

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
30 JUNE 2010**

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - WORKING GROUP UPDATE
(Working Group Lead Member)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report updates the Panel on the progress of the Working Group on Safeguarding Children.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress of the Working Group reviewing the arrangements for Safeguarding Children.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2010-11 Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny includes a new review by the Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Panel on Safeguarding Children.
- 3.2 The Panel has formed a Working Group to progress this review. The Group comprises Councillors Mrs McCracken (Lead Member), Mrs Birch, Mrs Angell, Harrison and Kensall; and Teacher Representative Miss Richardson. The Group met for the first time on 21 May, when the main items were: receiving a briefing from the Director of Children, Young People and Learning and her staff; considering the scope of and arrangements for the review; and receiving some key documentation. The Group resolved that their overall purpose is to review whether the arrangements by the Council and its partners provide reasonable assurance and confidence that children at risk of significant harm in Bracknell Forest are properly safeguarded, with particular reference to child protection. The exact focus of the review will be refined following meetings with service users.
- 3.3 The Group are meeting next on 18 June, and a programme of further meetings is in the course of being arranged. The review will entail a deal of work, and the Group plan to complete it in time for their report to be presented to the Panel at its meeting on 12 January 2011.

Background Papers

2010-11 Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny

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