

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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| MEETING: | Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel |
| MEETING DATE: | 18 th July 2011 |
| TITLE: | Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2010/11 and Work Programme 2011/12 |
| WARD: | ALL |
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| Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2010/11 and Work Programme 2011/12 | |

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Panel considered the Report into the effectiveness of Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) arrangements at its meeting on 12th July 2010 and agreed to proposals to consider and make any recommendations for the LSCB's Annual Report for 2010/11, prior to its submission to the Children's Trust Board on 9th December 2010, and did so at the Panel meeting on 22nd November 2010. The Annual Report, and its associated Work Programme for 2011/12, was published on 1st April 2011.
- 1.2 The Panel has requested the opportunity to discuss the Annual Report and Work Programme, and to consider how it will best contribute to the Annual Report of 2011/12.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel:

- 2.1 Notes the Annual Report 2010/11, its priorities and associated Work Programme and the challenges and issues it poses for the Children's Trust Board.
- 2.2 Requests that the draft Annual Report for 2011/12 is presented to the November meeting of the Panel for discussion and comment.
- 2.3 Notes that the annual LSCB Stakeholders' event will take place on 23rd November 2011.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The Council and partner agencies contribute to a pooled budget to fund the Local Safeguarding Children Board arrangements and activities.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Annual Report of Bath and North East Somerset's Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) represents the first annual report written in accordance with the national guidelines for such Reports. It builds upon the previous Annual Reports and Business Plans published by the Area Child Protection Committee and then the Local Safeguarding Children Board since 2000, and the 3 Year Strategic Plan published by the Board for 2008 – 2011. It has been compiled by the constituent members of the Local Safeguarding Children Board and informed by its Stakeholders who were widely consulted. It presents a critical appraisal of the safeguarding arrangements and activities during 2010/2011; the key priorities for 2011/12; and the work programme for delivering those priorities.
- 4.2 Draft versions of this Annual Report were presented to the Council's Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the Children's Trust Board. The Annual Report has informed the priorities and key actions within the Children and Young People's Plan 2011 – 2014 which was published on 1st April 2011.
- 4.3 This Annual Report was published on 1st April 2011 and is a public document. Progress with achieving its key priorities, and implementing its work programme, will be reviewed by the business meetings of the Local Safeguarding Children Board; reported to the Children's Trust Board, the Partnership Board for Health and Wellbeing and the Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel; and critically appraised within the Annual Report for 2011/12.
- 4.4 In establishing its priorities for the coming year, the Board considered the developing national safeguarding agenda: its evaluation of the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements: progress with its 3 Year Strategic Plan 2008-2011: progress with its Annual Report and Business Plan Work Programme 2010/11: its analysis of the Local Needs Assessments: feedback from the Annual Stakeholders' event: and its review of the national and local safeguarding context within its Annual Development Day in January 2011. Having done so, the Board concluded that whilst maintaining its overall commitment to the 5 aims of the Staying Safe Outcome, it must in the coming year give priority to its core business of protecting children and young people from violence, maltreatment, neglect and sexual exploitation.
- 4.5 The Board therefore compiled a Work Programme for 2011/12 detailing the actions it will take primary responsibility for: the actions that it will ensure are taken by others: and the actions that the Board will seek assurance are being progressed by other partnerships and agencies. Progress with it will be reported to and reviewed by the business meetings of the Board, its Stakeholders' event and Development Day in 2011/12 and evaluated in the next Annual Report.
- 4.6 Progressing these priorities will be underpinned by actions to ensure that we have a confident, skilled and supported workforce, and that Bath and North East Somerset has an effective Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- 4.7 The challenges and issues for the Children's Trust Board (CTB) as detailed in the Annual Report have been presented to a meeting of the CTB, to which a response from the Chair of the CTB is currently being compiled.

4.8 During the course of 2011, the LSCB will undertake an updated formal evaluation of the effectiveness of its safeguarding arrangements using an evaluation tool previously compiled by the Government Office South West's Safeguarding Advisers – and will use this evaluation to effect any required alternations or improvements. The LSCB is also progressing, with the Local Safeguarding Adults Board, work to establish joint strategic safeguarding arrangements which will not only promote better cross Service working but also shared use of expertise and resources.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment was completed in respect of the Annual Report 2010/11 in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was completed in respect of the Annual Report 2010/11 and is available on the Council's website.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 *Cabinet Member; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies.*

7.2 The compilation of the Annual Report and Work Programme was based upon extreme consultations across core and associate member agencies of the LSCB, and staff across all statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations. A similar approach will be taken to the development of the Annual Report for 2011/12 – with an annual stakeholders' event taking place on 23rd November 2011.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 *Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Young People; Human Rights; ; Other Legal Considerations*

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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