

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD: DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14		
DATE OF DECISION:	24 JULY 2014		
REPORT OF:	INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF LOCAL SAFEGAURDING CHILDREN BOARD		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NOT APPLICABLE

BRIEF SUMMARY

The attached Annual Report sets out the activities delivered by and performance of Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) during 2013-14.

Statutory guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (Dfe, 2013) states that the Chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report. This report is submitted according to this guidance.

Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 requires each Local Authority to establish an LSCB for their area and specifies the organisations and individuals that should be represented. The LSCB has a range of roles and functions including developing local safeguarding policy and procedures and scrutinising local arrangements. Working Together and the Children Act set out the objectives and functions of LSCB's as to:

- Coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and
- Ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the draft report is received, with priorities noted for the LSCB Business Plan 2014-15
- (ii) That HOSP consider contents and discuss with the Independent Chair.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Statutory guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (Dfe, 2013) states that the Chair of the LSCB must publish an annual report.

- Children and young people in the city can only be safeguarded if the key agencies work together, this applies to the strategic boards operating in the city. The presentation of this report is a key step in ensuring that effective challenge between strategic bodies is enabled to establish a collective approach to achieve joint outcomes for our children.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- This report is produced by Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) in accordance with legislation and national statutory guidance in Working Together 2013 which requires the LSCB to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

- The Local Safeguarding Children’s Board report gives an overview of the work of the LSCB and its partner agencies have delivered to ensure that the Children and Young People of Southampton are safeguarded and their welfare promoted. The report provides detail of the issues faced by partners this year, as well as the progress made by the LSCB in coordinating and driving work. There is much to work from and the issues highlighted within this report form the basis for our Business Plan for the 2014-15 financial year.
- In the last year the Board has concentrated on making sure that all partners have a strong and equal role in the running of the safeguarding system in the City and on extending this partnership to include children and young people themselves in planning and service delivery. We have made progress in making sure that our messages reach the wider Southampton community so that we can hear from all those sections of the community.
- The Board is now an integral part of the robust Governance arrangements across the City, well managed and effectively delivering a governance and assurance role to the partnership.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

- Not Applicable

Property/Other

- Not Applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

- Not Applicable

Other Legal Implications:

- Not Applicable

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

- Not Applicable

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Local Safeguarding Children Board: DRAFT Annual Report 2013-14
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	None	
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