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Document Description:

National guidance requires that the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) produces and publishes an annual summary report for local authorities and Integration Joint Boards (IJB) on the functions of the CSWO. The annual report provides an overview of how Social Work and Social Care services have continued to deliver quality support, whilst also responding to challenges across the wider public sector and social work specific landscape. As well as detailing highlights from throughout the year the report is also forward looking and identifies the key challenges and opportunities for 2020/21.

Intended Outcome:

To provide assurance to the local authority and IJB regarding the fulfilment of the functions of the CSWO and of developments and performance in Social Work and Social Care services.

How will the proposal be monitored?:

The CSWO produces and publishes a report on an annual basis, which is submitted to Committee for approval.

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	Positive
Disability:	Positive
Gender Reassignment:	Not Known
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	Not Known
Pregnancy and Maternity:	Positive
Race/Ethnicity:	Not Known
Religion or Belief:	Not Known
Sex:	Positive
Sexual Orientation:	Not Known

Equality and diversity Implications:

The report evidences a range of ways in which social care and social work services have supported improved outcomes for the most vulnerable people in Dundee. This includes performance in public protection services.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

None required.

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No

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B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	Positive
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	Positive
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	Positive
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	Positive
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	Positive
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):	Positive
The Ferry:	Positive
West End:	Positive

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	Positive
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	Positive
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	Positive
Single female households with children:	Positive
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	Positive
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	Positive
Homeless:	Positive
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	Positive

Offenders and Ex-offenders:	Positive
Looked after children and care leavers:	Positive
Carers:	Positive

Significant Impact

Employment:	Positive
Education and Skills:	Positive
Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:	Positive
Childcare:	Positive
Affordability and Accessibility of services:	Positive

Fairness and Poverty Implications:

The report demonstrates how social care and social work services are delivered across Dundee to groups within the population who experience poverty, exclusion and inequalities. The services delivered support improved outcomes for services users, carers and their wider communities.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

None required.

C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:	Not Known
Adapting to the effects of climate change:	Not Known

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:	Not Known
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:	Not Known
Sustainable Procurement:	Not Known

Transport

Accessible transport provision:	Not Known
Sustainable modes of transport:	Not Known

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:	Not Known
Biodiversity:	Not Known
Open and green spaces:	Not Known

Built Environment

Built Heritage:	Not Known
Housing:	Not Known

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

None required.

Environmental Implications:

No identifiable implications.

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: