

**Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board**

**Executive summary**

The purpose of this item is to share the Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) with the Children's Services Select Committee, as required by the Children Act 2004, and associated government guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' 2006. The LSCB is the multi-agency strategic Board which co-ordinates policies, training and all multi-agency safeguarding systems, and ensures the effectiveness of safeguarding children work.

The LSCB Annual Report is attached and shows that the Council's officers contribute in person to the Board and its various working groups to safeguard children. In addition, the Council contributes the nationally recommended proportion of the pooled multi-agency LSCB budget, £52,224 for last year and £65,280 for the forthcoming year (increase due to statutory need to appoint an Independent Chair). Previously, the DCS has ably chaired the LSCB, but this is now chaired by an independent person, and a young person has just joined the Board.

Last year's objectives of; Child Death Reviewing, Baby P Action Plan, Independence in Safeguarding and Learning from Serious Case Reviews, have been completed.

The LSCB has now set the main objectives for the forthcoming year 2010-11- A co-ordinated and outreach response to Missing Children; Implementation of new government guidance 'Working Together' expected September 2010, and Independence, Challenge and Lay Persons Involvement in the LSCB.

**Proposal**

That the committee:

- a) Notes the Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board;
- b) Holds their officers and the Director of Children's Services to account for their contribution to the effective functioning of the LSCB (government guidance 'Working Together' 2006, para 3.56.)

**Reason for proposal**

Government guidance within the Children Act 2004 to ensure the Council contributes effectively in safeguarding children, through the work of the LSCB.

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