Note of meeting of the Children and Families Third Sector Forum

Tuesday 20th September 2022

**1.00 -2.30** on Teams

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| Chair: | Helen Davis (YAP) | Note taker: | Stuart Barrie (VSGWL) |

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| Attendees: | Emma Jackson (Well Being Scotland), Jeanette Mitchell (Action for Children) Helen Tyson (Circle) Garry Walker (the Larder) Gail (Home-Start West Lothian) Lesley Mount (Signpost) Emma Jackson (Well Being Scotland) |
| Apologies: | Caroline Miller (Children 1st) Elaine Provan (Daisy Drop In), Helen Rashad (Firefly Arts) Collete (School Bank) Tracy Kerr (VSGWL), Tracy Murdoch (Kidzeco), Monica Mochar (Well Being Scotland), Raymond Branton (FCDWL), Wilma Murray (Carers of West Lothian), Denise Arbeiter (West Lothian Council) |

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| **Agenda Item** | **Decision/Action** | **Action By** |
| 1. **Welcome and Apologies**   Lesley approved last minutes and Gail seconded |  |  |
| 1. **Action note from previous meeting/ Matters arising** | Send out outstanding paperwork | Helen Davis |
| 1. **Brief Feedback from other meetings - Children & Families Strategic Planning group meeting, ADP/ Whole Family Approach PSP, Community Safety group, C&F Performance Framework working group.**   **Strategic Planning Group**  **Commissioning Plan**  Spoke with Sharon Houston, who has a new role in Health and Social Care as Head of Strategic Planning & Performance )  Planned and scheduled to be in place for 2023 – Sharon updated commissioning may not be immediately changed but plans to be in place for 2023. Draft will be published and feedback will be welcomed on this draft.  **Whole Family Approach PSP**  Now called Wraparound West Lothian.  Lesley Brogan started and 1 new additional staff member joins YAP to work on this project next week  **Community Safety Group**  Seeing lower levels of anti-social behavior at the moment. Helen requested for anyone report to police to also report to the Council so records can be updated there as well.  Update on Firework legislation changes. Council will be communicating details around West Lothian’s approach to Fireworks in their newsletter but Fireworks have a risk for anti-social behavior.  **The Larder**  Garry informed that The Larder would be running two cohorts of a 6 week cooking workshop. The course is aimed at 15 to 18 year olds on the periphery of the justice system and will upskill them in the kitchen as well as provide a meal at the end of the lesson. Guest speakers will be in attendance and any ideas for speakers for Garry welcome. |  |  |
| 1. **Agency Presentations – Regular slot for information if required**   NO guest speakers or presentations |  |  |
| 1. **Trauma informed Practice – standing item**   Followed up with Isobel Denholm to get latest info as she is the lead for this Trauma at the Council .  Isobel updated that a Trauma Informed Practise Board to govern and oversee this work. Membership to be agreed on the 29th at a meeting, there will be a third sector representative for this group.  Helen checking with see levels of training on trauma in West Lothian to get an overview of training  Garry Walker asked for people to get in touch to highlight any trauma informed training courses for one of his team. | Isabel to be invited a future meeting. | Helen |
| 1. **Roots – Update**   There is funding coming to Third Sector for the Roots work.  WLDAS no longer part of the working group.  Savings mean no cuts required at the moment, Simon from Children First reported back that it may be possible for organisations can remain at the same level of funding for Year 2 |  |  |
| 1. **W.L. Children’s Rights report**     Denise not at meeting to update. | Ask Denise for update | Helen |
| 1. **Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework - Update Draft Commissioning Plan – Ongoing item**   Helen reviewing this, looking at where highest needs are and how services are accessible for all.  Next meeting is September 27th Simon and Helen attending. To be discussed at next Children and Families Forum. |  |  |
| 1. **TSSG – Update (Helen)**   Clare Stewart talked about the new Council Policy Develop and Scrutiny Panel (PDSP) and its expanded remit. Kirsteen Sulivan will be the chair of this PDSP.  Beverly led a discussion around strategy – working group to be set up for this, invitation has been sent out for anyone looking to join.  **VSGWL – Update (Stuart)**  Communities Mental Health funding has just been confirmed as £470k for round 2. The Gateway will be working on the application process and funding guidelines being worked up and applications will be open in the few weeks. |  |  |
| 1. **Member Updates**   Signpost is back up to strength and has more capacity.  Circle recruiting for Father Support Worker.  Gateway hosting Let’s Talk about Diversity Panel, Thursday 22nd September. |  |  |
| 1. **AOCB – Date of Next Meeting**   Next TSSG is 6th October  Next Children and Families is 25h October  Future Meeting Dates – all hybrid meetings either in person at The Gateway or on Teams. 1-2.30pm  25th October / 22nd November / 24th January | Tracy to send out calendar invites | Tracy Kerr |