

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB) ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15		
DATE OF DECISION:	22nd OCTOBER 2015		
REPORT OF:	KEITH MAKIN, INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF LSCB		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young People 2015 statutory guidance directs that the LSCB produces an annual report providing a “rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local [Safeguarding] services”. The report attached aims to provide this assessment. The Scrutiny Panel are asked to consider if this is the case.</p> <p>Ofsted reflected that the previous annual report did not meet this requirement, as part of its judgement that the LSCB ‘requires improvement’ to be good. Since the time of the review by Ofsted the LSCB has made improvements to its systems for gaining assurance from local services including in the way that information and data is reported to the Board. This is now more effective in informing the boards work, which is reflected in the Annual Report. In September 2015, the LSCB approved this report alongside its Business Plan for 2015-18 and the Summary Documents all of which are attached and are published online at (www.southamptonlscb.co.uk).</p> <p>The Panel is asked to particularly reflect on the key issues identified in the opening statement within the report which is made by the Independent Chair, Keith Makin and to utilise this information in the work of the panel. This statement is based on the finding within the report which include learning from case reviews and audits, and from the Ofsted inspection.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	For the Panel to receive the LSCB Report and utilise the information contained to inform its work.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To ensure the information contained in the report and the learning that is gained by the LSCB during the year is embedded in scrutiny functions and future work.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None.		

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	The 2014-15 LSCB Annual Report and a summary of the document are attached as Appendices 1 and 2. Attached as Appendix 3 is the LSCB 2015-18 Business Plan.
4.	It is recommended that the Panel receive the LSCB Report and Business Plan and utilise the information contained to inform its work.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
5.	None.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
6.	None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
9.	Improving the effectiveness of the political scrutiny of children's safeguarding will help contribute to the following priorities within the Council Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting vulnerable people • Prevention and early intervention.
KEY DECISION	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	LSCB Annual Report 2014-15 Summary Document
2.	LSCB Annual Report 2014-15
3.	LSCB Business Plan 2015-18
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact	No

Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.		
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)
1.	None	