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**Report to: People Committee**

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**Date of Meeting: 16 September 2021**

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**Subject: The Promise update**

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**Report by: Sharon Robertson, Interim Chief Social Work Officer**

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### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to People Committee on The Promise and the latest actions underway in Clackmannanshire to ensure that the Council and its partner “Keep the Promise” to the care experienced community.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that the People Committee:
- 2.2. Notes the latest information.
- 2.3. Provides comment on the latest plans and developments.
- 2.4. Commits its ongoing support to The Promise.

### **3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. This is the third report to the People Committee that seeks to track the progress of Clackmannanshire’s commitment and endorsement to #Keep the Promise. Two reports have been submitted to People Committee on the 25 March 2021 and 27 May 2021 advising on the on-going developments of Clackmannanshire’s commitment to the transformational programme of the Independent Care Review and The Promise. This report provides an update on our local developments and activity centred on the Promise Plan 21-24 (31 March 2021) and the recently published Change Programme One (24 June 2021); which sets out priorities for the first phase of a three year programme of the Promise’s 10 year transformation programme: A good childhood; whole family support; planning; building capacity and supporting the workforce.
- 3.2. Within the context of Clackmannanshire, The Promise will align with and become embedded within the Be The Future Transformation Programme, particularly in the area of Empowering Families and Communities. The plans going forward involve a radical redesign of services across all areas of public service delivery.

- 3.3. Clackmannanshire Children and Young People Services Partnership Board has endorsed an approach which sees the new Children's Services Plan 2021-24 structured around the framework of the Promise and the five overarching priorities: A good childhood; whole family support; planning; supporting the workforce; and building capacity.
- 3.4. A second meeting of Clackmannanshire's Promise Cross Party group was held on 12 July 2021, which included members of the Promise Scotland Implementation Team. This Group is to ensure that the implementation of the Promise in Clackmannanshire remains a key priority and achieves results and real change for our care experienced community. The programme of work for the group will focus on The Plan 21-24 with the two 'fundamentals' of Listening and Language and the two priority areas of Whole Family Support and Planning being the initial focus. A programme of work will be developed with 'tests of change' and intended impact and outcomes outlined and a clear accountability structure. This programme of work will include the development of a Participation Network to improve the current participatory opportunities for children and young people in Clackmannanshire in order to achieve collaborative change to support the keeping of the Promise made to children, young people, and their families. The Participation Network will focus on how we can listen, strengthen and connect the voices of care experienced children and young people across all our schools, partners and other networks such as MCR Pathways etc. In particular, this will include the voices of those who have been part of Oor Clacks Voices and Oor Wee Clacks Voices with both these groups continuing to meet with an integrated team of support around them to ensure their voices are influencing The Promise as we progress.
- 3.5. An ambition of Clackmannanshire Council is to provide greater opportunity for children and young people to have their voices heard in the shaping, design, delivery, and improvement of services. Clackmannanshire Council has engaged with The Promise Scotland's Implementation Team's offer of support to build upon our current methods and processes for participation, to ensure that we can be better placed to understand and respond to the views and wants of our children and young people. A number of meetings has taken place throughout July and provided the opportunity to reflect on the need to develop a plan that will enable the Council and partners to improve the current participatory opportunities for children and young people. Scoping work is currently being planned with The Promise Scotland Implementation Team to understand how participatory opportunities are currently facilitated, to identify gaps in children and young people's representation and coproduce solutions to mitigating such gaps.
- 3.6. Clackmannanshire has secured £50,000 funding through the Promise Partnership run by the Corra Foundation. It is intended that this funding will be utilised to bolster the opportunity for children and young people to be heard by system decision makers; and inform and collaborate on service design and delivery.
- 3.7. A further presentation from the Scottish members of the Promise Scotland Implementation Team was made at the Clackmannanshire Alliance on 4 June 2021 on the human and economic cost modelling approach. Clackmannanshire Alliance have committed to using the human and economic cost model approach to progress work on using money differently. The Promise Scotland team will help the partnership to identify how much

they are currently spending, directly and indirectly, on children and families in and around the 'care system'. Following this, the Clackmannanshire Alliance and The Promise Scotland will jointly design a model for how that money could be spent more effectively in future in the area, to improve outcomes and deliver better value for money. In doing so, exploration of how to pool resources across the partnership and how to develop and implement family-based resourcing plans on a cross-partnership basis will take place.

3.8. A further update will be provided to the People Committee in December 2021.

#### 4.0 Sustainability Implications

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#### 5.0 Resource Implications

##### 5.1. *Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

##### 5.4. *Staffing*

#### 6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

#### 7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

## 8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes  No

## 9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

## 10.0 Appendices

10.1 None

## 11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes  (please list the documents below) No

The Promise Plan 2021/24

The Change Programme One 2021/24

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