

29 January 2013		ITEM 6
Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee		
THURROCK LSCB ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012		
Report of: Jo Olsson, Corporate Director of People Services		
Wards and communities affected: ALL	Key Decision: N/A	
Accountable Head of Service: Barbara Foster , Head CATO		
Accountable Director: Jo Olsson, Corporate Director of People Services		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide an overview of the annual performance of the LSCB • To enable the Committee to have the opportunity to make comment 		

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 The Committee note progress made on childrens safeguarding.
- 1.2 That the Committee provide comment on the report.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB) Annual Report for 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012 provides an account of what has been done to improve safeguarding services within Thurrock and to assess their effectiveness.
- 2.2 The LSCB operates within a legislative and policy framework created by the Children Act 2004 and Section 7, Working Together 2010 (Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Govt 2010).
- 2.3 This Annual Report, as required under the above legislative arrangements, includes a clear work programme, including measurable objectives, outcomes and a budget. It reflects the priorities set within the LSCB Business Plan for 2011/12, progress against these priorities, and areas for further development during 2012/13.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

None

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

4.1 The document was circulated in draft for consideration and comment by the LSCB and CYPP sub committees.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

5.1 The aims and priorities contained within the report influence the refresh and development of both new and exiting strategies and plans of both the council and LSCB partner organisations.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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The delivery of the LSCB Business is undertaken within existing budgets. Those budgets are established through annual partnership funding.

6.2 Legal

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Thurrock LSCB is required to publish an Annual Report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. The report fulfils the requirements of the 'Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009' to report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area and to ensure that Thurrock Children's Partnership receives a copy.

6.3 Diversity and Equality

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The annual report covers the safeguarding needs of all children in Thurrock. The plans and policies of its board and sub committees reflect the diverse needs which are supported through implementing and developing equalities impact assessments as appropriate.

6.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

None

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 This report will be the last in the current format.
- 7.2 The Board is facing a new set of challenges which require a new set of priorities and focus. The first significant change has been the publication of the Munro Report “Review of Child Protection” in May 2011. This has had significant implications for the work of safeguarding and led to a rewriting of the statutory guidance contained in Working Together 2010.
- 7.3 We need to take account of these changes which will feature in our strategic priorities and the way we implement our delivery plans in the future.
- 7.4 There are also the significant changes in the strategic landscape within which we will be working. The introduction of Health and Wellbeing Boards, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the move of Public Health into the Local Authority taking place in April 2013.
- 7.5 The government has also devolved greater autonomy to Local Authorities and given more freedom to local authorities to determine their own local arrangements. To consolidate our practice in safeguarding, the Board and work plans will focus on ensuring good governance arrangements are in place around these and maintaining vigilance in its scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

None

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- **Appendix 1 - Thurrock LSCB Annual Report 2011 to March 2012**

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