

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children and Young People Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	19. 09.2017	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016-17 and Business Plan 2015-18	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Attachment 1: LSCB Annual Report 2016-17 Executive Summary Attachment 2: LSCB Annual Report 2016-17 Attachment 3: Business Plan 2015-18		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 People and Communities Directorate would like to set out for the Panel the work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board during 2016-17 and the priorities for 2017-18 work programme along with further areas to be actioned during 2018 - 19.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Proposal 1: Note the Annual Report, Executive Summary and Business Plan.
- 2.2 Proposal 2: Raise any queries or concerns on safeguarding activity.
- 2.3 Proposal 3: Recommend areas you would like the LSCB to give consideration to.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The LSCB is funded through multi-agency partners; the budget is set out in Appendix 3 of the report. Whilst the 2016-17 multi-agency budget is in credit the Board needs to be aware that this is non-recurring credit and that it will be significantly reduced in 2017-18 due to funding two Serious Case Reviews and reduced contributions by some partners.

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 February 2017) 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.
- 4.2 The Panel is advised to also note that in April the Children and Social Work Act 2017 was given royal assent. This has significant implications for the LSCB as it abolishes the requirement for Local Authorities to establish LSCBs in the way they are currently formed; however it continues to require partners to safeguard the welfare of children. During 2017-18 B&NES LSCB will review its governance and safeguarding assurance arrangements going forward whilst at the same time ensure the business plan is delivered.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Panel are asked to consider the information provided in the LSCB Annual Report 2016-17; the Executive Summary and the Business Plan.
- 5.2 The report follows a similar format to last year and benefits from a separate Executive Summary which is being reproduced in a child friendly version; the Executive Summary highlights the key areas the LSCB want to promote.
- 5.3 The Report looks at the following areas:
- the current context for B&NES and how safe children and young people are
 - an update on changes to national and local policy frameworks – the most significant of which for 2016-17 include a focus on Statutory Guidance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Children Missing Education, Keeping Children Safe in Education and Working Together to Safeguard Children. There has also been new Joint Targeted Area Inspection Frameworks introduced every six months by Ofsted which the LSCB has considered and undertaken a preparation workshop on July 2016 and is preparing for the next one in September 2017
 - the Boards governance arrangements and relationships with other Boards and Committees
 - the work of the sub-groups and the achievements during the year
 - the support and case activity that has taken place during the year and compares this with national data where this is available
 - delivery of the 2016-17 work programme and priorities for 2017 – 18
 - partner reports on individual agencies safeguarding practice
 - finally the joint working and streamlining of LSCB and Local Safeguarding Adults Board work – this has again been a focus during the year.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 To raise awareness of the work of the LSCB and to provide 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

- 7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The LSCB has consulted all partners on the content of the Annual Report 2016 – 17 and Business Plan 2015-18 as agreed via email. This process was agreed by the LSCB due to the Ofsted Review in May preventing work to complete the Report for the June Board meeting and the LSCB will finally approve the Report at the next meeting in September 2017. The partners have included their activity in Appendix 5 of the Report. The LSCB is sharing the Executive Summary report with the Health and Wellbeing Board as well.

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. The LSCB has developed its own Risk Register in 2016-18 which is available to share with the Early Years, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel if requested.

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Background papers	<p>Please see the LSCB web pages on the new joint safeguarding website for any national and local policies and procedures:</p> <p>https://www.safeguarding-bathnes.org.uk/</p>
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