

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>LSCB Annual Report 2012-13</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>13 January 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Graham Bartlett, Chairperson LSCB</b>		
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**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress of the Brighton and Hove Local Safeguarding Children Board through the Annual Report 2012-13.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the report and supports the City Council in their contribution to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.
- 2.2 That the Committee note the challenges for 2013/14.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 It is a statutory requirement for the LSCB to publish an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in the local area.
- 3.2 The LSCB continues to work in partnership with member agencies to protect children from abuse and neglect, and to minimise any adverse consequences of abuse. The Annual Report provides an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Safeguarding activity is progressing well in the area and the LSCB has a clear consensus on the strategic priorities for the coming year.
- 3.3 The LSCB Business Plan 2012-13 was previously developed to reflect the key objectives and actions needed in order to help make children and young people safer in Brighton & Hove. The plan took into account the Government's response to Professor Munro's Review of Child Protection and the anticipated changes to Working Together to Safeguard Children. By the end of March 2013 considerable progress had been made on the business plan, however there were some actions delayed, full details outlined in Chapter 4.

### **3 ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

3.2 No alternative options were considered.

### **4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

4.1.1 In line with statutory requirements and as part of the LSCB's commitment to engaging communities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, two Lay Members were successfully recruited. Their role has been to bring a more 'grass roots' perspective to the work of the Board on safeguarding children; to think as a member of the public; to play a part in the oversight and scrutiny of decisions and policies made by the Board.

4.1.2 We are aware that the LSCB and its function is not well known in the wider community. To this end a Communications Task and Finish Group has been established which will enhance our opportunities for informing and getting feedback from the public.

### **5. CONCLUSION**

5.1 Chapter 8 of the Annual Report sets out the conclusion and challenges for 2013/14. This section gives a concise overview of the Boards assessment of its work over the past year and its impending demands.

### **6. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

#### Financial Implications:

6.1.1 During 2012-13 the LSCB budget was routinely monitored and the balance of £15,072 has been carried over to the new financial year.

6.1.2 For 2013-14, member agencies will be asked to increase their contribution as we have greater aspirations in evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding services (including early help) and undertake more learning reviews.

6.1.3 You will note in paragraph 2.17 that locally, the City Council has contributed around 70% of funding.

#### Legal Implications:

6.1.4 There are no legal implications.

#### Equalities Implications:

6.1.5 The LSCB through the City Council and other partner agencies will continue to work to ensure all children and families have access to safeguarding services – particularly those who are less able to communicate due to age, disability, language or for other reasons.

#### Sustainability Implications:

6.1.5 The LSCB is a statutory requirement and must be resourced over the forthcoming year.

Any Other Significant Implications:

6.1.6 Not applicable

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. Brighton & Hove LSCB Annual Report 2012-13

**Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. None

**Background Documents**

1. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010 (as this was the WT in place during the AR year 11/12)

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 1.1 None

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 1.2 None

Public Health Implications:

- 1.3 None

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 1.4 The work of the LSCB is central to the Council's priorities and policies for children and young people.