

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**12 NOVEMBER 2015**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Children and Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Mrs McCoy**

#### **STOCKTON-ON-TEES LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2014 / 2015**

1. Summary

The Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) is produced annually and is presented to Cabinet for information to Councillors in relation to the achievements and future challenges of the SLSCB. The Annual Report is attached.

2. Recommendations

That the 2014 / 2015 Annual Report of the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board be noted

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

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4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item as described in paragraph 16 of the code, in any business of the Council he / she must then in accordance with paragraph 18 of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business: -

- Affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- Relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member of any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a prejudicial interest as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted

on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

### **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he / she has a disclosable interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (paragraph 22 of the code).

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**DETAIL**

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2. The Munro Review of Child Protection (2011) recommended that the requirements of this should be amended so that the report is shared with the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, and to the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the new Health and Wellbeing Board.
3. It is the intention of SLSCB to share this with all partner agencies and with those that have influence over the services provided to children and families in Stockton-on-Tees. The purpose of this report is:
  - To provide an outline of the main activities of SLSCB and achievements during 2014-15;
  - 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.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report. Financial contributions are made to SLSCB by member agencies and this forms part of the mainstream budget reporting through the usual channels.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. The legal context for SLSCB activity is covered in the following legislation:

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

6. SLSCB Annual Report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

## **COUNCIL PLAN**

7. The safeguarding of children is a key component of the Council Plan. Improving outcomes for children by effective service delivery will also impact on their potential quality of life in adulthood.
8. The effective safeguarding of children and young people will also have a significant impact on the community safety agenda.

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

9. This report has not been subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment because it is not seeking approval for a new policy, strategy or change in the delivery of a service.

## **CORPORATE PARENTING**

10. For those children who are looked after, the Council has a responsibility as corporate parent to ensure that their needs are appropriate met, this includes ensuring they are safe and in suitable secure placements.

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

11. The report has been considered by the Council's Leader and Chief Executive Officer. Additionally, the Independent Chair of the Board has presented the Annual Report to the Council's Health and Wellbeing Board.

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### Background Papers

Working Together to Safeguard Children and their Families (2010)

The Munro Review of Child Protection: Final Report *A child-centred system* (2011)

### Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Not applicable

### Property

There are no implications for Council property.