

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....1st November 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report

2. Record of the Decision

Members were presented with a copy of the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual (SLSCB) Report. The Annual Report outlined the achievements and future challenges of the SLSCB.

An overview of safeguarding activities outlined in the report was summarised and attached to the report.

There was a requirement (under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009) for Local Safeguarding Children Boards to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area, including the implementation of Serious Case Review action plans.

The Munro Review of Child Protection (2011) recommended that the requirements of this should be amended so that the report was shared with the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, and subject to the passage of legislation, to the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the new Health and Wellbeing Board (currently a 'shadow' Board in Stockton-on-Tees).

It was the intention of SLSCB to share this with all partner agencies and with those that had influence over the services provided to children and families in Stockton-on-Tees. The purpose of the report was:-

- To provide an outline of the main activities of SLSCB and achievements during 2011-12;
- To comment on the effectiveness of safeguarding activity and of SLSCB in supporting this;
- To provide the public and partner agencies with an overview of safeguarding activity;
- To identify gaps and challenges in service development in the year ahead.

SLSCB recognised that it needed to establish a link with the Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure that safeguarding arrangements were included and worked out within its remit.

Cabinet asked that the report be highlighted with all Members of the Council.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

There is a requirement (under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009) for Local Safeguarding Children Boards to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area, including the implementation of Serious Case Review action plans.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Beall declared a personal interest in the item entitled Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Annual Report 2011/12, under paragraph 11 of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members as his wife was the Business Manger to the Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 9 November 2012

Proper Officer  
05 June 2012