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**LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2016 - MARCH 2017**  
**Director, Children, Young People & Learning**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To share the Independent Chair's Draft Annual Report of Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 with 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 enable ensure ongoing accountability of the department and the development of continually improved outcomes 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 revised Safeguarding Business Plan 2017-18 which enhanced the previous plan that had 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 undertaken across Bracknell Forest'. However, the following strategic priorities reflect the LSCB's commitment to continuous improvement and intended to ensure the specific improvement activities underway are achieved. These priorities are in addition to the core safeguarding functions set out within Working Together 2015 and designed to:
- a) Ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements to provide Early Help provision
  - b) Ensure the effectiveness of the safeguarding arrangements for disabled children

- c) Ensure that children and young people are protected from 'online safety' risks
- d) Reduce the impact of violence on children and young people
- e) Ensure the effectiveness of child protection arrangements

#### Background Papers

LSCB Safeguarding Plan 2016-2019

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