

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children & Young People Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	10th July 2018	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-18 and Business Plan 2015-18	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
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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 2017-18 and the completed Business Plan for 2015-18 along with new priorities to be actioned in the new Strategic Plan for 2018-21.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Proposal 1: Note the Annual Report, Executive Summary, completed 2015-18 Business Plan and the new Strategic Plan on Page for 2018-21
- 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 2017-18 multi-agency budget is in credit, the Panel needs to be aware that this is a non-recurring credit and that was reduced in 2017-18 by £10,000 towards the costs of two serious case reviews

(SCRs) that are being funded by equal contributions from B&NES Council, BaNES NHS CCG and Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

3.2 New funding agreements will need to be made as a result of the new safeguarding arrangements which will take place by September 2019 with the abolishing of existing LSCBs under the new Working Together 2018. This should see a reduction in funding by B&NES Council and hopefully more proportionate contributions from the two additional statutory partners, namely the CCG and Constabulary.

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 2018) 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 following the introduction of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 which abolished the requirement for Local Authorities to establish LSCBs in the way they are currently formed; the Government has been consulting on Working Together 2018, which enables the three statutory partners – Council, CCG and Police to agree their own local safeguarding arrangements instead to safeguard the welfare of children. During 2017-18 B&NES LSCB has been working with Avon & Somerset Constabulary, BaNES NHS CCG, B&NES Council and the other LSCBs in the Constabulary area to consider future arrangements. The consultation closed on 31st December and the new Statutory Guidance is anticipated to be published on 29th June 2018, giving all Boards 12 months to inform the Government of their planned new arrangements and then three months to implement them.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The Panel are asked to consider the information provided in the LSCB Annual Report 2017-18; the Executive Summary, the completed Business Plan and new Strategic Plan.

5.2 The report follows a similar format to last year and benefits from a separate Executive Summary which will again be 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 2017-18 include a focus on the review of Working Together to Safeguard Children, new child death review guidance and new regulations anticipated to be published on 29th June 2018, and revisions to Keeping Children Safe in Education. Ofsted continues their programme of Joint Targeted Area Inspection Frameworks (JTAI) every six months which the LSCB has considered and undertaken multi agency preparation audit workshops on the identified theme.

- 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 2017-18 work programme and priorities for 2018 – 21
- quality assurance report on the partner agencies individual safeguarding practice
- finally the completed joint working and streamlining of LSCB and Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) work – this has again been a focus during the year and is now embedded in the new Strategic Plans for each Board.

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 2017 – 18 and approved the report at the June Board meeting. The partners have submitted their activity reports and these have been quality assured and a summary is included in Appendix 5 of the Report. The LSCB is sharing the Annual Report, the Executive Summary Report and the new Strategic Plan 2018-21 on a Page with the Health and Wellbeing Board as well. The new Strategic Plan has also been consulted on widely including with children and young people representatives.

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.

9.2 The LSCB developed and monitored its own Risk Register in 2016-18. A group of Board representatives are meeting in August 2018 to undertake a new Board Risk Register for 2018-21 which will be available to share with the Scrutiny Panel if requested.

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