

TO: EXECUTIVE
DATE: 15 NOVEMBER 2016

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2015-MARCH 2016
Director, Children, Young People & Learning

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Bracknell Forest Council Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) annual report for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 to the Executive.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the Executive to receive the annual report of the LSCB and to note the key messages and recommendations made.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure ongoing accountability of the department towards the development of continually improved outcomes overall for children and young people in Bracknell Forest in accordance with statutory expectations.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The report sets out the work included within the recently published Safeguarding Plan 2016-2019 which built on the previous Business Plan that shaped the work of the LSCB during the period covered by this report.
- 5.2 The report indicates the strength of partnership working across the borough, driving a number of initiatives, including increasing strategic links between local strategic partnerships and continuing to promote regional collaboration and national links.
- 5.3 The annual report also makes particular reference to the learning and associated progress that has been made locally, reflecting a stronger culture of constructive challenge and a commitment to ongoing improvement; evidenced by the completion of a number of actions within the LSCB Challenge log attached.
- 5.4 Within the key messages, it is noted that there has been an 'enormous amount of good work being undertaken across Bracknell Forest'. However, in acknowledging the need to not be complacent, the following strategic priorities are identified to support core service delivery during a period of financial uncertainty:-
- a) Increase the Effectiveness of the Safeguarding Journey for Children and Young People

- b) Ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements to reduce the impact of violence on children and young people.
- c) Ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements to provide Early Help provision
- d) Strengthen arrangements in place to safeguard missing children and those at risk of CSE.
- e) Ensure the effectiveness of the steps partners must take to counter hate crime and extremism

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The relevant legal issues are addressed within the body of the report

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Further EIA is not required.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 No other issues arise from the production of this report.

Other Officers

- 6.5 Not applicable

Background Papers

LSCB Safeguarding Plan 2016-2019

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