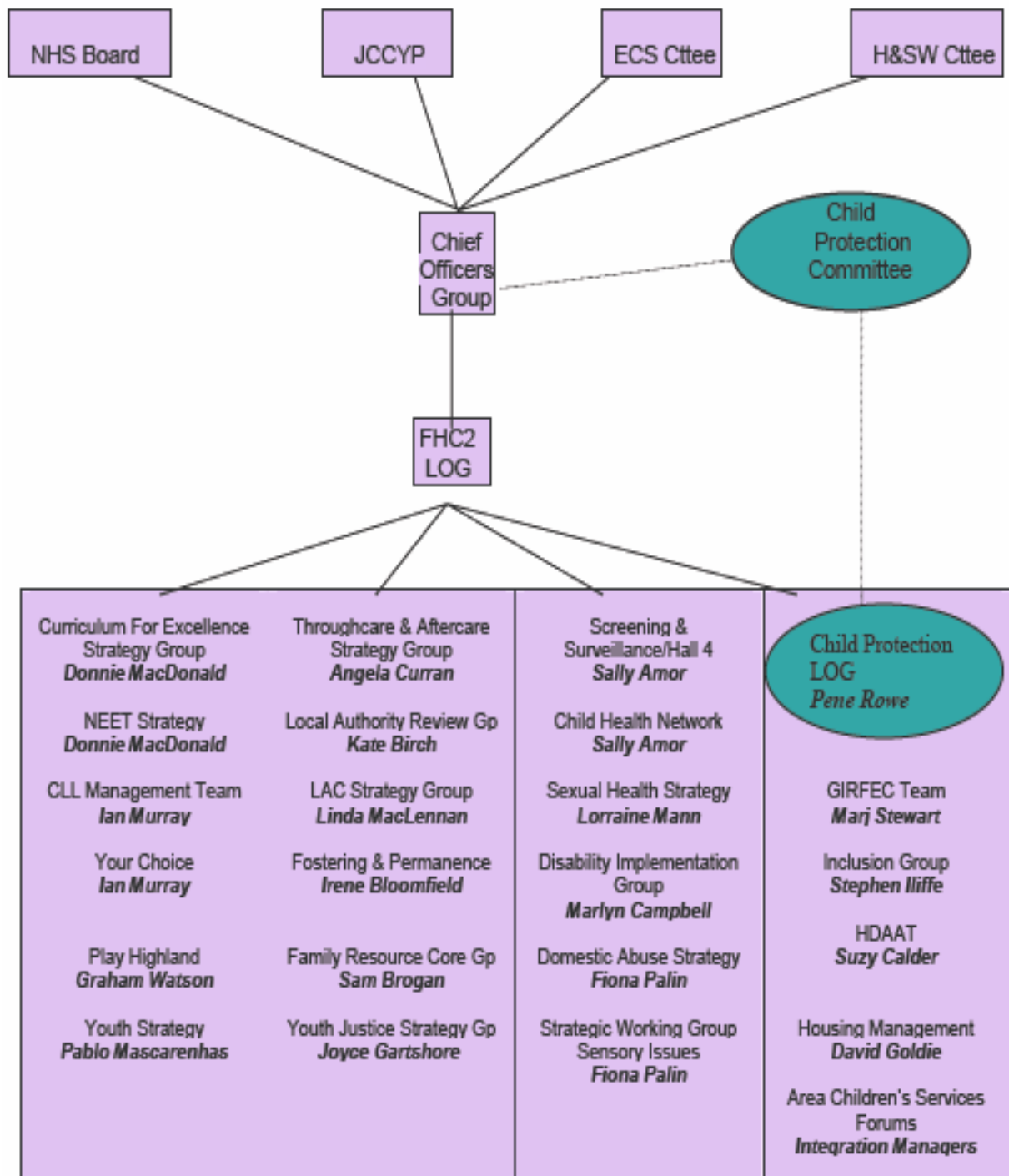
- 3.2 In turn, each improvement objective is supported by a number of specific actions. These actions will be monitored and updated throughout the life-time of the plan and can be rewritten or replaced as progress toward achieving the respective improvement objective requires.
- 3.3 Operational and management responsibility for each action will be shown in detail on the web site. These will be grouped under the respective strategy group. It is intended that this will strengthen accountability and provide an accessible management tool for both strategic and operational purposes.
- 3.6 For *FHC3* it is proposed that each Strategy Groups is charged with the specific requirement to detail how they carry out consultation and participation with service users on their strategic planning, monitoring and updating on progress.
- 3.7 It is proposed that *FHC3* is approved as a working tool in Spring 2009, but that formal approval of all the improvement objectives and associated actions is achieved at subsequent meetings of the Joint Committee, on a phased basis and in relation to the strategic themes. This will ensure that there has been proper consultation with user groups before final consideration by the Committee. An example of this is the Young Carer's Strategy, which is also presented to this meeting of the Committee.
- 3.8 It is also proposed that detail of the developing framework and content of *FHC3* is presented to the Joint Committee at its next two meetings, and that a seminar to consider the full draft plan takes place in Spring 2009.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to consider and comment on the developing structure, format and timetable of For Highland's Children 3.

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Appendix 1



Key to above:

LAC – Looked After Child
 NEET – Not in Education, Employment or Training
 GIRFEC – Getting it Right for Every Child
 JCCYP – Joint Committee on Children & Young People
 FHC2 LOG – For Highland's Children 2 Lead Officers Group
 HDAAT – Highland Drug & Alcohol Action Team

LOG – Lead Officers Group
 CLL – Community Learning & Leisure
 JHIP – Joint Health Improvement Plan
 ECS – Education, Culture & Sport
 H & SW – Housing & Social Work