

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting21st June 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Stockton-On-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report
2015/16

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16.

The SLSCB Annual Report was presented to Cabinet for information in relation to the achievements and future challenges of the SLSCB. The Annual Report was attached to the report.

There was a statutory requirement under section 14A of the Children Act 2004 and 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.

In accordance with this statutory requirement the report was submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Well-being Board.

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 key achievements and challenges of the Board for 2015 / 2016 were referenced in the SLSCB Annual Report which had been circulated.

During the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and review of effectiveness of the LSCB, Ofsted noted that "the Board has a very good understanding of its strengths and weaknesses. SLSCB meets its statutory functions. It benefits from appropriate multi-agency membership, very good attendance and strong commitment, including

from three lay members who bring independent challenge to the board's work". A series of recommendations were made, many of which were in hand having been recognised by the Board as areas for improvement.

All partners of SLSCB strive to make continual improvements of their effectiveness in ensuring the safety and well-being of children both individually and as a partnership whilst at the same time recognising the challenges faced, locally, regionally and nationally.

RESOLVED that the 2015 / 2016 Annual Report of the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

There is a statutory requirement under section 14A of the Children Act 2004 and 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 Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 as he was on the Director of Catalyst.

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 as he was an employee of TEWV.

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board (SLSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 as she was a Governor of TEWV.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 30 June 2017

Proper Officer
26 June 2017