

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	15th July 2015	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Local Safeguarding Childrens Board Annual Report 2014 – 15 and Business Plan 2015 - 18	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The People and Communities Directorate would like to set out for the Panel the work of the Local Safeguarding Childrens Board during 2014-2015 and the priorities for 2015-16 work programme along with further areas to be actioned during 2016 - 18.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Proposal 1:** The Panel are asked to note the report.
- 2.2 **Proposal 2:** The Panel are asked to highlight any additional areas of focus they view as important for the LSCB to consider.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 None

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The LSCB is a Statutory Body. The LSCB has made it a requirement of its Terms of Reference (reviewed in June 2015) to share the LSCB Annual Report and work programme with the Scrutiny Panel as it values the input that will be provided and would like to share its work with the widest audience.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The LSCB have reviewed the content and structure of its Annual Report and if compared to previous years the Panel will see that significantly more detail has been included with a focus on what has been achieved.

5.2 Along with highlighting new guidance that has been published and new statutory responsibilities that have arisen in year, the Annual Report includes detailed updates from each sub-group (two new ones have been formed in year, those being CSE and Missing sub-group and Communications sub-group) and also includes for the first time reports from partner agencies. The report aimed to set out the difference that has been made and partners were asked to clarify this by asking themselves 'so what difference has been made?'

5.3 The report has a more substantial overview of case activity and this will be built on year on year.

5.4 For the first time the LSCB has move to a three year business planning cycle and the business plan will be signed off in September 2015 but will be a live document and additions will be made as and when needed.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 To raise awareness of the work of the LSCB and to provide an assurance that the LSCB have appropriate mechanisms in place to safeguarding children and young people in B&NES and those B&NES children and young people who are placed out of area.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

8 CONSULTATION

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

The multi-agency partners of the LSCB reviews the risk to children and young people routinely. The Council's Risk management processes are followed for Council Services and the risk register was updated during the reporting period. The LSCB will develop its own risk register during 2015 – 16.

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Background papers	None
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