

13 February 2018		ITEM: 6
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Thurrock LSCB Annual Report 2016 - 2017		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Alan Cotgrove, Local Safeguarding Children Board Manager		
Accountable Assistant Director: Sheila Murphy, Assistant Director of Children's Care and Targeted Outcomes		
Accountable Director: Rory Patterson, Corporate Director of Children's Services		
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Executive Summary

Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB) Annual Report for 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 provides an account of what has been achieved to improve safeguarding services within Thurrock and to assess their effectiveness.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the report and progress made on children's safeguarding.**
- 1.2 That the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee provide comment on the report.**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1** Thurrock LSCB is required to publish an Annual Report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. The LSCB operates within a legislative and policy framework created by the Children Act 2004 and Working Together 2015.
- 2.2** The Annual Report reflects the priorities set within the LSCB Business Plan for 2016/17, progress against these priorities, and areas for further development during 2017/18. It also sets out details of the structure and governance of the Board.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1** None relevant.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The Annual Report is a public document that is to be shared among the key partners within the Borough who have safeguarding responsibilities.
- 4.2 It is a requirement for the LSCB to provide a copy to the Local Authority.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 The Annual Report is agreed by the LSCB Full Board
- 5.2 The content has been compiled from the comments of the partner agencies of the LSCB.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 Not relevant.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Nilufa Begum**
Management Accountant

There are no financial implications for the Local Authority.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Lindsey Marks**
Deputy Head of Legal Social Care and Education

No legal implications, document is owned by the LSCB.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Price**
Community Development Officer

The Annual Report applies to all children and families. There are no known negative implications arising for groups or individuals with protected characteristics.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

- None.

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None.

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1 – LSCB Annual Report 2016-2017

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