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Attendees:

David Anderson	Oversight Board Co-Chair
Emma Brennan	Oversight Board Member
Jasmin-Kasaya Pilling	Oversight Board Member
Jemma Kerr	Oversight Board Member
Kelly Parry	Oversight Board Member
Kezia Dugdale	Oversight Board Member
Lorraine Moore	Oversight Board Member
Lisa Mason	Oversight Board Member
Oisin King	Oversight Board Member
Ruth Glassborow	Oversight Board Member
Ryan McShane	Oversight Board Member
Taliah Drayak	Oversight Board Member

In attendance from The Promise Scotland:

Fraser McKinlay	Chief Executive
Gillian Sinclair	Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator
Morag Burnett	Head of Governance and Operations

Minute of Meeting:

1. Welcome and introductions; declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to Meeting TWENTY-FOUR.

The primary purpose of Meeting TWENTY-FOUR is to shape the forward work programme.

There were no declarations of interest and no apologies for this meeting.

The Chair formally informed the Board that members Carrie McLaughlan, Euan Currie, Maria McGill, and Anna Fowlie had reached the end of their tenure on the Oversight Board and stepped down. The Board expressed their sincere gratitude for the valuable contributions made by the members over the years and extended their best wishes for their future endeavours. The Board was pleased to note that they remain committed to the promise and will continue to support and influence its work where possible.

The Board also discussed existing skills gaps and upcoming recruitment plans, with the aim of onboarding new members in time for the meeting scheduled on 6 August.

It was also agreed a deputy chair process will be in place for this meeting with a view to having a deputy chair in place at the October in person board meeting.

2. Minutes and Actions from Meeting TWENTY-THREE

The Oversight Board minutes for Meeting TWENTY-THREE were approved page by page. All the actions were either complete or in progress.

3. Updates from The Promise Scotland

MB is attending Project Esperanza Parliament event next week, work programme to be added to the forward plan.

Nick Jedrzejewski the Strategic Communications Lead for The Promise Scotland gave an update on Oversight Board communications work:

- The Oversight Board website is complete [The Oversight Board | Monitoring Scotland's promise](#). Regular updates will be scheduled with NJ and The Oversight Board to ensure the website will continue to maintain a presence and an ongoing voice for the board.
- Work has been ongoing on The Promise Scotland website with a section on Policy which shares The Promise Scotland's response to The Scottish Government Moving on consultation.
- The Promise Scotland attended the Labour conference, Jemma Kerr from The Oversight Board attended and spoke.

- The Conservative party conference is coming up, Emma Brennan from The Oversight Board is attending and taking part in a joint panel with Who Cares? Scotland with voice being the main subject.
- Neil McKay is writing an article that involves The Oversight Board. There is no publishing date but NJ will update the members when he knows.

Alison Sutherland – Head of Support and Ffyona Taylor, Plan 24-30 Lead gave a presentation on the route maps project. The presentation will be shared with the board. AS is happy to meet with the members to discuss further.

Chloe Riddell, Policy Lead provided the members on an update on the promise bill and the Scottish Government consultations. Full responses and updates are on The Promise Scotland website.

3. Update on Oversight Board correspondence and meetings

- DA gave an update to the members on the calls to action from the Report THREE. Letters were sent to The First Minister, Fiona Duncan – Independent Strategic Advisor and Fraser McKinlay – Chief Executive of The Promise Scotland.
- The Chair updated the members on the meeting request sent to Natalie Don-Innes - The Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, and Councillor Buchanan – COSLA Spokesperson for Children and Young People to discuss calls for actions from Report THREE. Both agreed to attend today's meeting and have a discussion that would not be minuted. Unfortunately, the Minister was called to attend parliament and couldn't make the meeting. Councillor Buchanan agreed to attend.
- Further to this, meetings with the Scottish Autism Society and the Scottish Commission for people with Learning Disabilities (SCLD). It is the boards intention to continue dialogue with the organisations.
- The chair was asked to speak at the Scotland Policy Conference in March - Next steps for the children's care system in Scotland and implementing The Promise. This led to a further meeting with Barnados and the GAP housing lead Elizabeth McShane which resulted in a cross organisation meeting to support young people moving into independent accommodation. The Oversight Board look forward to hearing the outcome of that meeting.
- The chair also met with Audit Scotland to discuss the role of The Oversight Board for the performance audit on Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise.
- The Oversight Board would like to proceed with the postponed consultation on the care community whilst there is time to properly organise it.

- The chair met with MSP Roz McCall to discuss a coordinated approach to get Scottish Government to commit to ensuring another Minister is appointed to Keep the Promise. All members agreed this action.

5. FORWARD PLAN

Report THREE:

Launch, media day & The Gathering 4th and 5th February
Parliament event – Thursday 27th February 2025

The Oversight Board Meetings:

Thursday 27th February 2025

Tuesday 29th April 2025

Wednesday June 4th (online meeting 09.30 to 11.30)

Wednesday 6th August

Wednesday 1st October.

Wednesday 10th December

