

The Promise Oversight Board Meeting THIRTEEN MINUTE

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Attendees:	
Fiona Duncan	Oversight Board Chair
Anna Fowlie	Oversight Board Member
Ashley Cameron	Oversight Board Member
Carrie McLaughlan	Oversight Board Member
David Anderson	Oversight Board Member
Euan Currie	Oversight Board Member
Ewan Aitken	Oversight Board Member
Dr Helen Whincup	Oversight Board Member
Iain MacRitchie	Oversight Board Member
Jasmin-Kasaya Pilling	Oversight Board Member
Jemma Kerr	Oversight Board Member
Kezia Dugdale	Oversight Board Member
Maria McGill	Oversight Board Member
Professor Morag Treanor	Oversight Board Member
Neil Squires	Oversight Board Member
Patricia Watts	Oversight Board Member
Ruth Glassborow	Oversight Board Member
Sharon McGhee	Oversight Board Member
Taliah Drayak	Oversight Board Member
Tracey McFall	Oversight Board Member

In attendance from The Promise Scotland:	
Alan Roden	Freelance Writer
Fionnuala Contier-Lawrie	Public Affairs and Communications Officer
Fraser McKinlay	Chief Executive Officer
Morag Burnett	Head of Governance and Operations

Minute of Meeting:	
11:00 – 11:05	<p>1. Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and went through the meeting agenda. She reiterated the meeting focus was to establish purpose, content, tone and audience(s) for Report TWO. Alan Roden, the 'penholder' for Report ONE was in attendance, as an observer, to inform his work in supporting The Promise Oversight Board develop Report TWO. ♥ There were no apologies.
11:05 – 11:15	<p>2. Minutes and Actions from Meeting TWELVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Promise Oversight Board was taken through the previous meeting minute, page-by-page, for approval. The minute was approved. The Chair took The Promise Oversight Board through the Action Log to ensure all were on track.
11:15 – 11:40	<p>3. Report TWO - macro context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Promise Oversight Board members discussed Paper 3 'Reflecting the macro context, whilst starting from Report ONE...' ♥ Members received a verbal update from the Chair on the emerging thinking to develop a Scotland-wide strategy to #KeepThePromise for 2024 onwards. ♥ Members reviewed the proposed publication schedule for Report TWO.
11:40–11:55	<p>4. Report TWO - from context to issues (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Promise Oversight Board members considered Paper 4 'From macro context to mid-point review of Plan 21-24'. Copies of the mid-point Review of Plan 21-24 carried out by The Promise Scotland and the information source were available as reference. ♥ This was followed by discussion on progress since publication of Report ONE through The Promise Oversight Board's sustained focus of what positive changes has happened to the lives of children and families in / around Scotland's 'care system'. For some aspects, the apparent lack of progress at sufficient pace was distressing.
12:05– 12:40	<p>5. Report TWO - from context to issues (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Promise Oversight Board members worked in four groups to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The revised purpose, content, tone and audience(s).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenge questions.
13:40 – 14:20	<p>6. Report TWO – feedback from group work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The four groups fed back their comments which were captured to enable a plenary discussion. ♥ The Chair summarised the four group’s discussion on purpose, content, tone and audience(s) and reminded The Promise Oversight Board that the majority of Meeting FOURTEEN would be dedicated to a full first draft of Report TWO.
14:20 – 14:40	<p>7. Chair(s) appointment and terms of reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Chair informed Promise Oversight Board members of the outcome of the appointment process for Co-Chairs. ♥ It was agreed that the Co-Chairs would be formally appointed in Meeting FOURTEEN, at which point Fiona Duncan would step down as Chair. The Promise Oversight Board unanimously agreed Fiona Duncan should remain as a Board member. This decision will be revisited during the next Board Effectiveness Review. ♥ An updated Terms of Reference for all Promise Oversight Board members, including a (re)appointment process, will be developed.
14:40- 15:00	<p>8. Forward programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Promise Oversight Board was taken through the Forward Programme.
15:00- 15:10	<p>9. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ The Promise Scotland has a suite of policies in place, some of which are relevant to The Promise Oversight Board (and Directors of The Promise Scotland) including Whistleblowing and Safeguarding. Board discussions highlighted the need to test the applicability of the Whistleblowing and Safeguarding policies in relation to the information The Promise Oversight Board receives to fulfil its role of holding Scotland to account. This will be an agenda item at Meeting FOURTEEN as content for Report TWO is developed with the outcome to inform the revision of the Terms of Reference. ♥ Anti-racism training was proposed. It was agreed that this would be beneficial to The Promise Oversight Board to ensure its work continues to take full account of the Independent Care Review’s findings on ethnicity. It will be scheduled for the summer.