

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting13th December 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements.

Approval was sought for the establishment of a Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership and that Hartlepool Borough Council would be the host of the new partnership.

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Hartlepool Borough Council already had effective partnership working through:

- The Children's Hub, hosted by Hartlepool Borough Council
- Tees Valley Adoption Agency, hosted by Stockton
- Emergency Duty Team , hosted by Stockton

Due to this established working, and in particular the performance and quality of the multi-agency arrangements in the Children's Hub it was agreed to explore a new safeguarding arrangement across North Tees.

A project group and partnership group were established at the beginning of 2018 with Hartlepool Borough Council, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group and Cleveland Police. Work had been undertaken through these groups to develop a new model which was set out in the attached Business Case at Appendix 1 of the report.

The new model was based on an active learning approach with the focus being on front line practitioners being involved in shared learning.

The new model would consist of an executive partnership with membership from statutory partners. There would also be an engine room group that would identify key lines of enquiry for possible learning activity.

Themes would be identified through qualitative and quantitative data, local reviews, national reviews and audit practice across the system (single agency and multi-agency). Action learning would be commissioned to look at the themes identified which would involve front line practitioners. This model allowed practitioners to learn as they take part in the activity. This learning would also be shared with the executive group to ensure that the learning was disseminated across the system.

The business case set out the model however there was further work needed to develop some detail in the model. This work would take place within the groups already identified in paragraph 6 of the report.

It was proposed that the new model would be tested in January 2019 alongside the current arrangements. An ongoing review would take place to ensure that any learning was captured in the new arrangements. It was intended for the new model to go live formally in April 2019 with the new partnership arrangements being published in April 2019 (as required within the Children and Social Work Act 2017).

RESOLVED that:-

1. The business case be agreed.
2. A further report be received following the publication of the arrangements.
3. Reasons for the Decision
To ensure that we are adhering to statutory requirements within the Children and Social Work Act 2017.
4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected
None.
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest
None.
6. Details of any Dispensations
N/A
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 21 December 2018.

Proper Officer
17 December 2018