DECISION-MAKER:		CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL					
SUBJECT:		LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB) ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 17					
DATE OF DECISION:		16 NOVEMBER 2017					
REPORT OF:		KEITH MAKIN, INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF LSCB					
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

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.

The Scrutiny Panel received the LSCB Annual Report 2015 – 16 in May 2017. It was agreed that the 2016 – 17 report would return in 2017 in order to discuss further and more current developments that the LSCB has made.

The Board is moving forward during a period of national uncertainty with regard to the Wood Review of LSCBs, whilst sitting in unanimous agreement that the Board should continue in its current structure. Recommendations from the Working Together 2018 consultation document will be considered in due course.

In September 2017, the LSCB approved this report alongside its updated Business Plan for 2016-18 and the Summary Documents all of which are attached and are published online at (www.southamptonlscb.co.uk).

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, audits and data collection.

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)							
The 2016-17 LSCB Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1. Attached as Appendix 2 is the LSCB 2015-18 (2017 update) Business Plan.							
It is recommended that the Panel receive the LSCB Report and Business Plan and utilise the information contained to inform its work.							
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS							
Capital/Revenue							
5. None.							
Property/Other							
6. None.							
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS							
Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:							
7. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.							
Other Legal Implications:							
8. None							
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS							
9. Improving the effectiveness of the political scrutiny of children's safeguarding will help contribute to the following outcomes within the Council Strategy:							
 Children and young people in Southampton get a good start in life People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives. 							
KEY DECISION No							
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: None directly as a result of this report							
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION							
Appendices							
LSCB Annual Report 2016 – 17							
2. LSCB Business Plan 2015-18 (2017 update)							
Documents In Members' Rooms							
1. None							
Equality Impact Assessment							

Do the i	No					
Privacy	Impact Assessment			•		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.						
Other Background Documents Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:						
Title of I	Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)				
1.	None	-1				