

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PETERBOROUGH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD 2015/16

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 There is a statutory requirement under Working Together 2015 that Local Safeguarding Children Boards produce an annual report and ensure it is shared with the Leader of the Council. The purpose of the reports being brought to Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that members are fully aware of the work and progress of the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board. The annual report was published in August 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee members are requested to comment on and note the contents of the report and to consider if there are any matters they may wish to scrutinise in the future.

3. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND RELEVANT CABINET PORTFOLIO

- 3.1 The Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board is fundamental to the success of the Council priority –“safeguarding vulnerable children and adults”.
- 3.2 This report falls within the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how the relevant organisations in each local area will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in that locality, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do.
- 4.2 There is a statutory requirement under Working Together 2015 that Local Safeguarding Children Board’s produce an annual report and it is shared with the Leader of the Council. The purpose of the reports being brought to Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that members are fully aware of the work and progress of the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The annual report highlights the significant events during the last year, summarises the work of the sub committees, highlights areas of good practice and presents statistical information about safeguarding performance.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The PSCB is funded by the City Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, NHS England, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust, Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, National Probation Service and Children and Family Court Advisory and Support service. The work undertaken by partners is city wide.

6.2 The work of the PSCB is supported by a small Business Unit.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 Partner agencies including Peterborough City Council contributed to the information contained within the annual report. The report was approved by the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board in August 2016 and was published on the Boards website (www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk) and shared via social media.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 The annual report has been published on the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board our web site (www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk) and circulated widely. It will also be presented to both the Health and Wellbeing Board and to the Police and Crime Commissioner. Work on the 2016/17 annual report will commence in the New Year.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1 The statistics contained within the Annual Report are from the safeguarding board datasets.

9.2 Partners provided information from their agencies which was used to formulate the annual report.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 - PSCB Annual report 2015/16