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| 28 January 2014 | | ITEM : 9 |
| Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee | | |
| Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report 2012-13 | | |
| Report of: David Peplow, Independent Chair Thurrock LSCB | | |
| Wards and communities affected: ALL | Key Decision: N/A | |
| Accountable Head of Service: Barbara Foster , Head CATO | | |
| Accountable Director: Carmel Littleton, Director of Childrens 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 2012/13, • To enable the Committee to have the opportunity to make comment. | | |

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 The Committee note progress made on childrens safeguarding for the 12 month period April 2012 to March 2013.**
- 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 2012 to 31st March 2013 provides an account of what activity it has conducted to oversee safeguarding services within Thurrock and to assess their effectiveness.
- 2.2 The Board was set up in order to make sure that key agencies work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Thurrock.
- 2.3 The LSCB operates within a legislative and policy framework created by the Children Act 2004 and Working Together 2010 (as amended by Working Together 2013).

2.4 This Annual Report is required under the above legislative arrangements and reflects the priorities set within the LSCB Business Plan for 2012/13, progress against these priorities, and areas for further development during 2013/14.

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 Board and 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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There are no direct Legal implications.

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 Childrens Act 2004 to report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area and to ensure that the appropriate agencies receive 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

N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- LSCB Business Plan 2012/13
- Minutes of board meetings

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Appendix 1 - Thurrock LSCB Annual Report 2012/13

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