

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Early Years Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Meeting
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	<b>24th March 2014</b>
TITLE:	Annual Report 2013-2014 and Work Programme 2014-2015 of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)
WARD:	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
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Draft LSCB Annual Report 2013- 2014 and Work Programme 2014-2015	

## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 This (draft) Annual Report and Work Programme details progress with the work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding children, and the individual member agencies contributions to this.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 For the Panel to note the report and the proposals within the (draft) Annual Report 2013-2014 and Work Programme 2014-2015 which will determine the work of the LSCB over the coming year.

## **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The work of the LSCB is completed within existing resources.
- 3.2 In line with national guidance, member organisations also provide financial and 'in kind' contributions to the running of the LSCB.

## **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 All LSCB member agencies have a duty to co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (Under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004)

## **5 THE REPORT**

- 5.1 The Council is required by the Children Act 2004 to have an LSCB in place and to review its effectiveness. The revised Working Together 2013 to Safeguard Children details national guidance for the governance arrangements for LSCB's. The LSCB is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how the relevant agencies will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do.

5.2 The work of the LSCB is taken forward through its Annual Report and Work Programme. This outlines how the LSCB will provide the strategic direction and operational framework needed to ensure that member agencies focus on their responsibilities, with regard to the safeguarding of vulnerable children, young people and their families.

5.3 Although still in draft the Annual Report 2013-2014 and Work Programme 2014-2015 will undergo further revisions by the LSCB and will be published by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.

## 6 RATIONALE

6.1 By considering this report the Panel is fulfilling duties to ensure, and challenge the effectiveness of the safeguarding arrangements in Bath & North East Somerset

## 7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None

## 8 CONSULTATION –

8.1 Members of the LSCB, any interested stakeholders via Annual Stakeholder Event.

## 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	Current Annual Report 2012-2013 and Work Programme 203-2014 <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/lscb_annual_report_2012-13_and_work_programme_2013-14.pdf">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/lscb_annual_report_2012-13_and_work_programme_2013-14.pdf</a>
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