

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	Tuesday 23rd July 2019	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Governance Arrangements for Community Safety and Safeguarding in B&NES	
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AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Appendix 1 B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership (BSCCP) (new governance arrangements)</p> <p>Appendix 1a Plan on a Page</p> <p>Appendix 2 BCSSP Threshold for Assessments 2019</p> <p>Appendix 3 BSCCP Independent Scrutiny Arrangements</p> <p>Appendix 4 BSCCP Operational Group Membership</p> <p>Appendix 5 BSCCP Implementation Plan</p>		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To share with the Panel the new multi-agency governance arrangements for community safety and safeguarding children and adults in B&NES. The new B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership will come into being on the 29th September 2019 and the existing Local Safeguarding Children Board, Local Safeguarding Adult Board and Responsible Authorities Group will be disbanded.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to;

- 2.1 **Proposal 1:** Consider the new Partnership as set out in Appendix 1 and 1a and identify any omissions or risks which need to be taken into account.

Proposal 2: Consider the associated appendices 2 – 5 and identify any omissions which need to be taken into account.

Note the documents have all been published and can be found on the link below:
<https://www.safeguarding-bathnes.org.uk/children/local-safeguarding-children-s-board/12-new-safeguarding-arrangements-bnes-september-2019>

3 THE REPORT

3.1 Appendix 1 sets out the new governance arrangements which will come into place from the 29th September 2019 for:

- community safety issue currently overseen by the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG);
- safeguarding children currently overseen by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and
- safeguarding adults currently overseen by the Local Safeguarding Children Board

3.2 The new B&NES Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership will replace the aforementioned RAG, LSCB and LSAB.

3.3 The new Partnership has been developed as a response to the statutory requirement brought in by the Children and Social Work Act 2017 to abolish LSCBs by 28th September 2019. The change in legislation has provided an exciting opportunity to create a new Partnership with a commitment and focus on a Think Family and Community.

3.4 The model has been approved by the three statutory agencies B&NES Council, NHS BaNES CCG (via the Health and Care Board) and Avon and Somerset Constabulary and has been developed in partnership with these agencies and the National Prison and Probation Service and Avon Fire and Rescue. The model ensures the statutory agencies meet their duties whilst offering the benefits created by a merged arrangement.

3.5 There are limitations to the governance arrangements however with careful management and continuous review the Partnership believe the benefits that can be achieved strongly out-weighed these.

3.6 First and foremost the outcomes for children and adults will be improved by having one strategically led conversation at the Executive Group and one operationally led conversation at the Operational Group. This one conversation will help B&NES more effectively meet the vision of Think Family and Community.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Council is required to meet its statutory duties under the following legislation – this Partnership will enable these statutory duties to be met:

- Children and Social Work Act 2017 and associated guidance
- Care Act 2014 and associated guidance
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998

- Police and Justice Act 2006
- Policing and Social Responsibility Act 2011

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 There are resource implications for B&NES Council, Banes NHS CCG and Avon and Somerset Constabulary – these are set out in Appendix 1 and will be reviewed in February 2020 in advance of April 2020 /21 budget moving forward.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The risks and limitations of the new Partnership have been considered and one of the first roles of the Executive will be to approve a Risk Register. The existing risks set out in the LSCB and LSAB Risk Registers will be reviewed and inform the new BCSSP risk register. The RAG currently does not have a formal register in place.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

7.1 The new Partnership will significantly reduce the number of meetings agencies are required to attend therefore reducing carbon emissions and will explore the use of technology where possible to reduce the need to travel to meetings and undertake its work.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 A Working Group consisting of the statutory partners considered other options and shared these with the LSCB and LSAB which already had several joint working groups to deliver their business. The option of merging and including the RAG was also thoroughly discussed in advance of the new Partnership arrangement being finalised.

8.2 The Working Group considered other models being implemented by the Early Adopter sites and those being developed by neighbouring areas.

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 In addition to conversations at the LSCB, LSAB and RAG, members were also invited to a session on the 3rd May 2019 to consider the new governance arrangement and to highlight any additional risks / limitations which might not have been considered by the Working Group. These have been incorporated in the new Partnership (for example the LSAB requested the Mental Capacity Act sub group remain in place whilst the new arrangements for the Liberty Protection Safeguards are implemented and to ensure the MCA is firmly embedded in practice, this had not initially been included. The Implementation Plan also sets out the further discussions to be had regarding the new arrangement and there is a clear commitment to review the arrangements in 12 months.

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Background papers	None

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