

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
27 OCTOBER 2010**

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

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report updates the Panel on the progress of its Working Group undertaking a review of 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 Working Group formed by the Panel to progress a review of safeguarding children comprises Councillors Mrs McCracken (Lead Member), Mrs Angell, Mrs Birch and Kensall, Teacher Representative Miss Richardson and Mrs Ridgway, Chair of the Children and Young People Community Sector Forum. 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 Working Group has not presumed that there are any shortcomings in the Council's Children's Social Care section.
- 3.2 The Working Group is making good progress. It met for the first time on 21 May 2010, 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. Several further meetings have since taken place involving a range of partners, the Executive Member for Children and Young People and Council staff. Meetings with children and parents as service users have also taken place. Further meetings are planned and it is anticipated that the report of the Working Group's review should be completed for submission to the Panel at its meeting on 12 January 2011.

Background Papers

2010-11 Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny

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